

JULY 2021 PROJECT UPDATE

Charles Street Square at Parramatta Quay

Archaeological investigations

As part of ongoing early works to support the transformation of Charles Street Square, archaeological testing was conducted over five (5) weeks in March this year. More than 30 pits were excavated by hand to allow identification of any significant historic fabric, Aboriginal artefacts and soil profiles. Specialist heritage consultants and civil contractors worked alongside archaeological teams including Aboriginal representatives.

Found artefacts and soil profiles are now being analysed for final reporting to Heritage NSW, as well as to Registered Aboriginal Parties who have participated in the process. This information will also be shared with the public when available.

The reporting will include details on a range of protective measures to be incorporated into construction plans to mitigate against damage to Aboriginal and colonial European finds which may be revealed during the Charles Street Square Upgrade.

Revised Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

Following further stakeholder and community consultation, the Review of Environmental Factors for Charles Street Square has been updated. This planning document articulates various protections for the site to ensure environmental safeguards are put in place throughout the project.

The revised REF also takes into account design modifications made in response to the community feedback we received throughout the extensive consultation process. Refinements to the design including more tree planting, additional garden beds, increased bicycle parking, road closure treatments etc. have been considered in the environmental protections which will become integral to the successful management of the Charles Street project.

The finalised REF can be viewed on the Participate Parramatta site here:

<https://participate.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/charlesstreetsquare>

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NSW Government Funding Support

Since the release of the Parramatta City River Strategy in 2015, Council has been working towards the delivery of the vision for the revitalisation of the City River Gateway at Charles Street Square as a place that would welcome visitors and be embraced by locals as an ideal place to connect, socialise and celebrate.

Council has dedicated significant funding to this critical project and has sought additional support from the NSW Government in order to be able to deliver a high quality, resilient public domain for all to enjoy.

The NSW Government has confirmed City of Parramatta is on track to receive two grants which together will provide up to \$4.65 million to the project. As part of Transport for NSW's *Transport Access Program* and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's *NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program*, the partnership with the NSW Government will allow the City of Parramatta to realise its ambitious plans to revitalise Parramatta Quay and transform the Parramatta City River Foreshore.

Next Steps

While project work continues, the next significant milestone will be the Public Tender to appoint a construction company to deliver the Charles Street Square upgrade.

The tender will be released in late July and the appointment by Council of a preferred contractor is expected in November 2021.

The next on-site development will be the installation of construction compounds and hoardings, expected in late 2021.

It is anticipated construction will be completed in late 2022.

More information or need an interpreter?

If you would like more information or information supplied in another language or format, please email CharlesStSquare@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Charles Street Square project team on 1300 617 058. Project information is also available on Council's website, see cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/charles-st-square.

If you have accessibility concerns, please contact the National Relay Service at relayservice.gov.au and provide them with the City of Parramatta Council contact number: 9806 5050.

For interpreter assistance, please call TIS National on 131 450 and ask them to contact City of Parramatta Customer Contact Centre on 9806 5050 during office hours Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.

For non-English speakers, phone interpretation services are available via TIS National on 131 450.

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