

Cowes Revitalisation Project

Autumn 2019

The Project

Three key projects have been identified as part of the revitalisation of the Cowes township precinct. With the completion of the Jetty Triangle and Piazza redevelopment in October 2018, progress is now being made on completion of the Transit Centre and All Day Carpark as well as detailed design for the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre (CCCC).

These projects are designed to have a significant impact on Cowes and Phillip Island by improving connectivity between key public spaces and community facilities, enhancing tourism experiences and supporting local economic growth.

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How Good does the New Foreshore look at Cowes Beach?

“Cowes beach has always been a favourite of ours as it is only a one hour drive from home. My husband and I visited Sunday 11th and were delighted to see the extensive work done at the pier and foreshore. All new paving, steps and landscaping make it a very pleasant walk to the pier and beach.”



Cowes Night Market Summer 2019



Phillip Island MotoGP October 2018

Jetty Triangle and Piazza Redevelopment

The project was completed on 21 October 2018 and a few weeks later the fences came down to welcome everyone to their new community green-space. Since then, the new Jetty Triangle Precinct has successfully hosted a number of Community events and was used extensively over the summer visitation period. It is fascinating to [watch the project time-lapse video](#) from start to finish.



Remembrance Day November 2018.



Food & Wine Festival 2018.



Where to now?

- Stainless Steel handrails have been installed at the eastern beach ramp.
- Further works are required to put the finishing touches on the project and address some identified defects.
- Possible road closure at Thompson Avenue/The Esplanade intersection are expected to be carried out after peak season; we will keep you posted.

Transit Centre and All Day Carpark

Construction on the Transit Centre and All Day Car Parking began on 6 February 2019.

The Project will make a significant difference to the experience of people visiting Cowes and also local residents. The project is due for completion by November 2019.

The site will provide:

- 117 standard and six accessible parking spaces
- a bus transit and stopping area
- a taxi rank
- well lit and accessible pathways
- public toilet facilities and a Changing Places toilet facility
- bicycle racks
- electric vehicle (EV) charging points
- a road link between Church Street and Chapel Street



Drainage goes in at the Cowes Transit Centre and All Day Parking.



Retaining wall to split level at the Cowes Transit Centre All Day Parking.

Where to now?

- The bulk of the earthworks and stabilisation works for pavements are completed as underground drainage works are in progress and retaining walls are near completion.
- Preparation of the placement of road base material and for kerb and channel, and roadway construction works.

Electric Car Charging



The Transit Centre and All Day Parking will provide a free charging facility for owners of Electric Vehicles (EVs), with two dedicated charging bays.

The charging network for EVs is getting larger with most charging areas providing Type 2 charging.

What is the difference between a Type 1 and a Type 2 charge point?



- Type 1: Is 32 Amp, 7.4 kilowatt, single phase 240 volts.
- Type 2: Is 32 Amp, 22 kilowatt, single phase 240 volts.

EV charging points and parking bays, will be available on a first come first served basis and each bay will have access to a generic Type 1 and Tesla Type 2 charge point.



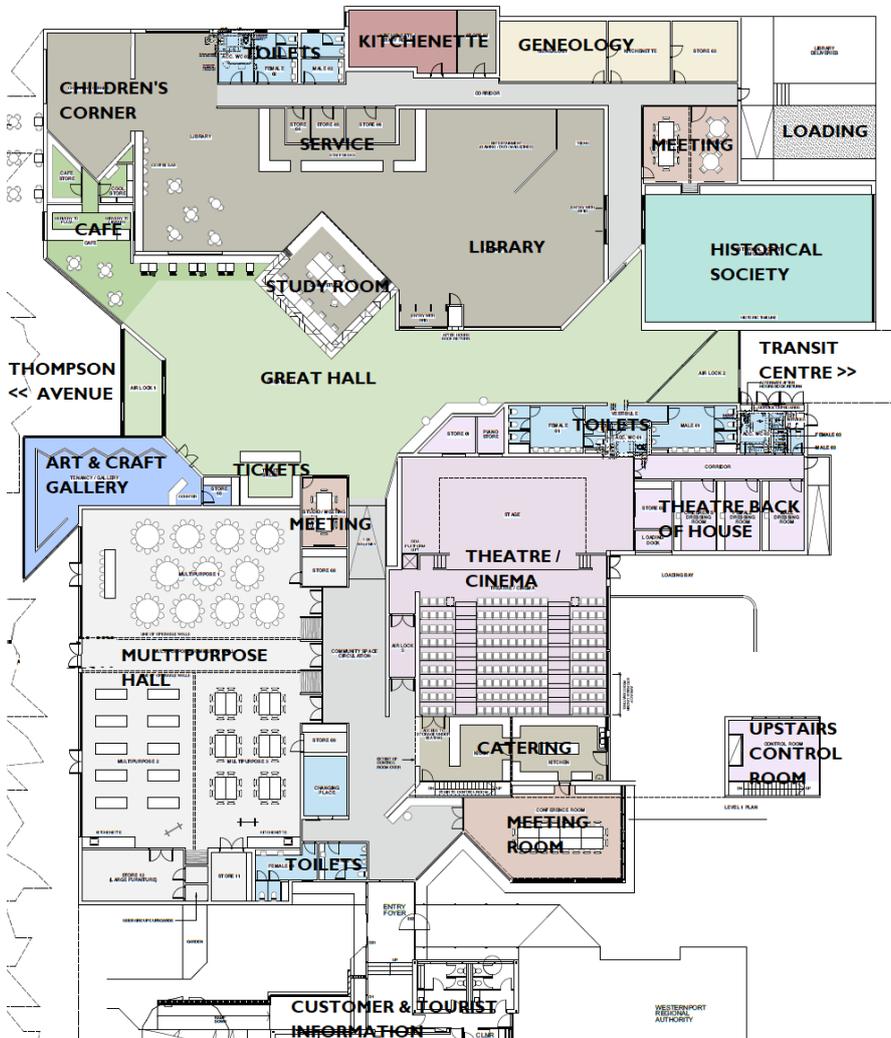
Electric cars produce zero emissions.

Cowes Cultural & Community Centre (CCCC)

Following consultation with key stakeholders in January 2019, some further amendments have been made to the functional design of the CCCC. Work will now focus upon advancing the current functional layout to a detailed design.

Notable changes are:

- Increase in the size of the Theatre Back of House
- A Café servicing both to the Library and Great Hall
- A larger Multi-purpose Hall which can be divided into three bookable rooms and provides total seating capacity for up to 400 people
- Customer and Tourist Information Services remaining in their current location



Cowes Cultural and Community Centre Functional Design Jan 2019.

The appointed architect for the project, Perkins Architects, will continue to prepare a holistic detailed design for the CCCC building. The goal of the project is to prepare a 'shovel ready' design in order to increase the opportunity and likelihood of attracting funding to enable construction.



Cowes Cultural and Community Centre 3D Architect's impressions



Where to now?

- As part of the Detailed Design, Perkins Architects will consider the ability to undertake staged construction of separate areas such as the library, office complex and hall/theatre elements
- Council presented the proposed design to the Federal Government and Regional Development Victoria for consideration for funding leading up to the Election
- As part of developing a sustainable funding approach, Council will explore specific purpose grants e.g. 'Living Libraries'

Where can I find out more information?

To read more on these projects and stay up to date visit:

<https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesprojects>

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