



ALDI's Jandakot Distribution Centre opens for business

ALDI Australia today celebrated the official opening of its Jandakot Distribution Centre, a cornerstone in its Western Australian expansion. The 45,000 square metre facility will serve as a hub for ALDI's network of stores across the state and is central to its mission of bringing high-quality products at permanently low prices to Western Australian shoppers.

"The opening of ALDI's Western Australian Distribution Centre is an important milestone," said Damien Scheidel, ALDI Managing Director – Western Australia. "After many years of planning, we are delighted to be ready for business in Perth. This is just the beginning of our long-term investment into Western Australia, bringing increased employment, support for local businesses and an exciting new grocery offering for local shoppers."

The \$60 million Jandakot Distribution Centre was undertaken by the Georgiou Group, a WA company offering construction services across Australia. The project provided significant employment opportunities for Western Australians, with over 500 people involved in design, manufacturing, fabrication and construction services, as well as material, equipment and plant supply.

The Distribution Centre has commenced receiving stock to service ALDI's first four stores opening on Wednesday 8 June at Mirrabooka Square, Belmont Forum, Lakeside Joondalup and Kwinana. When operating at full capacity, it will service up to 70 stores across the state and employ approximately 400 people.

Joe Francis, Member for Jandakot, attended today's official opening, acknowledging ALDI's investment in the electorate.

"We are delighted to welcome ALDI's statewide Distribution Centre to the electorate of Jandakot," he said. "The construction of this facility has provided significant employment and business opportunities to Western Australians, and will continue to do so well into the future."

In the last financial year, ALDI Australia sold more than \$80 million worth of grocery products from Western Australian suppliers. To support its expansion, ALDI has been building on existing relationships with local farmers and manufacturers, as well as signed contracts with a number of new produce suppliers, such as Newtown Orchards and WA Farm Direct.

"We look forward to growing together with ALDI in the coming years," said John Mercer, WA Farm Direct General Manager. "We anticipate this growth will involve a greater volume of produce, as well as growth as a strong and sustainable business, creating new job opportunities across Perth and regional areas from picking, pruning and packing, to logistics and support."

Nicole Giblett, Newton Orchards marketing manager, believes ALDI's entry into Western Australia will provide a much needed boost for the industry.

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“ALDI’s Western Australian stores will give shoppers convenient access to the best of WA’s high quality locally grown produce, encouraging increased fruit and vegetable consumption and benefitting both consumers and growers,” she said.

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