

Office types to swoop on regions new hub - Fairfax Community Network 30/5/07

More than 250 residents and invited guests witnessed the official opening of Essendon Fields House last week, the first new office building in the new business hub being developed at Essendon Airport.

The \$9.5 million office building, designed with environmentally sustainable principals in mind, is almost fully let already.

Matthews Steer Chartered Accountants moved there from Centreway, Keilor East, two months ago and other companies due to follow.

Essendon Fields Chief Executive Officer Rob Whitwell thanked Matthew Steers for being one of the first companies to make a commitment to moving to the development more than a year ago.

Chairman Geoff Steer said the environmentally sustainable approach being taken in the building's design and management was one of the criteria that had influenced their move. Cr Jim Cusack opened the building in place of Mayor Ben Opie, who was sick.

"[Essendon Fields] is a significant generator of economic growth in the north and west of Melbourne," he said.

"[It] will attract \$300 million investment and, importantly for our community, create 6000 new jobs."

