



North Lakes to house mega indoor skating arena

Play Centre rolls in

Michelle Hele

FINDING the right location for a new business venture has proved to be child's play for Michelle and Troy Fitzsimmons.

The couple has precommitted to lease a purpose-built property in the North Lakes Business Park which will house their Sk8 Mania and Monkey Business Play Centre.

The centre will house one of Queensland's largest indoor roller-skating arenas and children's play centre plus a 200-seat cafe.

It is expected to open in August.

Ms Fitzsimmons said the 1800sq m complex will be built on a 3952sqm site in the commercial hub.

Jason Thorn of Brisbane-based property group DFT Developments, is the site's developer and Builtwright will construct the building.

The Fitzsimmons have secured a seven-year lease with options on the site, which Ms Fitzsimmons said was for under \$400 per square metre.

The lease deal was negotiated through Stockland's project sales manager Tim Piper and Nathan Butler of King & Co.

Ms Fitzsimmons said the North Lakes Business Park was the perfect location to launch the new business, because of the demographics of the area.

She said a lot of young families lived in the area which gave them a ready-made market.

"The North Lakes Business Park was the only place that could offer us the space we needed and the flexibility of designing our own purpose-built facility from the ground up," she said.

She said Mr Thorn was a "diehard skater" and could understand their vision for the site.



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