

View from Bunda Street.

Garema Place upgrade

Garema Place is being transformed into a modern dining and retail area in the City Centre.

The project will keep what Canberrans know and love about Garema Place, while also meeting our city's growing needs. This includes supporting the increasing foot traffic from light rail and bus commuters.

The project will create a thriving central meeting place that drives economic activity in the City Centre.

Construction program 24 September - 11 October 2025

This week, multiple concrete deliveries will be on site to set new seating walls. Concrete is also required to secure footings for the new light poles and the foundation for the central area.

Location	When	Activity
Super Emoji/Bible Lane	This week	The hydrovac will be in place early this week to excavate the area for the placement of light pole fittings. This will come with significant noise, however RAM Construction will do what they can to reduce the noise where possible.
Florina Building (Redpath Shoes and Garema Place Medical Centre)	This week	Work will begin on laying the pavers within this area. There will be some noise associated with the cutting of pavers. This will allow for the footpath to widen as the work is completed.
Bunda Street entrance	This week	The ground will be prepared for concrete pours as well as preparation for foundations for new streetlights.
	October	A roller will be brought in to support the paving foundations, following this the paving will commence. This will see a mixture of fencing as RAM Construction replace the 1.8m fencing with pedestrian fencing (short orange fencing).
Central zone	Until the end of September	There will be some machinery noise from the central zone of Garema Place this week whilst services are installed.

		The much-loved Cushion and Wedge sculpture formwork and reinforcement will commence. There will be movement in the fencing and pedestrian access once this commences.
	October	Work will also commence on removing the old pavers between Super Emoji and Rodger Bartholomew Menswear at the entrance to Garema Place. Some noise will be associated with these works.

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Construction schedule and further City Walk improvements

The central area of Garema Place, from Super Emoji and Rodger Bartholomew to Bunda Street (excluding Gus' Lane) remains on track for completion by early December 2025, weather permitting.

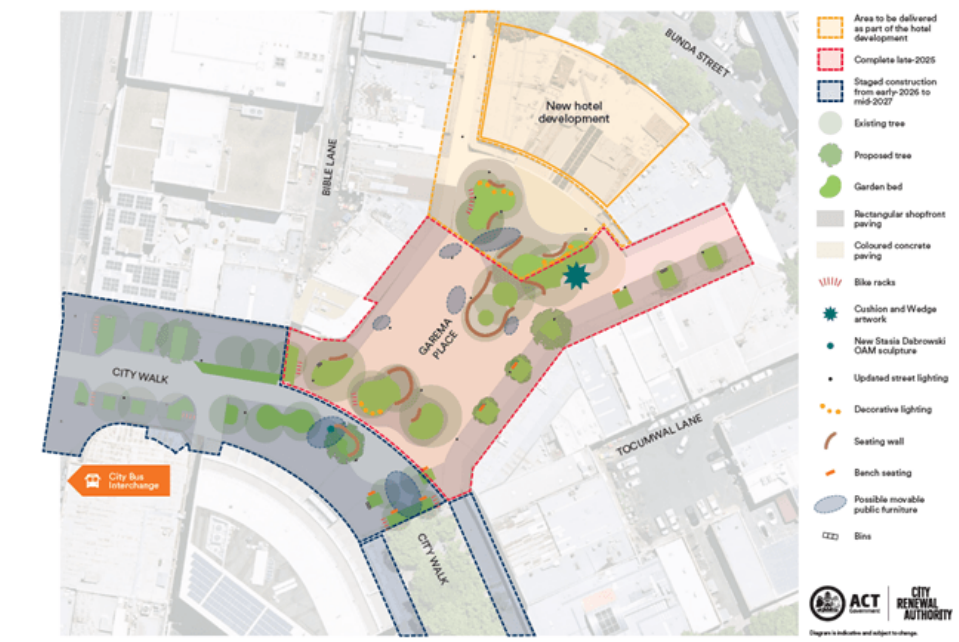
The intention remains to remove all construction fencing and reopen Garema Place to the public before Christmas. Please note that the private Garema Place Hotel project will be ongoing.

The City Renewal Authority received funding in the 2025–26 ACT Budget to deliver new paving and lighting on [City Walk \(from East Row to Ainslie Place\)](#), along with new lighting in [Petrie Plaza](#).

In response to the new funding and the coordination of future improvements to City Walk, construction staging has been updated. As a result, the section of City Walk between King O'Malley's, Rodger Bartholomew and Dosa Hut will now be

undertaken in 2026. Improvements from East Row to Garema Place, and from Garema Place to Ainslie Place, will be undertaken in stages and begin after a contractor has been appointed.

These areas are outlined in the diagram below and we will be visiting businesses this week to answer any questions you may have.



Garema Place upgrade and future City Walk improvements staging.

[View the diagram here](#)

Contact us

For urgent construction matters, please contact Cameron Kehoe, Site Manager at RAM Constructions on 0428 284 748.

For construction-related inquiries, email RAM Constructions at info@ramconstructions.com.au.

For general questions about the project, you can email our team at cityrenewal@act.gov.au or call (02) 6205 1878.

Please note: Cameron should only be contacted for urgent construction matters. For any other queries or comments, please reach out to the City Renewal Authority.

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