

New garden beds and Ngunnawal light poles on City Walk.

City Walk and Petrie Plaza improvements | June 2026

Current work

City Walk, near Garema Place

Further minor work is being undertaken to complete this section of improvements. This includes testing and commissioning of the new Ngunnawal light poles, completing the access hole works near Super Emoji and Rice and Nori as well as some minor defect work.

The [new statue of Stasia Dabrowski OAM](#), known as Canberra's 'soup kitchen lady' is anticipated to be installed in August. This artwork is being commissioned and delivered by artsACT.

Petrie Plaza

The demolition of the seating area in Petrie Plaza has been completed. The fences have been removed temporarily, however may be reinstated later in 2026 in preparation for lighting upgrades.

City Renewal appreciates the patience of the surrounding businesses while this work is undertaken.

Future work

City Walk between East Row and Saraton Lane

Investigations and minor work required for improvements between Saraton Lane and East Row is expected to commence in late 2026. This work includes hydro-excavation (the use of a truck and a high-pressure hose to identify underground services), which will involve noise disruption. These investigations for underground services are important ahead of further work beginning in early 2027.

No works will be undertaken in December 2026 and only minor contained work will be conducted in early 2027. No larger-scale construction fencing is expected until February 2027.

City Walk between Garema Place and Ainslie Place

RAM Constructions have been contracted to continue the paving and lighting upgrade on City Walk between Garema Place and Ainslie Place. Designs are progressing for these improvements and we will advise businesses when works are anticipated to commence.

No works are expected to be carried out in December 2026.

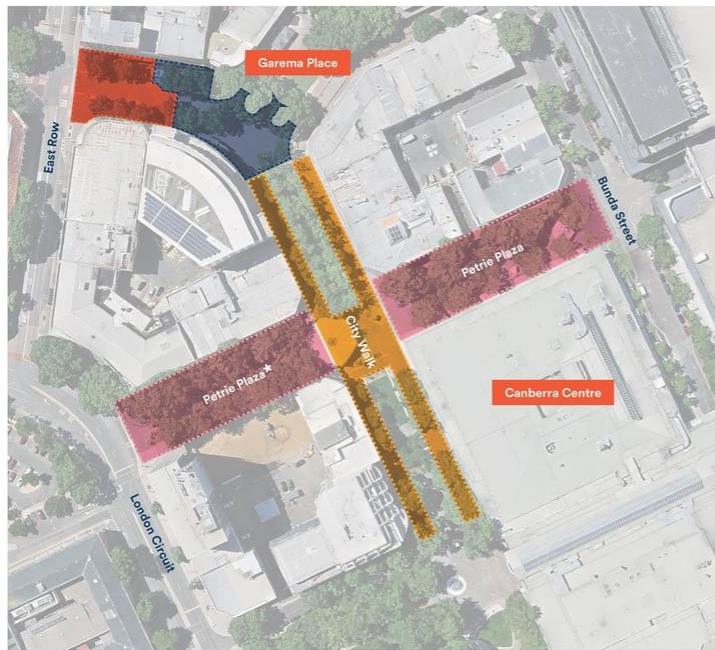
City Walk business survey

A survey will be distributed to businesses operating along City Walk from Garema Place to Ainslie Place to seek information on your opening hours and any peak periods (Mother's Day, Easter etc).

This information will be used to inform the construction schedule in an effort to reduce disruption, where possible.

We will email businesses in this section of City Walk in the coming weeks to complete the survey.

[**See more information on City Walk improvements**](#)



City Walk and Petrie Plaza paving and lighting improvements diagram.

Garema Place hotel

Construction on the Garema Place hotel, [Crystalbrook Aurora](#), is progressing. The developer, TP Dynamics, will deliver the portion of the public space improvements that are currently behind construction fencing and directly adjacent to the new hotel in line with City Renewal's design.

This area extends up to the hotel facade and down the laneway and includes new lighting, seating and gardens.



Australia vs Paraguay World Cup live screening

The ACT Government will have a live screening of the Australia v Paraguay match at the FIFA World Cup in Garema Place on Friday 26 June at 12pm.

This live screening is managed by Events ACT who are working closely with City Renewal and other areas of the government to manage the event smoothly and minimise disruption.

This event will bring more people into the city during the day, supporting businesses and activating the newly upgraded Garema Place and City Walk. Screen and event set up will occur from 9am on Friday 26 June. The removal of the screen will occur immediately after the game.

[Contact Events ACT](#)



Winter in the City

Winter in the City will return to City Walk from 8 to 18 July, bringing free afternoon and evening entertainment to the City Centre during the school holidays.

Running daily from 3:30pm to 7:45pm (excluding Monday 13 July), the program will feature Circus Oz performing *Here, There and Everywhere!*, a new show making its Canberra debut alongside a series of nightly fire performances designed to draw families and visitors into the heart of the city.

The event will unfold on City Walk near Petrie Plaza and the Civic merry-go-round, with three *Flux Fire Shows* scheduled each evening at 5:30pm, 6:30pm and 7:30pm.

The free program will create a lively winter atmosphere, inviting people to stay longer in the city centre and visit their favourite nearby bars, restaurants and other local businesses.

We're encouraging businesses near the event site to:

- Keep lights on until at least 9:00pm for evening visibility or advertising.
- Consider extended trading hours to capture increased visitation.
- Consider window displays or special offers during peak event times.

Winter in the City

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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