

KINGLAKE STREETSCAPE RENEWAL PROJECT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Background

In August 2020, Council presented the draft designs for the Kinglake Streetscape Renewal Project at a community consultation session. A second consultation was held with the relevant Kinglake traders in November, to gain some additional insights specific to their business needs. Community members also had the opportunity to provide their thoughts on the draft plans, via an online survey. Thanks to all those who participated in our consultations, we received some great feedback and input, which was considered in the development of the final plans. The final plans are now available for viewing on our website at murrindindi.vic.gov.au/streetscape

Works completed so far

The following works have been completed

- Stage one of the project, construction of Aitkin Crescent, was completed in August 2020
- Commencement of negotiations to resolve various legal agreements with landowners surrounding the main street
- Development of the final detailed designs, which are now available for viewing on our website.
- Tender for construction of Stage 2 (remainder of project) was advertised on January 27 2021 and closes February 24 2021

How has Council incorporated the previous community feedback into the final design?

1. Additional bicycle parking

Bike racks will be installed at each of the seating areas to cater for cyclists who wish to stop for a break. Detailed landscaping plans are available as a separate attachment on our website. These plans show bicycle parking locations in each of the open realm spaces as well as in front of the police station next to the bus stop.

2. Motorcycle parking

Currently motorcycles park in front of the proposed Kinglake Village development site on Whittlesea-Kinglake Road. There will be no change to this area and motorcycles will still be able to use this space to park. Any further development of this space will take into account its current use and ensure existing activities are accounted for.

3. More vehicle parking in Robertson Road and Victoria Street

One of the biggest pieces of feedback we received during consultations was the need for additional parking throughout Kinglake. As requested, additional parking has been included in front of the Robertson Road laundromat and the carparks located adjacent to the Chemist/Bendigo Bank near Victoria Street have been formalised. This adds a total of 12 standard bays and 1 disabled access bay. An additional three spaces have also been added on Robertson Road, bringing this area to a total of 6 parks.

4. Relocation of Bollygum crossing point

Feedback from the community was that the original proposed location for the Bollygum Park crossing point was too far north and in an inconvenient location. The crossing point has been moved further south to be in a safer and more convenient location, closer to the Kinglake Fish and Chippery.

5. Public seating areas

There are a number of public seating areas for the community and visitors to enjoy. These spaces will include bench seats, tables, artwork, bike racks, and bins. These areas will also include a variety of trees to provide shade and also improve the aesthetics. Detailed landscaping plans are available as a separate attachment on our website. These plans show where the public seating areas will be.

6. Planting trees in the area out the front of the service station

To help the aesthetics of the streetscape area, a number of trees and low lying vegetation will be planted in the grassed area along Whittlesea-Kinglake Road. These are displayed on the landscaping plans.

7. Kinglake-Glenburn Road roundabout

There was strong community interest for a roundabout to be introduced at the Kinglake-Glenburn Road intersection. Unfortunately, the budget and scope of this project does not allow this to happen. Council supports the implementation of a roundabout at this location and will continue to advocate to Regional Roads Victoria, who manage this section of road, for funding to install the roundabout as a future project.

8. Use of recycled products and sustainable materials

Recycled products will be used during the construction of this project, wherever possible. This will include road pavements, street furniture and concrete materials. Drought tolerant plants that are low maintenance have been selected whilst also taking into account their fire resistance.

9. Introduction of electric vehicle charging stations

Details around the electric vehicle charging stations are still being finalised. At this stage, the proposed locations are the Aitkin Crescent carpark and the Kinglake Library and Customer Service Centre carpark. Once details are finalised, we will provide a further update to the community.

Will any works be undertaken on the public toilet block in Aitkin Crescent?

The toilet block will be converted to accessible toilets and they will receive a refurbishment.

When is construction going to start?

Council would like to progress these works as quickly as possible. Once we have appointed a contractor, we will let the community know when the Project will begin. It is intended that the successful contractor will be appointed before the end of March and will commence works in April 2021.

How will we know when construction is starting?

We will let the community know works will be commencing via the local newspapers, our Facebook page and on local radio UGFM. We will also be installing signage prior to the works beginning, as well as a letter drop to local residents and traders directly affected by the works.

During construction, we will be regularly meet with traders affected to keep them informed. Project updates will also be provided to the community via the communications channels listed above.

For the latest information on the project, you can also visit our website at murrinindindi.vic.gov.au/streetscape

How much disruption will occur during the construction?

While Council and our appointed contractors will make every effort to minimise disruption, due to the nature of the project there will inevitably be some inconvenience to shop owners and operators and the community during the works. Council will liaise closely with businesses to stage works and if required may even undertake some work outside normal business opening hours.

Traffic management and speed reductions will be in place for the duration of the works, but we will attempt to keep disruption to the wider community to a minimum.

At no point during the works will emergency vehicle access be obstructed.

It is likely that the bus stop will need to be temporarily relocated during the works. Council will liaise with Public Transport Victoria and provide additional information to the community before any changes take place.

How long will these works take?

It is expected that these works will take approximately six months to complete, weather permitting. We will provide you with more information on the construction timeline once we have appointed a contractor.

How will the COVID-19 risk be managed?

All works will be completed in accordance with the Victorian Government's best practice guidelines for managing building and construction sites in the COVID-19 environment.