

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 15 – 28 April 2019

Tunnelling at the Mercer Street end of Gheringhap Street continues this fortnight. The micro-tunnelling machine pushes 1.8m diameter sections of pipe underground at an average speed of 7 - 8 metres per day. Construction of the new Corio Bay outfall continues. Works include temporarily dismantling a section of the bluestone wall and minor excavation for the seafloor protection structure.

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 15 April 2019

MERCER ST END OF GHERINGHAP ST

Tunnelling will continue this fortnight. This will result in an increase of truck movements and associated noise.

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

WATERFRONT CARPARK

A section of bluestone wall at the Corio Bay outfall will continue to be temporarily deconstructed.

Excavation will begin on the outfall structure site. A rock base will be prepared to support forming of the outfall structure.

A section of the foreshore footpath will remain 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.

At the foreshore, excavation for the outfall will create construction levels of dust.



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.

The Geelong Boat House is open for business

The Geelong Boat House sits perched over the water on a secured barge just west of Cunningham Pier overlooking the stunning Corio Bay. Serving customers the freshest fish and chips every day from 10am, the restaurant features a fish and chip shop, bistro and function centre, as well as two decks for outdoor dining.

Owners Malcolm & Czes Ralton have been in the hospitality industry for over 40 years and pride themselves on serving the best produce available. The restaurant has premium seafood delivered from the Melbourne Market six times a week and serve their meals with fresh homegrown herbs.

The popular dining spot will continue to be open right through winter, cooking delicious fish and chips for hungry customers, so whether you're looking for a casual family meal or a larger catered function make sure you visit The Geelong Boat House. The Geelong Boat House is located on Western Beach Road, just past the skate park. Parking is available at the restaurant. For phone orders or bookings call 5222 3642 or visit www.geelongboathouse.com.au



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