

NEW TOWN RETAIL PRECINCT UPGRADE

PROJECT INFORMATION – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Artist's impression of streetscape upgrade including *Hybrids* – public artwork by Matt Drysdale.

1. Why is the City of Hobart planning further upgrades for the New Town retail precinct?

The City of Hobart set out a comprehensive plan to revitalise several local retail precincts as part of its capital works program.

In New Town, stage one upgrades were completed in July 2020 and included:

- Pedestrian crossings at the intersections at Pedder and Pirie streets with step-free crossings.
- Kerb and gutter renewals between Sunnyside Road and the Salvation Army complex, New Town Road.
- New pavers on footpaths in the retail node.
- Garden beds, a tree and a sculptural seat were installed at the intersection of New Town Road and Pirie Street.
- Benches and bike racks were installed along New Town Road.

2. Why was there a delay between stage one and stage two?

Unfortunately, many large projects funded by the City of Hobart experienced a slow-down due to the impacts of COVID-19. The City was unable to secure external funding to meet the original timeframes for completing the New Town Retail Precinct.

We are now very pleased to announce that the City has secured funding through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program, which will fund the majority of the upgrade works.

The LRCI Program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Stage two plans to create a more vibrant and accessible retail precinct.

Additional support through the Vulnerable Road User Program (VRUP), co-funded by the Australian Government and Tasmanian Government under the Australian Government's \$3 billion Road Safety Program, has also allowed the progression of the two very important pedestrian crossings on New Town Road.

3. What does stage two of the New Town upgrade include?

This next stage continues the work from stage one, to create a more vibrant, inviting and accessible local shopping area along New Town Road. Improvements will include:

- A New Town 'community hub' at the junction of Cross and Valentine streets with a flexible space that will improve pedestrian safety and can also be used for temporary events, markets and other community activities.
- A high quality public bus shelter and landscaping adjacent to the new 'community hub' on New Town Road, delivering improved access, weather protection and safety for bus passengers.
- Upgraded infrastructure to help people move throughout New Town, with a focus on pedestrian safety, access and amenity.
- The provision of additional plantings.

- Upgraded mobility and public transport infrastructure.
- Infrastructure to future proof digital connectivity.
- Three new public artworks by artist Matt Drysdale will reflect the identity of the area.
- Two separate pedestrian crossings on New Town Road, one at the Dispatch Café, and the other between the Greenstore Café and the Salvation Army complex.
- A landscaped community 'pocket park' offering green space and seating on New Town Road in front of the Salvation Army complex.

4. When will construction start and end?

To minimise impacts on the Christmas trading period, construction work will start mid-January 2023 and be completed by the end of June 2023. Works are expected to be undertaken between 7 am and 5 pm weekdays on a nine day fortnight. The final construction program will be informed by a community information evening to be held in October 2022.

There will also be some separate renewal works in Pirie Street (between Bay Road and Roope Street) starting 1 November 2022 and finishing on 5 December 2022. These works will involve the renewal of asphalt footpath, kerb and gutter. We will contact residents in this street individually.

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Priorities for the project include creating new outdoor dining opportunities.

5. What will the impacts be to me and my business during construction?

At various stages of construction there will be necessary closures of footpaths, roads and parking. Our construction team will work with residents and property owners when these closures are required. Signage will be in place to redirect pedestrians and cars. Safe access will always be provided.

Although the City of Hobart is committed to keeping loss of parking spaces to a minimum, some spaces will be unavailable along New Town Road.

Additional short-term parking may be implemented to support business operations.

6. What will happen to the bus stops?

We will be upgrading the bus stop on New Town Road near the new 'community hub', located at the corner of Cross and Valentine streets. You may receive notifications relating to the potential changes to the service, bus stop points or bus routes. Please check with Metro Tasmania if in doubt.

7. Where can I find additional information about this project?

The New Town Retail Precinct upgrade team at the City of Hobart is contacting local business owners to



discuss the likely impacts and answer questions about construction. Please check our website for project updates: hobartcity.com.au/newtown

Ongoing project emails and updates will be sent to our list of subscribers. If you would like to be added to this list, visit our project website or email communityengagement@hobartcity.com.au

Throughout the construction process, businesses and residents who will be directly affected by the works will be contacted.

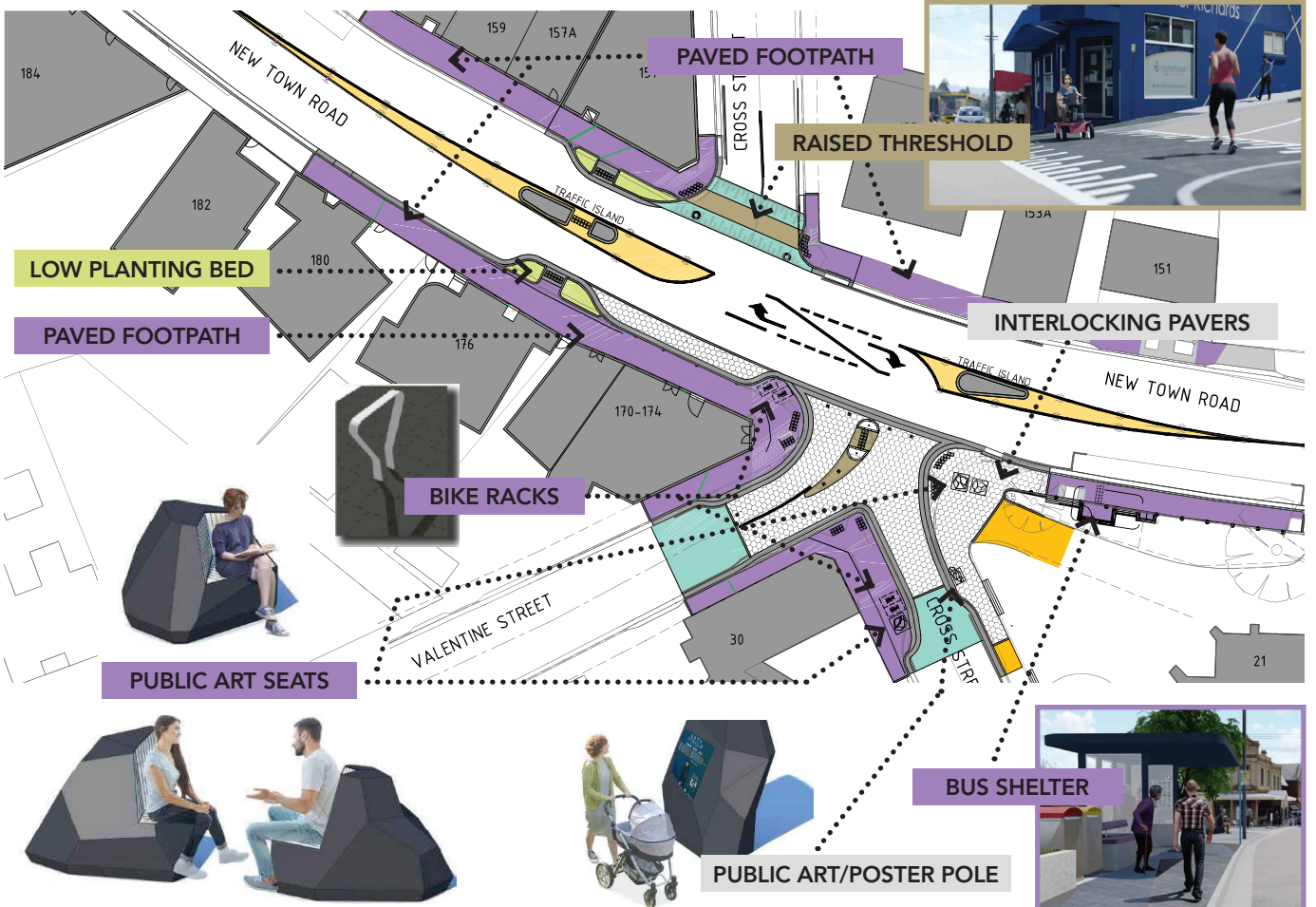
8. Who can I contact if I have specific questions?

For more information, please call the City's Senior Project Manager Vimbai Mavenga on 03 6238 2549 or email coh@hobartcity.com.au



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