

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: May 2026

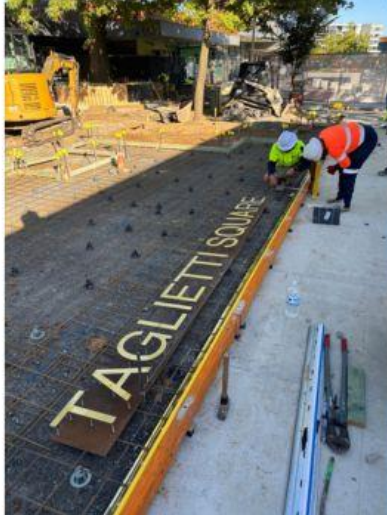
Construction is being carried out in stages and is expected to take around 18 months to complete from early-2026 until mid-2027, depending on weather and the discovery of unexpected underground services.

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 are being undertaken in the first half of 2026 – please see staging diagram below.

Work in stage 4a will continue in May in Taglietti Square. This work is beginning earlier than

expected to take place alongside the renovations of the old Commonwealth Bank building. This allows construction activities to be undertaken at the same time and reduce overall disruption.



Brass lettering being installed in Taglietti Square.

Recent construction

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

- Stormwater network work, including removal of existing pits and pipes and installation of new stormwater infrastructure.
- Demolition and removal of existing pavement.
- Trenching and installation of electrical pits and cables.
- Pavement preparation and installation.
- Preparation for new furniture and tree planting.
- Work on underground services next to the Dickson Library, Joan Kellet Way and car park.

Upcoming construction

In May, you'll see:

- Ongoing stormwater system replacement.
- Demolition and removal of existing pavement.
- Concrete pouring, pavement preparation and installation.
- Installation of new furniture in Taglietti Square.
- Continuation of installation of new underground electrical and communication

services.

Icon Water will adjust service pit levels on site near Australia Post on Wednesday, 6 May 2026. Complex will prepare the area on Tuesday, 5 May 2026, and restore it on Thursday, 7 May 2026. Disruption during these works is expected to be minimal.

Work to commence for stage three

Stage 3 of the project will start in May. This stage includes the area nearest the Joan Kellet Way car park, north of the Post Office. Please see staging diagram below for the Stage 3 area. Further construction fencing will be installed to allow construction to take place for this stage. Pedestrian detours will be in place.

Large vehicles will continue to enter and exit the site throughout May. 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.

Temporary change to disability parking

Disability car parking spaces will be 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.

Details of the nearby alternative accessible parking arrangements will be communicated to businesses and the community ahead of any changes.

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Project timeline:
January 2026 - mid 2027

Project stages:
The project is progressing through stages 1-4a until mid-2026.

- Stage 1
- Stage 2
- Stage 3
- Stage 4a

Future stages:

- Stages 4b-9



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 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 Guy Beaumont, Site 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: Guy Beaumont 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 the Dickson Shops are 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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