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# \$20m plan

## Hotel plans 100 extra rooms

BANKSTOWN will get an additional 100 hotel rooms, boosting tourism and the local economy, under \$20 million plans to double the size of the Bankstown Travelodge over the next two years.

Located on top of the Bankstown Sports Club, the hotel currently has 108 rooms over four floors. The redeveloped hotel will offer 216 rooms over eight floors.

As part of the expansion, Bankstown Sports will redevelop its lobby area al-

lowing a separate check-in for Travelodge guests. The entry to the club from the car park will have a wider staircase, escalators and a larger lift. In addition to an expanded Travelodge, the Mona Street entrance to the club's car park will be improved, to ease congestion, and the club's bottle shop will be relocated.

Construction of the hotel will begin before Christmas and be carried out by builders Paynter Dixon.

Toga Hospitality CEO Rachel Argaman said the expansion of Travelodge Bankstown would offer excellent conferencing, banqueting and event facilities which drove the need for additional accommodation.

"Bankstown is becoming a major CBD in south-west Sydney. Expansion will allow us to continue to provide great value accommodation to those visiting the area, be it for business or leisure," she said.



**Big Boost:** The size of the Bankstown Travelodge will double.

Bankstown Sports assistant secretary/manager Mark Condi said Travelodge had full occupancy rates for much of the year and the expansion would bring excellent benefits to the club.

Bankstown Mayor Tania Mihailuk welcomed the decision.

"Major projects, such as this, deliver jobs and provide a significant boost to our economy," she said.

"By increasing the size of the hotel, Bankstown Sports is furthering its reputation as a premier conference and functions venue in our city."