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Work will begin within weeks on an outdoor dining precinct at DFO



EXCITEMENT BUILDS: DFO Cairns manager Alex Stagg in the area that will become the centre's outdoor dining and entertainment precinct to be branded DFOOD.

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Taste of what's ahead

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WORK on a new outdoor dining and entertainment precinct at DFO Cairns is set to start within weeks.

Sentinel Property Group chief marketing officer Michael Sherlock said DFOOD

would host a number of prominent food retailers, cafes and restaurants as well as a kids' zone, green space and a large outdoor screen.

He said there had been strong interest from potential retailers.

"We are currently in talks with a number of other major

food brands that are keen to establish a presence in Cairns," Mr Sherlock said.

"The new DFOOD precinct will be a vibrant new food destination with a number of exciting new retail brands."

Construction of DFOOD will start after a mall widening project off the current home-

wares precinct is completed later this month.

Centre manager Alex Stagg said he hoped works on the food court would be completed by the end of the year.

"We're obviously working towards getting it finished as soon as we can," he said.

"It's going to be fantastic for

Cairns, it's something really needed for the local area. We're very excited."

Eye Supply Optometrist also recently opened and works to increase World Gym's tenancy size by 50 per cent will also begin this year.

Major US clothing chain TK Maxx is also set to open at

DFO Cairns in coming months. And doughnut lovers will have the chance to try Krispy Kreme's famous sugary treats in a special two-day pop-up store this month.

Customers must pre-order online at krispykreme.com.au for collection on April 27 and 28.

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