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WORK on Tamworth's new Eastpoint shopping centre is continuing apace, with the full-line Woolworths and Dan Murphy's expected to be open by September 30 next year.

Building **company** Quasar Constructions has fitted the majority of the piers on the **site** and bricklayers are set to move in this week to start work on the structure.

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Once complete, the **site** will host a 4200 square metre Woolworths supermarket, among the largest in Australia, and an 1800 square metre Dan Murphy's liquor warehouse.

The project, which will front Peel St at the Paradise end of the CBD, has been plagued by controversy since Tamworth Regional Council **sold** Prince of Wales **Park** to developer Theo Tzannes.

Mr Tzannes has since on-**sold** the development to **Chinese company** Everich for close to \$30 million.

Speaking to The Leader on-**site** yesterday, Quasar Constructions managing director James Crawford said work on the trading floor slabs would begin next month and be completed by March.

The massive concrete walls would then be erected and the roof would be built in May, followed by an internal fit-out of the stores.

Up to \$25 million of stock and equipment will be included as part of the fit-out phase.

Construction of the car-**park** and landscaping will start in July, he said.

The Woolworths is expected to include a deli, butcher, bakery, seafood outlet, fruit and vegetable section and even a coffee lounge.

Mr Tzannes said the facade of the supermarket will include an artist's impression of the rolling hills on East Tamworth.

A heritage plaque will also be installed at the **site**, acknowledging its history as a former police paddock.

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