



# Revitalising Central Geelong Malop Street Green Spine Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is the Green Spine?**

The Green Spine will realise the community's long-held vision for a linear park running through central Geelong. It will provide a botanical link between the city's two existing green spaces, Johnstone Park and Eastern Gardens.

The Green Spine is the flagship project of the Revitalising Central Geelong partnership program.

The project will be developed one block at a time along the six blocks of Malop Street.

## **Why do we need a Green Spine?**

Green spaces and active transport routes are essential for the health and wellbeing needs of our community.

The Malop Street Green Spine will provide appealing, natural public spaces, as well vital infrastructure for the growing central Geelong population.

The linear park will provide economic benefit to central Geelong businesses as people are more attracted to visit the city, and stay for longer. Improved active transport access will help to reduce traffic congestion and car parking issues.

## **What stage is the Green Spine up to?**

Stage 1, between Yarra and Moorabool street, is complete. Stage 2, between Gheringhap Street and Moorabool Street, will begin in 2020.

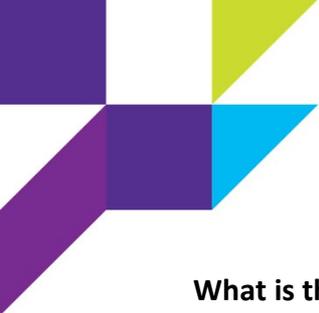
## **What is the plan for this stage of the Green Spine (between Gheringhap and Moorabool Streets)?**

This stage of the Green Spine project will be reflective of the Malop Street section between Moorabool and Yarra Streets, including the creation of the botanical walk on the south side of the street and a renewed footpath.

The first part of the works will focus on the north side of the street, including the 'triangle park' in front of two of the city's biggest employers, WorkSafe and NDIS.

The paved area will be transformed into a green park area, with a very high 'all-abilities' standard, seating, shade, curated plantings and indigenous installations.

The remainder of the north side will undergo streetscape works including redesigned plantings and a separated single bike lane.



**What is the proposed time frame for this stage of the Green Spine (between Gheringhap and Moorabool streets)?**

Works on the north side are expected to begin mid-2020, once City Deal funding is released and after detailed designs are finalised.

Redevelopment of the southern side of this section will be delayed until the the buses are relocated as part of the Central Geelong Bus Services and Infrastructure Review. This is expected to take place in the next 1-2 years.

**Will the car parks be retained on the north and south sides of Malop Street after the works?**

At the completion of works, there will be car park bays, loading bays and disabled car parks on the north side of the street. The Civic Car Park entry remains on the south side of the street.

**Will we have a say in any of the design?**

Central Geelong traders and community members will be invited to view the plans and participate in consultation opportunities in the coming months.

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**Who can I speak to if I want more information about the plan?**

Visit the Revitalising Central Geelong Partnership team, located at 108 Moorabool Street, Geelong, email us at [rcg@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:rcg@geelongcity.vic.gov.au) or call us on 5272 6161 to make a time to meet with a member of the Revitalising Central Geelong team.