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## Official opening of new Dapto Mall after \$60m redevelopment

The Lord Mayor of Wollongong, Councillor Alex Darling, today joined local school children at the official opening of the expanded and revitalised Dapto Mall following completion of a \$60 million redevelopment by the shopping centre manager AMP Capital Shopping Centres.

Managed by AMP Capital Shopping Centres, the Dapto Mall redevelopment project commenced in mid 2006 and took approximately 15 months to complete. The first stage of the expanded centre opened on 6 September 2007 with a refurbished Woolworths supermarket, an expanded Coles supermarket, over 30 new specialty stores along with new customer amenities and parking spaces.

The official opening marks the completion of the project, which takes the centre to over 22,000sq m and more than doubles the car parking spaces. The completed Dapto Mall now offers Big W, Coles, Woolworths and 67 specialty stores including a food court.

AMP Capital Shopping Centres Managing Director Peter Feros said Dapto Mall is now one of the largest and most vibrant shopping centres on the New South Wales south coast.

“The redevelopment was closely aligned with Wollongong City Council’s Dapto Town Revitalisation Strategy and was designed to cater to the area’s growth. The revitalised Dapto Mall is now well equipped to cater to the area’s growing population, which is expected to increase by 50,000 over the next 30 years.”

“AMP Capital Shopping Centres is delighted to provide Dapto’s growing local community with a larger centre that offers a greater variety of retail shops and services,” Mr Feros said.

The official opening ceremony included performances from over 350 school children from local schools in the area. In his speech Mr Feros thanked the Lord Mayor of Wollongong, Cllr Alex Darling, for attending the official opening of Dapto Mall and responding on behalf of the community.

Unisuper Manager, Property Nick Stephens said that he was delighted to have taken part in the opening ceremony and official ribbon cutting.

“We are extremely pleased with the end result of the 15 month long redevelopment of Dapto Mall. UniSuper is proud to be involved in the centre and is very excited to be part of this great new community offering,” Mr Stephens said.

## **ABOUT AMP CAPITAL**

AMP Capital Shopping Centres property or asset manages 43 shopping centres in Australia and New Zealand including Dapto Mall, Warringah Mall, Garden City Booragoon, Karrinyup Centre, and Knox Shopping Centre.

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