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### **SECOND MASS VACCINATION CENTRE TO OPEN IN NSW**

A former Bunnings warehouse in Lake Macquarie will be transformed into the NSW Government's second mass vaccination centre, further boosting the vaccine rollout across the state.

The mass vaccination centre will be located at 393 Pacific Hwy, Belmont with around 150 people to work on converting the site over six weeks.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said the centre would have the capacity to administer up to 20,000 vaccines per week and is expected to open in mid-July.

"Our mass vaccination centre at Sydney Olympic Park has been a huge success, vaccinating more than 5,000 people a day already," Ms Berejiklian said.

"We are planning to replicate that model in the Hunter region, so we can quickly and safely vaccinate as many people as possible across NSW."

Health Minister Brad Hazzard said the centre would employ up to 100 nurses, 25 pharmacists or pharmacy technicians plus around 200 other support staff.

"The Newcastle community and indeed everyone across the Hunter New England Local Health District has been outstanding in presenting for COVID testing to help keep their loved ones safe," Mr Hazzard said.

"More than half a million people to date have fronted for testing, so I am confident the community will register online to get vaccinated at this new centre, or with their GP, and encourage others to do the same."

Michael DiRienzo, Chief Executive, Hunter New England Local Health District said he was delighted to host the state's second mass vaccination centre in the Hunter.

"I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous efforts of our staff, and all the contractors, who are helping us to deliver this vaccination centre," Mr DiRienzo said.

“It is no small task to transform an empty warehouse into a vaccination centre capable of inoculating thousands every day. It’s a great service you’re doing for our community.”

The Centre will administer both the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccine, with bookings required.

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Please find vision and stills, including drone footage, of the vaccination site:  
<https://bit.ly/3wZQJvM>