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**MILLIONS** of dollars are currently being invested in public and private **commercial** building projects in the Lithgow area.

As reported in the Lithgow Mercury recently a major redevelopment is currently under way in the former three storey Commonwealth Bank building in Lithgow.

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Now owned by Westfund the former bank is being transformed into what will literally become Lithgow's second state office block housing three government departments.

It is due for completion in the second quarter of next year.

A little further along Main Street the former Pricebusters discount store is being renovated for a new health related role.

And the old Busy Corner **milk** bar and takeaway together with the adjoining **business** premises has had building work under way for some weeks and set to open in the new year as a Vietnamese food outlet, adding to the variety of overseas food offerings in Lithgow that already include **Chinese**, Thai and Indian cuisine.

On the other side of the intersection the Grand Central **Hotel** is nearing the end of a stylish and obviously costly upgrade.

In Bells Road at Oakey **Park** a new home for Access Industries is rapidly taking shape and will be ready for occupancy in the new year.

Access Industries long term operations base at the Vale of Clwydd was badly damaged by fire last year.

Since that time Access Industries has been operating from temporary premises but their purpose built new facility is rapidly nearing completion.

Also rapidly moving towards completion is the construction of the indoor pool facility at the Lithgow Aquatic Centre.

This is scheduled for completion by the end of the outdoor swimming season.

At Wallerawang the town has acquired a state of the art new two bay fire station.

Located on the **site** of the old facility it alone has cost the State Government in excess of a **million** dollars.

The fire station is due for commissioning very soon and will be officially opened in February.

And further interesting investment is expected in the new year with Lithgow Council currently considering an application for a major tourism project at Lake Lyell.

Work is also due to start on a **residential** development on the **site** of the former Lithgow RSL bowling greens and tennis courts.

The project, which was on-**sold** during the year to a Central West based **company**, is already attracting interest with villas being **sold** off the plan by L J Hooker.

Finally the community awaits with interest details of what is planned in the new year for the old Mort Street TAFE complex, **sold** recently to a Sydney developer and reportedly set to become a **commercial** and **residential** hub.

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