

## Next Steps...

- Commence 'Sea and Breeze' art strategy  
**January 2020**
- 'Sea and Breeze' community forum  
**February 2020**
- Stormwater works  
**February – March 2020**
- Construction commences  
**April 2020**
- Construction completed  
**August 2020**
- End of project  
**December 2020**

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# Kingston SE Main Street Stimulus Project - Update

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## Kicking goals with Big Holes!

Our community and its many visitors are a step closer to 'greener, safer & more accessible' main streets with the contract recently awarded, to deliver the \$1.671m upgrade project.

We are thrilled that the contract has been awarded to local contractor Big Holes Pty Ltd (trading as South East Excavations) from Robe.

Council is investing in its three main streets to create a unified precinct that provides accessibility for people of all ages and levels of mobility.

Widened footpaths, improved cross-overs, capacity for alfresco dining and landscaping will create a vibrant and inviting area for tourists and locals alike and will create opportunities for increased tourism, economic growth and place activation activities.

This is a milestone decision that will see significant economic benefit to many local businesses and sub-contractors, and we are delighted that a South East company has been chosen as the preferred tenderer.

In accepting the contract, Director Stephen Gibbons said he was very excited to be offered the project and was looking forward to working with the Kingston Council. He also said he is looking forward to getting started just so he can see the finished product and know they've been part of something that will bring great benefits to the Kingston community.

This is the largest project Big Holes have taken on and they are committed to providing the community with a quality outcome.

Big Holes will primarily use local suppliers and contractors, so not only is this outcome good for Big Holes and its employees, a wide range of others will benefit from Council's decision to award a local contractor.

Work on the stormwater component of the project will begin early in the new year and expected to be completed by March 2020.

The remainder of the project, which will predominantly see paving modification, protuberances, new kerbing, street furniture and landscaping work, will commence when school returns for the second term in April 2020.

The project is funded by the Australian Government through the Building Better Regions Fund, the State Government through People for Places and Regional Growth Fund and the Kingston District Council.



Photo: Mayor Kay Rasheed and Big Holes Pty Ltd Director, Stephen Gibbons shake hands on the milestone contract.



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Greener, safer, more accessible



Before photo and after visualisation of Agnes and Gough Streets intersection

## Stormwater construction works...

In addition to the streetscape beautification, the Kingston Main Streets Stimulus Project has provided an opportunity to improve stormwater drainage at known accumulation areas on Agnes Street through an underground stormwater system in this area.

The gravity stormwater drainage system is proposed for Agnes Street and Gough Street to capture and convey stormwater runoff to Maria Creek, through the installation of new side entry pits and pipe system. The alignment and set out of the proposed pit and pipe system has been designed to minimise clashes with existing services and infrastructure, as well as to enable construction that minimises disruption to local traffic and community.

The stormwater construction works are scheduled to commence after 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020, and will be undertaken during February/March 2020 to ensure that the system is operational prior to the traditional 'break in the season' and winter storm events. The inclusion of the stormwater upgrade is a positive outcome to address known stormwater issues and ensure delivery of a holistic and successful project.

Through this assessment, there was in depth discussion of other known areas of stormwater concern within the Kingston township. Given the time and cost involved, we will consider assessment of these known areas of concern as a separate project. This will be considered through its 2020/21 annual business plan and budget deliberations.

We look forward to breaking ground on this project in 2020 with Stephen and the SE Excavations team leading the charge!



Photo: stormwater accumulating at corner of Gough & Agnes Streets



Photo: stormwater accumulating at corner of Strickland & Agnes Streets

## Sea and Breeze art in Kingston...

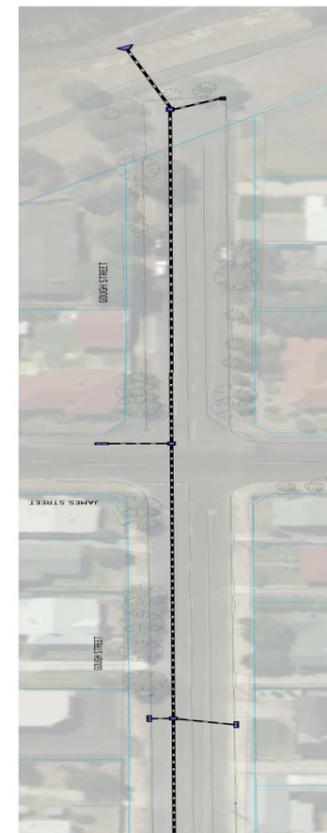
We are also excited to introduce our 'Sea & Breeze' public art project!

This will see the main street take-on an additional dimension through the arts with Council recently securing Federal Government Funding to work with the community to produce an Integrated Public Art Strategy.

We are virtually a blank artistic canvas, rich in culture and history with opportunities to represent this, combined with our beachside lifestyle, through well thought-out public art works.

In the new year, Council, through an experienced public art strategist, will engage with our community members, groups, businesses and other interested stakeholders to develop themes, inspiration and ideas for the strategy, pivotal of course being this main street upgrade project.

Stay tuned to see how you can be involved in this exciting opportunity!



Photos: Examples of public art located in Beachport, SA

