



Dickson Shops upgrade | Construction update July 2026

We're making improvements to public spaces at the Dickson Shops.

The upgrades will create a safe, accessible and welcoming shopping and community hub, helping Dickson Shops meet the needs of a growing population and attract visitors by improving appeal and functionality.

Construction update: July 2026

Construction is being carried out in stages with completion expected in mid-2027, depending on weather and the discovery of unexpected underground services. A staged approach to construction allows areas to be opened progressively as stages are completed.

Due to the age of the Dickson Shops, unexpected services may be found and may need to be identified or relocated.

Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4a for the project are underway, with fencing for stage 1 expected to be removed in the coming weeks. For information about the stages, please see the staging diagram below.



Laying of pavements in Taglietti Square in stage 4a.

Recent construction

In June, the following work was undertaken in Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4a:

- Work on the stormwater network continues, including removal of existing pits and pipes and installation of new stormwater infrastructure in stage 3.
- Trenching and installation of electrical pits and cables in stage 3.
- Pavement preparation and installation in stages 2 and 4a.
- Preparation for new furniture and tree planting in stage 1.

Upcoming construction

In July and August, you'll see:

- Ongoing stage 3 stormwater system replacement.
- Concrete curb and pavement preparation and installation.
- Continued installation of new underground electrical and communication services.

Large vehicles will continue to enter and exit the site. This includes concrete trucks and large machinery.

We have installed project and wayfinding signage around the construction site to help visitors navigate the shops. The signage informs the community about the project and will be updated to include business names impacted by construction throughout the project.

Taglietti Square

Stage 1 in Taglietti Square is on track to open this month. Construction fencing will be removed allowing the public to access the improved space

We are continuously reviewing and adjusting the project staging to better support local businesses, minimise disruption and coordinate with other works underway in the area.

Stage 4a is being undertaken earlier than expected in Taglietti Square to take place alongside the renovations of the old Commonwealth Bank building and Bakers Delight. This allows construction activities to be undertaken at the same time and reduces overall disruption.

Work to begin on stage 5 and 6a: Closure of laneway next to SaiGon Asian Grocer

As a part of stage 6a, work will begin in the laneway next to SaiGon Asian Grocer on **Monday 13 July 2026**. The laneway will be temporarily closed while these works are undertaken, and pedestrian detours will be in place.

Additional project and wayfinding signage around the laneway will be installed to help visitors navigate the shops.

Further construction for stage 5 and stage 6a of the project is scheduled to start on **Monday 27 July 2026**.

Stage 5 includes a small section of Taglietti Square near Bakers Delight and the area in front of Good Day Gift Shop, TSG Dickson and Best One Barber.

Stage 6a includes the laneway next to SaiGon Asian Grocer and the area in front of Hudsons Cafe and Praga Cafe. Please see staging diagram below for both stage 5 and stage 6a areas.

Further construction fencing will be installed to ensure safety while construction takes place for these stages. Pedestrian detours will be in place.

Stage 3

Stage 3 is the largest stage in the project with significant stormwater infrastructure underground to be replaced. Works are taking place in the area north of the Post Office, near the Joan Kellett Way car park and are expected to continue until the end of August, weather permitting.

We have heard feedback from businesses and the community about the importance of access through this area and we appreciate your input. For the safety of both workers and the public, work to replace the stormwater network requires access to the entire Stage 3 area.

As work for Stage 3 progresses, fencing will be changed to provide a pedestrian access point from the car park to the shops.

Trolley issue on new pavement in stage 1

The issue of shopping trolley wheels getting stuck in the gaps between sections of the new pavement in Stage 1 has been resolved.

City Renewal and the project team will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the implemented solution.

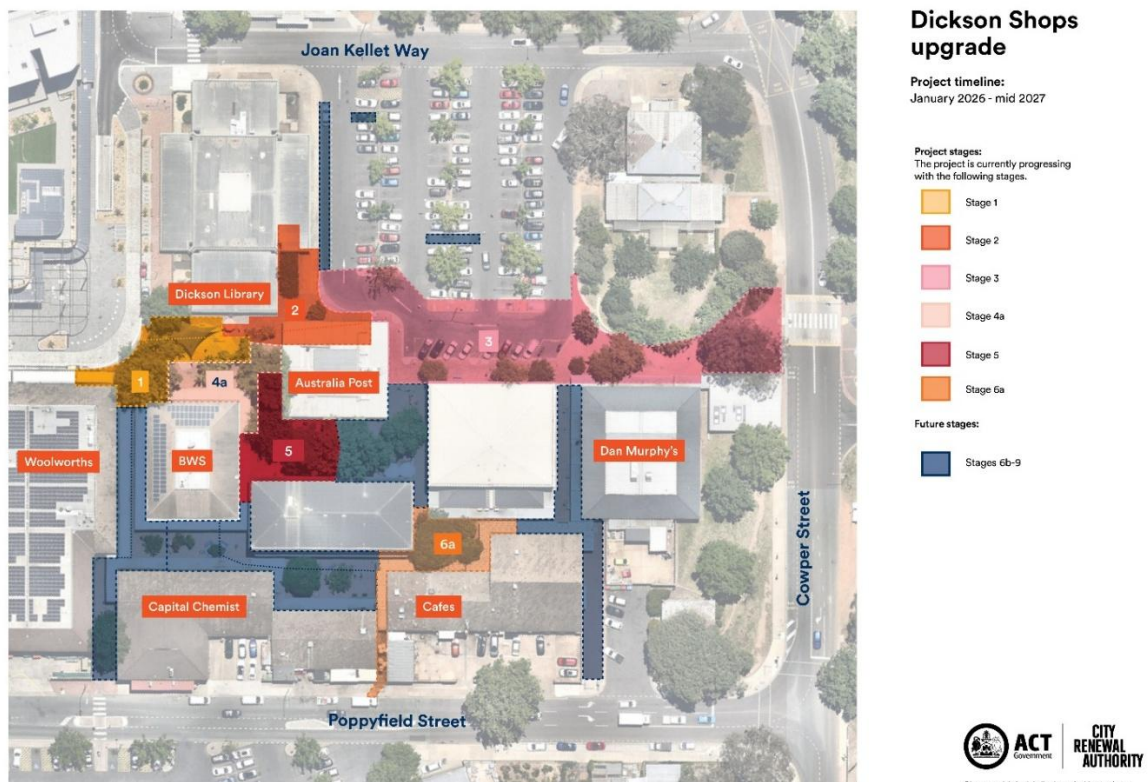
Thank you for your patience and understanding while we worked to implement the solution.

Temporary change to disability parking

Disability car parking spaces have been temporarily relocated during construction of Stage 3.

We acknowledge that accessible parking is essential for businesses and visitors on site. We understand the importance of maintaining safe and convenient access for people with disability and are committed to minimising disruption during this temporary change.

If you would like a disability parking diagram to share with your customers or clients, please [contact us](#) and we will drop some off during our next business visit. The diagram is also available on the [project webpage](#).



Dickson Shops upgrade construction staging plan (please note: Diagram is indicative and subject to change).

Outdoor dining

Businesses using public unleased land for outdoor dining will be required to temporarily remove all items to allow the upgrade work when required.

We are working closely with businesses that have outdoor dining to discuss the removal process and identify opportunities to support business continuity including possible alternative outdoor dining locations to use during construction.

We will work with Complex Co to support the retention of outdoor dining setups for as long as possible. Timing of the required removal will vary based on the agreed construction staging plan.

Open for business guide

The [Open for business guide](#) has been developed to help businesses and property owners before, during, and after construction.

It offers communication tips, government services, and advice specifically for those affected by the project.

Other works happening on site

Renovation of the old Commonwealth Bank building and Bakers Delight are both underway as private developments. Please note this work is not an ACT Government project or part of the Dickson Shops upgrade.

Dickson Tradies redevelopment

The Dickson Shops upgrade has been coordinated to start before the [Dickson Tradies redevelopment](#) to minimise potential overlaps between the two projects.

City Renewal is speaking regularly with the Dickson Tradies to understand their project timelines.

Contact us

For urgent construction matters, please contact Hannah Pearce, Project Manager at Complex Co on 0408 430 189.

For construction-related inquiries, email Complex Co at dicksonact@complexco.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: Hannah Pearce should only be contacted for urgent construction matters. For any other queries or comments, please reach out to the City Renewal Authority.



Dickson Shops upgrade project area.

Event reminder: Dickson Soul

Did you know the City Renewal brings a busker to Dickson every Saturday? They're usually set up in Taglietti Square, but while the Dickson Shops are under construction, they'll be performing from several other locations at the Dickson Shops.

- **What:** Free musical performances.
- **When:** 10am-12pm, every Saturday.
- **Where:** Dickson Shops.



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