

GHERINGHAP STREET DRAIN UPGRADE

The Revitalising Central Geelong Partnership, comprised of officers from the City of Greater Geelong and Victorian Government, is delivering the Gheringhap Street Drain Project in 2019.

Project update for 29 April – 12 May 2019

Tunnelling continues this fortnight at the Mercer Street end of Gheringhap Street. Planned sheetpiling installation works in Corio Bay have stopped after the construction team experienced unexpected ground conditions over the last fortnight. The City of Greater Geelong are undertaking further investigation for modification to the methodology before resuming the works with minimal disruption to the project.

The new 450m long drain, to be built along Gheringhap Street to a new outfall into Corio Bay, will greatly reduce the frequency of flooding and the length of time surface flood waters impact the CBD, benefitting local businesses, residents, visitors and developers.

The major drain will be constructed using high-tech 'micro-tunnelling', a technique never before seen in Geelong. This method provides the greatest cost-benefit, shortest duration and the least amount of disruption to the local community. During the construction period, traffic management plans will be in place to minimise the impact on road, cycle and pedestrian users in the area.

Upcoming works

 Period starting 29 April 2019

MERCER ST END OF GHERINGHAP ST

Tunnelling continues this fortnight and includes continued truck movements and associated noise.

Traffic management will continue to be in place to assist pedestrians and road users throughout these works.

WATERFRONT CARPARK

During sheetpiling installation works at the waterfront site last fortnight, the contractor encountered unexpected ground conditions and was required to stop works. The City of Greater Geelong is undertaking further investigations before resuming the works with minimal disruption to the project.

A section of the foreshore footpath remains closed near the skate park. Pedestrians are diverted around Western Foreshore Road and through the waterfront car park.

Traffic management will be in place to assist pedestrians and road users throughout these works.

Timeline

-  **Site mobilization and establishment**
February 2019
-  **Tunnelling and pit construction begins**
Late March 2019
-  **Tunnelling finishes**
July 2019
-  **Pit and outfall works complete**
November 2019
-  **Demobilisation and landscaping**
December 2019

What to expect



CONSTRUCTION HOURS

Weekdays 7am to 6pm and Saturdays 7am to 3pm



BUILDING ACCESS

All buildings remain accessible throughout the project.



NOISE AND DUST

Standard construction machinery will be in use. There will be an increase in construction noise while tunnelling.

Construction levels of dust may be evident at the Foreshore as excavation is carried out to support the outfall structure.



PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

MERCER ST END OF GHERINGHAP ST
Pedestrian access along Gheringhap St remains, however pedestrians crossing Gheringhap St at Corio St will need to follow detour signage around the compound.



TRAFFIC CHANGES

MERCER ST END OF GHERINGHAP ST

Gheringhap St remains open to two-way traffic. Vehicle access to the Corio St car park via Gheringhap St is closed. Entry/exit to the Corio St car park via Mercer St remains. Trucks may occasionally use the car park to exit the work site.

On street daily and short-term parking has been reduced along Gheringhap St between Mercer St and Bayley St.

WATERFRONT CARPARK

The waterfront car park and Western Foreshore Rd remain open.

Permit and casual parking at the waterfront car park, whilst reduced, is available to the public including a minimum of one disabled parking bay. Occasionally, traffic management will be in place to assist in scheduled truck deliveries.

Dentists & Doctors is open for business

Dentists & Doctors recently opened on Gheringhap Street. They offer high quality medical and dental care at affordable prices. Located on the corner of Gheringhap and Corio Streets, they are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm and on Saturdays by appointment only.



Dentists&Doctors

If your business has any specials or offers you would like advertised either in future project updates or on Revitalising Central Geelong's Facebook page, please contact us.

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