



ULVERSTONE

CULTURAL PRECINCT PROJECT



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first project newsletter for the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct Project.

In 2017 the Council reviewed the site of the Ulverstone History Museum and explored the possibility of revitalising it by co-locating the Visitor Information Centre to create a new cultural precinct for the Central Coast.

The vision developed for the new Ulverstone Cultural Precinct Project combines arts, culture, tourism and science to create a vibrant community and cultural hub within the Central Coast Region.

During July 2018 the Council was informed that its application to the Australian Government under its Building Better Regions program had been successful, paving the way for the project to proceed.

We are now moving into the detailed design phase before construction begins later this year.

I look forward to this exciting project and encourage you to take an active interest as we progress the redevelopment of our new Ulverstone Cultural Precinct

Clr Jan Bonde
Mayor,
Central Coast Council

What is the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct Project?

Following the adoption of the site's Master Plan and as a result of funding from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and the Tasmanian Government, Council is moving to the schematic design for the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct Project.

This multi-faceted community facility will house the Visitor Information Centre, History Museum with its research library as well as the new Science Centre and planetarium. It will also include art gallery spaces, café and special purpose workshop areas suitable for woodcraft and other activities.

The Ulverstone Cultural Precinct aims to be a tourist destination offering a range of visitor experiences for local, regional, intrastate and interstate/ international visitors.

Additionally the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct will have an education focus combining both arts and culture and science and technology. The new public spaces will also provide an engaging community space for people to visit and recreate.

What's happening with the Ulverstone History Museum?

The Ulverstone History Museum will be relocated during the redevelopment of the site and the research library will remain open at a location to be announced.

Museum staff and volunteers are undertaking an audit of the museum's collection, which will be stored during the project development.

With the move being planned for early 2019, the museum is unable to accept any new donations. Collection items have accumulated



through donation or are on loan. Museum representatives will be contacting owners of items on loan and examining collection items as part of the re-imagining of the museum and how to best represent the many stories that create the rich history of the Central Coast region.

How will the project proceed?

During 2017 the Central Coast Council sought extensive feedback from key stakeholders, groups and interested community members about the revitalisation of the Ulverstone History Precinct to create a dynamic cultural destination.

Comprehensive feedback was gathered during the consultation period and provided significant support for the draft Master Plan, and well considered critical feedback. This feedback assisted in producing the final Master Plan

design which was endorsed by Council in November 2017. Since the publication of the endorsed Master Plan and with funding from the Australian Government and Tasmanian Government, Council called for contractors to undertake the detailed design of the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct. Tenders are being assessed and Council expects to award the contract for detailed design in early 2019.

Planning is also underway to prepare the current site for this important revitalisation project. The works will include the sensitive removal of fuel tanks, which is anticipated to occur in early 2019.

Schematic design work will be completed in the first half of 2019 after which a construction contractor will be awarded the physical works. Construction works are expected over a 14 month period, culminating in the opening of the new Ulverstone Cultural Precinct in 2021.



- **Jan 2019**
Project Launch
- **Jan – Jul 2019**
Schematic Design Phase
- **Oct 2019 – Dec 2020**
Construction Phase
- **2021**
Opening of the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct





How can you get involved in this project?

Community and key stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide feedback into the schematic design between February and April 2019. The revitalisation of this area provides an opportunity to refine the future uses for this space in order to create a dynamic cultural precinct with facilities for all to enjoy.

Your support for the project is important and Council is interested in hearing how you would like these new spaces to be used and what you expect from events to be held there.

You will have the opportunity to join the consultation and community engagement activities including workshops, webpage, displays, briefing sessions, community forums and pop-up sessions.

The project will continue to provide progress updates as it moves through final design and the construction phase.

If you would like to be kept informed about the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct Project, email us at ucpp@centralcoast.tas.gov.au and we will keep you on the Contact Database.

This means you will receive any future communication as the project progresses. Your contact details will not be used for any other purpose. All stakeholders will be notified of their opportunities to share their views through local media, social media, flyers and postcards, Council's web page or direct mail.

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