

## Dickson Shops upgrade

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: June 2026

Construction is being carried out in stages and is expected to take around 18 months to complete, 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 the new stormwater system in Taglietti Square.*



*Brick paving being collected to be recycled in Stage 3.*

## **Recent construction**

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

- Stage 3 construction fencing installed.
- Stormwater network work, including removal of existing pits and pipes and installation of new stormwater infrastructure in stage 3.
- Trenching and installation of electrical pits and cables.
- Pavement preparation and installation.
- Preparation for new furniture and tree planting.

## **Upcoming construction**

In June and into July, you'll see:

- Ongoing stage 3 stormwater system replacement.
- Pavement preparation and installation.
- Installation of new furniture in Taglietti Square.
- Continuation of 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 continue to 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.

## **Stage 3 change to pedestrian access**

Work in stage 3 will continue in June and July. This stage includes the area nearest the Joan Kellet Way car park, north of the Post Office.

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.

## **Stage 1 to open**

Stage 1 in Taglietti Square is almost finished and on track to open in July. Work for Stage 4a, near Bakers Delight and the Post Office will continue.

Stage 4a is being undertaken earlier than expected 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 reduce overall disruption.

## **Trolley issue on new pavement in stage 1**

We are aware that shopping trolley wheels are getting stuck in the gaps between sections of the new pavement in Stage 1. We understand how frustrating this can be and appreciate the inconvenience it may be causing.

Please be assured that we are working to find a solution. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

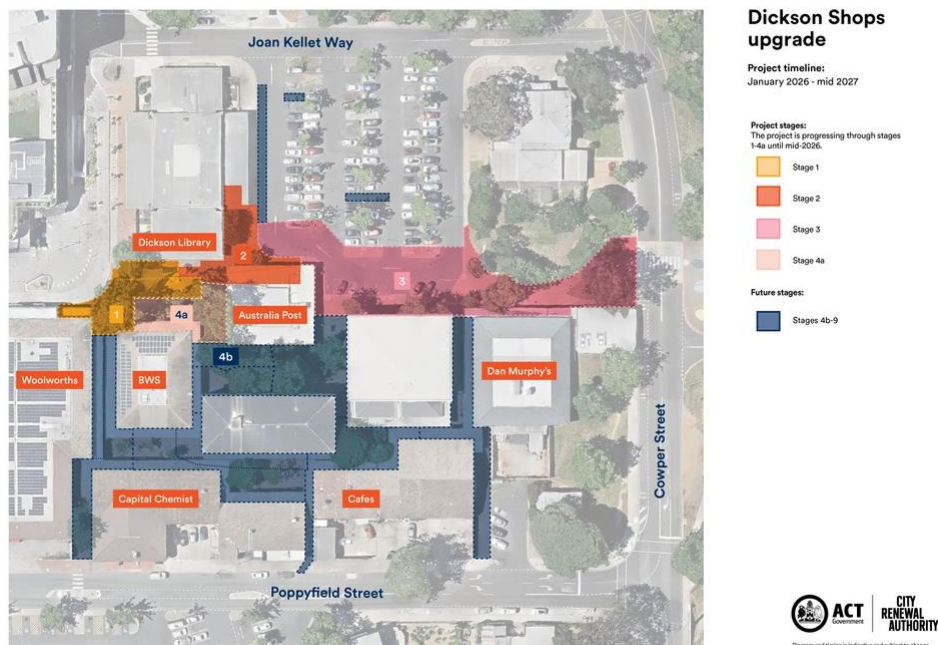
## **Temporary change to disability parking**

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](#).

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*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 at the Dickson Shops

Renovation of the old Commonwealth Bank building is underway as a private development. 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 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](mailto:dicksonact@complexco.com.au)

For general questions about the project, you can email our team at [cityrenewal@act.gov.au](mailto: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.

[Contact us](#)



*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 this area is under construction, they'll be performing from several other locations at the Dickson Shops.

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



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