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Interchange Illawarra is creating a new social centre for people with disability in Church Street, Wollongong

Interchange Illawarra is excited to announce that work has commenced on their long-awaited social support centre located at Church Street, Wollongong.

The centre comprises of a modern, open plan space for people with a disability to receive individual or group-based support with office accommodation on the first floor.

‘This centre will allow us to expand our program offerings for people with disability within a brand new, purpose-built space. Participants will be able to utilise the centre for their own projects with their Support Worker or join in with one of our many group-based activities like planning and cooking a meal to share,’ said Jake Pearson, CEO.

The building has been designed with high energy efficiency standards incorporating solar power and natural ventilation. It is fully accessible with a lift, accessible bathrooms and features indoor and outdoor areas for participants to enjoy. It is close to public transport and all-day parking.

A small sod turning ceremony took place on Friday 30 June 2023 to celebrate the start of the construction phase.

Susan Wallis (Chairperson, Interchange Illawarra), Jake Pearson (CEO, Interchange Illawarra), and Jack (Interchange Illawarra participant) were in attendance along with Rob Mitchell and Scott Thompson from A Class Building and Construction.

Interchange Illawarra participant, Jack, said, ‘I’m looking forward to spending time in the new centre.’

The new building is scheduled to open in May 2024.

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About Interchange Illawarra:

Interchange Illawarra is a not for profit, community based, registered NDIS organisation providing quality flexible supports for people with disabilities. We have been in operation for over 42 years with particular expertise in working with people who have Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and/or intellectual disabilities. We are proud of our Parents/Carer Health and Wellbeing Program that helps to support parents and carers of Interchange Illawarra participants.

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