

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS JULY 2019

ULVERSTONE CULTURAL PRECINCT PROJECT

What is the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct Project?

Formerly known as the Ulverstone History Precinct Project, the precinct at 109 Reibey Street, Ulverstone is a valued feature of the Central Coast area. As home to the Ulverstone History Museum and Research Library and Northwest Woodcraft Guild, the site showcases important local history information, artefacts and collections, and provides important educational resources to the community.

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.

Following the adoption of the site's Master Plan in 2017 and as a result of funding from the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund and the Tasmanian Government, the Central Coast Council commissioned ARTAS Architects to prepare the schematic design for the Ulverstone Cultural Precinct Project.

What will be included in this new cultural precinct?

Incorporating the Visitor Information Centre, museum, research library, science centre and planetarium, this exciting facility will include art

gallery spaces, café and special purpose workshop areas suitable for woodcraft and other activities. This will be a place of making and learning, a place for public gatherings, a flexible and experimental space for events, celebration and collaboration.

What has happened so far?

The schematic design phase in the first half of 2019 has seen key stakeholders working with the design team from ARTAS to inform the development of the draft schematic design. This design included all the elements and delivered the vision from community feedback that formed the Master Plan in 2017.

The draft schematic design was available for public comment for three weeks in late May–early June 2019 and in the six weeks following the design team has continued to refine and develop the optimum design for this exciting community and cultural facility.

What is different in the design from the draft schematic design?

The design was refined based on usable spaces and agreed budget which resulted in some changes from the draft schematic design shown in May.

Some of these refinements include:

- Improved access from Main Street with separate driver access in and out as well as extra parking spaces.
- Slighter smaller building footprint which retains useable spaces for tourism, community, cultural and science activities on all three levels while keeping within the agreed budget.
- Refined outdoor landscaping space to ensure visitors will enjoy the outdoor experience in this precinct.

What happens during the Development Application period?

At their July meeting Council approved the revised design which will be submitted for Development Application in early August. This design will be available for public comment for two weeks during this statutory period with feedback closing on Monday 19 August 2019.

You can view the design and comment during this period by visiting Council's Administration Centre at 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone, or visit <http://www.centralcoast.tas.gov.au/current-planning-applications/> to view the design and have your say during this comment period.

What happens next?

While the project undergoes its important Development Application process, tenders will be called for a construction contractor for the physical works. Construction works are expected over a 14-month period, culminating in the opening of the new Ulverstone Cultural Precinct in 2021.

What is happening with the Ulverstone History Museum while the new facility is being built?

The Ulverstone History Museum will be temporarily relocated during the redevelopment of the site at a location to be announced.

Museum staff and volunteers have undertaken an audit of the Museum's collection, which will be stored during the project development, however the research library will remain open by appointment. With the move being planned for 2019, the Museum is unable to accept any new donations.

Collection items have accumulated through donation or are on loan. Museum representatives have contacted owners of items on loan and examined 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.

What is happening with the historic buildings on the Ulverstone History Museum site?

Whilst the Council initially considered the opportunity to move these important historic buildings to new regional sites around the Central Coast, it was decided to retain the buildings in Council's care.

A new location will be identified for all five buildings and they will be moved to their new home prior to the start of construction activities on the Main Street site.

How can you keep involved in this project?

Updates will continue to be provided for the community as the project moves forwards.

Stay informed and involved with this exciting redevelopment by emailing us at ucpp@centralcoast.tas.gov.au and we will keep you on our Contact Database. You will receive any future communication as the project progresses. Your contact details will not be used for any other purpose.

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