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Thumbs up for Amazon jobs

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The Committee for Dandenong has welcomed rumours that Amazon may be setting up a warehouse in Dandenong South.

"Amazon, my understanding is, they want to get to half of the population within half an hour," acting chairman James Sturgess said.

"If that's their mantra, there is no place other than Dandenong for them to be.

"Most of the population's out here.

"We're already as big as Adelaide."

The US online retail giant's PR team said there was nothing to share at this time despite several advertisements for Amazon jobs in Dandenong South.

"We don't know that they're coming," Mr Sturgess conceded.

"But we'd be surprised if they don't come.

"We've got great road infrastructure - EastLink, the Monash, the talk about connecting the north-east link through to the Hume Highway through Craigieburn, the inland port - how important would that be?"

He said an Amazon warehouse would bring jobs to the region and hoped it would give governments a push to deliver promised and proposed infrastructure.

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DANDENONG SOUTH Amazon set for new site

ONLINE retail giant Amazon appears set to make Dandenong a home base in Australia.

Amazon has advertised a number of management positions based in Dandenong South, including a site safety manager, area manager, operations manager and public relations manager.

The ads also alluded to manual labour positions, stating "depending on the type of job, you will be required to engage in physical warehouse activities".

These activities include lifting and moving material up to 16kg each, bending, lifting, stretching and reaching both below the waist and above the head, and frequently walking in the building and around area where "facilities are over a quarter mile in length".

This year, Amazon announced its intention to bring jobs to Australia and the company was then looking for a fulfilment centre with floor space of up to 93,000sq m.

"We are excited to bring thousands of new jobs to Australia, millions of dollars in additional investment, and to empower small Australian businesses through Amazon Marketplace," a company statement said.

In June, big broking house Morgan Stanley predicted Amazon was set to take a \$12 billion chunk of Australia's retail in the next decade.