



**Ready to roll:** Mal Baker and Cr Roz Blades check out plans on site.

# Metro 3175 building work to start 'in second half of year'

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**GREATER** Dandenong Council expects preliminary work to start on the \$250 million redevelopment of the former Dandenong saleyards any day.

The council is working in partnership with the State Government's residential development arm, VicUrban, to transform the land on Cheltenham Road into what will be known as Metro 3175.

The project is running about a year behind schedule. Delays were caused by having to fulfil VicRoads' requirements

and planning the management of a major floodplain. The council's development services director, Mal Baker, said there was now nothing standing in the way.

"Getting clearance on Cheltenham Road took longer than we would have hoped, but that's the nature of development. The contract has also been let for the demolition of the old works depot on the site."

VicUrban said it expected major construction work to start in the second half

of this year. Stages one and two will see 145 houses built on the southern section of Cheltenham Road on land that was once the saleyards' holding paddocks.

Metro 3175, to be developed over nine years, will include 1400 mixed-density homes and a population of about 3500.

The council expects to make about \$16 million over the next five years as land is sold off. It also received a \$3 million upfront payment for the site.

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