

SALAMANCA PLACE PRECINCT UPGRADE

PROJECT INFORMATION – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The City of Hobart is commencing upgrade works on the precinct connecting Salamanca Place to Hobart's waterfront. The area houses major hospitality and retail activity, as well as being home to Salamanca Market. The upgrade will give the area a fresh, contemporary feel and provide a high-quality, safe and accessible space for everyone.



Artist's impression of precinct upgrade.

1. Why is the upgrade being undertaken?

The upgrade is part of the Inner City Action Plan, which contains a selection of key recommendations from the Gehl Architects Report, 'Hobart 2010 Public Spaces and Public Life – a city with people in mind'. The recommendations aim to attract people and activity into Hobart and to create a vital, dynamic city centre.

2. When did it begin?

The first stage of the project was completed in 2017, with the widening and upgrade of the Salamanca Place footpath between Gladstone Street and Montpelier Retreat.

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3. What does the upgrade include?

Some of the main changes include:

- closing the existing southbound one-way road that runs from Morrison Street to Montpelier Retreat through the Salamanca Lawns and rebuilding the flat area of the Salamanca Lawns to make it more accessible and suitable for special events
- making the existing curved two-lane, one-way road connecting Gladstone Street to Morrison Street a two-way road for motorists driving between Morrison Street and Salamanca Place to improve traffic flow and reduce confusion for both motorists and pedestrians at a number of intersections
- rebuilding the intersection at Salamanca Place and Montpelier Retreat and the footpath on Salamanca Place between Montpelier Retreat and Kennedy Lane to make the area safer for pedestrians
- enhancing connection between Salamanca Place and the waterfront by installing new zebra crossings to give pedestrians priority
- adding more seating and bicycle parking
- increasing safety in the area through improved lighting and CCTV capability
- introducing vehicular protection devices including impact absorbing bollards and solid art installations to create a safer environment for the Salamanca Market
- upgrading bicycle infrastructure, bus stops and shelters
- adding public artwork, new trees, plants and street furniture.

4. What happens before construction starts?

- The project team is currently finalising the design.
- City of Hobart officers are in contact with stakeholders impacted by the works.

You will be contacted if your property or business is affected by the works.

5. When will the construction start and when will it end?

The project will be delivered in stages, with the first stage starting in April 2019. The project's estimated completion date is late 2021.

6. Where will the work start and what will be included?

The upgrade will commence with replacing an old stormwater pipe between the PW1 forecourt and the Salamanca Lawns starting from 9 April 2019.

The next step will be the removal of the grassed island at the intersection of Castray Esplanade, Gladstone Street and Morrison Street.

This will be followed by the removal of existing kerb and channel and traffic islands, road formation works and the installation of new lighting, wider footpaths and seating. These works are expected to be completed by December 2019.

From February 2020, a section of Morrison Street from Salamanca Place and Castray Esplanade between the Salamanca Lawns and the Tasman Monument will be closed to create a new dedicated space for pedestrians.

Further information on the project will be available at hobartcity.com.au/salamancaplace

7. Will Salamanca Market be affected?

The Market itself will not be affected, however there will be some changes to site and access arrangements when Castray Esplanade is closed.

Some stalls, the Castray Esplanade taxi rank, the Salamanca Market shuttle bus stop and the loading zone for the regular delivery trucks may be relocated at times during construction. Pedestrian access to the market may also be impacted. Signage will be erected and safe access will be provided at all times. The City will make every effort to keep Castray Esplanade open on Saturdays where possible.

8. Will the City communicate with me about the upgrade?

A pre-construction drop-in event will be held on 3 April 2019 at 4 pm on Salamanca Lawns, with the project team available to answer questions about the design and construction process.

Local residents and businesses will be notified in writing about the commencement of the upgrade.

Ongoing project emails and updates will be sent out to our list of subscribers. If you would like to be added to this list, please call **03 6238 2564** or email **coh@hobartcity.com.au**.

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9. Will work happen during the Christmas and New Year period?

Construction will cease prior to Christmas 2019 and start again in February 2020.

10. What are the hours of work likely to be?

Work will start at 7 am and finish at 4.30 pm. Monday to Friday. Affected stakeholders will be notified, if weekend or after hours construction is required.

Weekend work will comply with industrial protocols for safety and noise management in accordance with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regulations.

11. Will there be any footpath closures?

Some sections of footpath will be closed during construction, but pedestrian access between Salamanca Place and the waterfront will be maintained at all times.

12. Will there be any road and lane closures?

At various stages of construction lane and road closures will be required. Signage will be erected to redirect pedestrians around the closure. Safe pedestrian access and crossing points will always be provided. Please seek the assistance of the work crew onsite if required.

Our construction team will work with residents and property owners when these are required.

Construction will be timed as best as possible to avoid any major impact on peak traffic flow.



Map of project area.

13. Will access to shops, businesses and properties be maintained?

Access will be maintained at all times and the City will assist with directional signage. We encourage you to ask your customers to contact us on **03 6238 2564** or email **coh@hobartcity.com.au** if they require further information, or would like to sign up to newsletter updates.

14. How will parking on the street be affected?

There will be no change in the number of car parking spaces available, however some parking spaces may be relocated whilst the construction work is occurring. This is necessary to provide spaces for construction vehicles.

15. Will there be any noise?

The City will minimise machinery and vehicle noise associated with construction. Where possible, excavators and trucks will be fitted with silencers.

During permitted working hours, there will be noise from paving machines, saw-cutting and jackhammering activities. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.

16. Will there be dust?

The City complies with best practice during construction. Water, in combination with other approaches, may be used to reduce dust emissions.

17. Will there be any open trenches or pits?

Depending on the location, there will be securely fenced trenches and open pits excavated for the installation of tree root barriers, electrical and communication conduits.

18. Will trees be affected?

None of the trees that are heritage-listed or on the Significant Tree Register will be affected. A number of smaller trees will be removed, but new trees and plants will be installed within the new planter boxes.

19. Who to contact if I have questions?

For more information, please contact the City's Senior Project Manager Project Delivery, Daniel Kaimatsoglu, on **03 6238 2927** or email **coh@hobartcity.com.au**