

Next Steps...

- Stormwater upgrade
February 2021
- Construction completed
April 2021
- End of project
June 2021

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Kingston SE Main Streets Stimulus Project - Update

Issue 6 - December 2020



Welcome to Issue 6 of the Kingston SE Main Streets Stimulus Project Update!

Since our previous update (Issue 5), we have had a few setbacks and delays but a highlight was seeing our Mayoral Christmas Parade navigate over our new paved roundabout on the day of its completion, Friday 11 December 2020. Wow, what a year 2020 has been!

Stephen and the SE Excavations team have been busy, with a number of major intersections finalised. The Charles Street intersection received the finishing touches and is now home to a new outdoor dining area at the Crown Inn Hotel, and just a hop skip and a jump from our new augmented reality artwork, 'Wind Dance'.

The James Street intersection has also been completed, with all installations finalised and only the minor tubestock plantings to be placed in the coming weeks. The new and replacement street trees have also been substantially completed across Agnes, Holland and Hanson Street - our streets are certainly looking 'greener, safer and more accessible'. The hotmix reinstatement of completed areas was also undertaken in December 2020, just in time for our busy holiday period.

On 4 November 2020, we hosted Mr Tony Pasin MP, Federal Member for Barker, for an update tour of the Main Streets Stimulus Project and support his Buy Local Campaign. We were very fortunate to receive \$668,500 from the Building Better Regions Fund for the delivery of this project and were very grateful to be able to highlight our progress!



Greener, safer, more accessible

Roundabout

We had a change of plan! Due to an unknown stormwater clash found at the Holland/Cooke/Hanson Street intersection, the roundabout was brought forward in the program and commenced on 2 November 2020.

To remove, reconstruct and remodel a roundabout is no easy task! The existing roundabout was removed and completely rebuilt with a slightly amended profile and wider lanes to allow for easier navigation by RV/Caravan and other longer vehicles, as well as new protuberances with designated pedestrian ramps.

The removal of the old bitumen surface and replacement with charcoal pavers creates a feature to link our three (3) main streets and encourage our visitors to 'follow the paving' to head towards our beautiful foreshore. This key linkage area has a few finishing touches still to come, with plantings in protuberances and roundabout centre, as well as new signage to be installed in 2021.

Understandably, there were a couple of hiccups along the way which resulted in the closure being for longer than originally expected. Thank you to the community for their patience and understanding during the closure period. Please take extra care at this location whilst we wait for the linemarking to be undertaken.



What's to come in 2021...

To avoid disruptions and hazards during our busy holiday period, there will be minimal construction works before the end of January 2021.

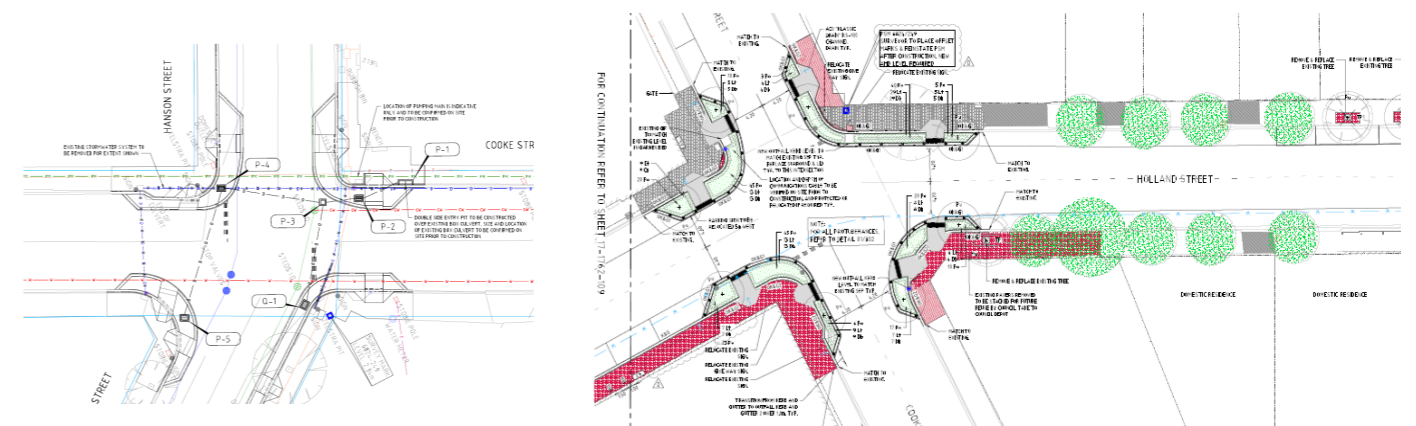
The Holland/Cooke/Hanson Street intersection will be the focus on the return of SE Excavations, with the following works to be undertaken:

- Stormwater upgrade;
- Garden beds and plantings on all corners; and
- Paved corner connections and designated footpath access ramps.

As well as the final 'major' intersection works, there will also be works completed to finalise the project:

- Installation of new street signage, roundabout signage and remaining street furniture;
- Minor upgrades at Cameron Street intersection and Strickland Street intersection;
- Linemarking, hotmix reinstatement and final completion!

It has been a huge year for SE Excavations as they worked on our Main Streets Stimulus Project. Stephen and his team have done a fantastic job in some very challenging times - we can't wait to see them back in 2021!



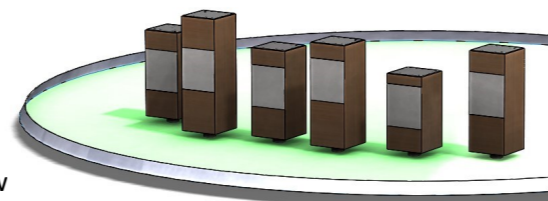
Street Furniture & Signage



Our wonderful community facilities team, Kev and Rich, have done a great job installing our new street furniture on Agnes and Holland Street. There are a few more pieces still to be installed, but we think they are pretty cute! Have you seen them?

We are also getting closer to the installation of our new branded street and roundabout signage which will arrive in the new year. The roundabout will be a low profile garden plantings with directional signage to the beach, based on feedback received from our community.

These finishing touches will be finalised and delivered in 2021 as the project heads towards completion.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why has the road surrounding the roundabout been paved?

In the design phase of the project, it was identified that the roundabout is the key to linking our town centre and three (3) main streets. The paved surface was included to provide a centrepiece, a point of difference and a touch of elegance to encourage the visitor to 'follow the paving' and navigate past our wonderful businesses towards our beautiful foreshore.

Are the road lanes smaller at the roundabout?

The opposite! The diameter of the roundabout is slightly smaller which means the lanes are actually wider! This allows for caravans, long vehicles and trucks to be able to swing out a little wider to be able to navigate the turn. Any change will take a bit of getting used to for those who are so familiar with our old roundabout!

Will there be any parking restrictions in the Main Street?

Yes, but only a few. As part of the project, Council undertook a review of the existing parking restrictions and made a few changes as a result of business requests. In particular, 15 minute parking has been introduced on Charles Street adjacent to the Crown Inn Hotel and Renovator Centre to support the augmented reality artwork. A 30 minute park has also been introduced in front of Pinkertons Butcher to ensure the key parking space supports customer use.

When is the project anticipated to be complete?

It has definitely been a longer project than expected, but we are committed to doing things right and delivering quality! With the stormwater upgrade due to commence in February, we are anticipating a project completion date by the end of April 2021. The project in its entirety must be completed prior to 30 June 2021.