



City of **HOBART**

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Work starts on Queens Domain Joggers Loop Upgrade

The City of Hobart will commence works on the much-anticipated extension to the Joggers Loop on the Queens Domain next week.

The Acting Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Ron Christie said: “After an extensive community and stakeholder engagement process to develop the plan, we are thrilled to be finally starting stage 1 of the work.”

In 2015, there were calls from the recreational running community for a Tan Track, similar to the iconic jogging track in Melbourne that could possibly use existing tracks on the Queens Domain.

Alderman Christie said the Council embraced the idea to upgrade the existing joggers loop on the Queens Domain to provide runners, bike riders and recreational walkers with a purpose-built facility not currently available in the City.

“We commissioned consultants, Inspiring Place, to engage with key stakeholders to investigate its feasibility. We consulted with stakeholders from athletic, health and wellbeing, cycling and advocacy groups, as well as competitive and recreational runners and the broader community.

“The outcome was overwhelmingly positive with significant community support for the project.

“The Queens Domain is a park for the people and as a Council, we are committed to providing opportunities and facilities that encourage healthy activity in our community. What better location is there than Hobart’s premier urban park for a recreational facility of this type?” said Ald Christie.

Stage 1 works will get underway on Monday 22 May 2017 and continue for approximately 10 weeks. The works will focus around connectivity and supporting infrastructure:

- Removing some of bitumen and trialling three different soft fall surfaces over 700 metres of the joggers loop to provide a more ‘natural’ running surface which will be trialled by users.
- Upgrading the existing car park.

Some traffic control will be required on Upper Domain Road but pedestrian access will remain open.

Further information about the project is available at:

http://www.hobartcity.com.au/Projects/Major_Council_projects/Queens_Domain_Program/Joggers_Loop

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