

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 – 12 August 2019

The first 380m of tunnelling has been completed from the Mercer Street site to Corio Bay. Tunnelling of the second section begins this month. This will provide connection to the existing stormwater drain under Mercer Street.

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 12 August 2019

GHERINGHAP STREET

The drilling machine will commence tunnelling for the second stage of the project, providing the connection into the existing stormwater drain under Mercer St.

Maintenance shaft works on Gheringhap St between Brougham and Smythe St will be complete early September. Once complete preparation for the second shaft will include a change to the traffic management with closure to through traffic between Smythe St and Western Beach Rd. Traffic management will continue to be in place to assist pedestrians and road users throughout these works. Access to all businesses and buildings in the area will be maintained.

WATERFRONT CARPARK

Works at the waterfront will continue with completion of the cofferdam and construction of the outlet structure and drainage pits.

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.

Timeline

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

What to expect



CONSTRUCTION HOURS

Weekdays 6am 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

GHERINGHAP ST

Pedestrian access along Gheringhap St remains, however pedestrians crossing Gheringhap St at Corio St will need to follow detour signage around compounds.



TRAFFIC CHANGES

GHERINGHAP ST

Gheringhap St between Mercer St and Brougham 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.

Gheringhap St between Brougham St and Smythe St will be closed to through traffic. Vehicle access to all businesses and residents will be maintained. On street daily and short-term parking has been reduced along Gheringhap St between Mercer St and Smythe 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.

Japanese Shinya Ramen is open for business!

Authentic and great tasting Hakata Ramen has arrived in central Geelong. The newly opened Shinya Ramen is serving traditional Japanese ramen soul food from 11am daily. Japanese chefs prepare freshly made traditional ramen, bento boxes, and other Japanese dishes, providing customers with the best, original Hakata taste.

Located at **8A Gheringhap Street**, Shinya Ramen opened their doors at the beginning of August 2019 and has already become a popular central Geelong dining spot.

Come and visit Shinya Ramen and try one of their delicious dishes. They are open every day from 11am to 9pm. Follow Shinya Ramen on Facebook and Instagram @ShinyaRamenGeelong.



Stay informed

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this important work. For more information about the project, or to give us your feedback:

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