

University Square Master Plan

City of Melbourne is transforming one of Carlton's oldest and most loved public squares.

What's been happening

Stage one

Stage one of the master plan was completed in 2019, creating a new large open space, additional trees, bio-diverse garden, and seating and terrace spaces. This stage included:

- expanding the park by approximately 2500 square metres, and reducing the total amount of asphalt within the square by over 3000 square metres
- constructing over 2000 square metres of bio-diverse planting
- planting 76 new trees
- activating the edges of the park with seating and terraces
- installing 34 park benches in the lawn areas.



University Square, Carlton

What's coming up

Stage two

Following the completion of Parkville Station, we are now delivering stage two of the master plan. This stage will include:

- a fully renewed plaza
- more than 2500 square metres of public open space for recreational and social activities
- new garden beds and lawn, providing the lush neighbourhood greening the community has been asking for
- approximately 130 new trees creating an additional 41 per cent tree cover, helping to create a cooler environment in summer
- street furniture such as chairs, drinking fountains, picnic tables and bike hoops
- public art
- water management in Barry Street.

Impacts

Construction is expected to start in **January 2026** and is scheduled for completion in **late 2026**.

The hours of work will be **7am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday as well as weekend and after hours work when needed**.

While every effort will be made to minimise noise and dust, these impacts are expected during excavation and demolition works.

Access to properties will be maintained at all times.

Traffic management will be in place when required to support movement around the work area.



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