Caloundra, Bulcock Street Streetscape Upgrade Project – Stage 4

This multiple stage, major streetscape upgrade is transforming Bulcock Street by building on the street’s character, significantly enhancing the look and experience of the area, improving safety and access, and providing a drawcard which maintains and builds a sustainable economy for Caloundra.

Next stage of streetscape upgrade

The next stage of the Bulcock Street Streetscape Project is Stage 4. This stage involves the area of Upper Bulcock Street, extending from Minchinton Street to the Knox Avenue intersection.

The Stage 4 upgrade has an estimated construction value of $2million, and will complement the design and character of Stage 3 to ensure a sense of connectivity and continuity along Bulcock Street. The roadway will be reshaped and upright kerbs removed as per lower Bulcock Street.

Design improvements will include new trees and shrubs, new footpaths, additional street furniture, directional signage and public art. Smart City technology will be incorporated using information and communication technologies to connect people and processes.

Stage 4 (Upper Bulcock Street) design on display

The Stage 4 design will be available for viewing in the Caloundra Library, from Tuesday 15 August to Thursday 24 August 2017.

The display will include plans, sections and artist representations of the new design showing:
- The new road profile design.
- Feature trees.
- Landscape planting.
- New street furniture including seating, benches, drinking fountains, art work and signage.

Stage 4 proposed construction timetable*

With funding now in place, the construction timetable has now been programmed.

Considering business feedback from Stage 3, major streetscape construction work will not begin until after the 2018 Easter holidays.

The initial timeframe for Stage 4 is:
- August 2017 - Design on community display
- September 2017 - Procurement process. Tenders released for construction.
- October 2017 - Construction tender awarded.
- October/November 2017 - Construction scheduling including staged work zones.
- February / March 2018 – Unitywater mains water line replacement (outside of school holiday period).
• No construction work during Easter Queensland school holiday period.
• April - November 2018 - Construction
• Late November 2018 - Stage 4 work complete.

As has been the case in previous stages, local businesses and the community will be kept informed about the project, ahead of, and during construction.

*Stage 4 construction schedule to be confirmed after appointment of successful construction contractor. All dates subject to weather and site conditions.

Unitywater works - February to March 2018

From February to March 2018 Unitywater will be replacing the underground water main pipes in Upper Bulcock Street.

These works will be scheduled as nightworks and are independent of the streetscape work. They have been timed to take place in the quieter retail period to help minimise impacts on businesses and the community.

Based on learnings from Stage 3 work it is expected that completing the water upgrade ahead of streetscape construction will assist the streetscape process to proceed more efficiently.

Once the water main pipes are replaced it is likely that temporary footpaths (bitumen) will be in place before streetscape construction commences.

Unitywater will liaise with directly affected businesses with the support of council.

Tree groves and landscaping

Council and independent arborists have determined that the nine roadside fig trees in Stage Four present significant ongoing maintenance and safety issues, based on structural instability relating to the trees' underdeveloped root systems.

As part of Stage 4 work, the upright concrete planter boxes will be removed and the fig trees replaced with more suitable species of an advanced size (up to approximately 4.5m in height) along with attractive, ground level planting areas.

The new landscape design includes two ‘tree groves’ at the upper end of Bulcock Street. The groves are larger, planted areas that will provide shade and include multiple, advanced size trees and understorey plants.

A new seating area on Knox Avenue will allow for views to the Pumicestone Passage.

Approximately 70 additional trees, and accompanying plants and shrubs will feature in Stage 4 providing a welcoming, green, natural environment for residents and visitors.

Stage 3 lighting feature update

Development of the major lighting feature incorporated as part of Stage 3 (lower Bulcock Street) is now well advanced and in the tender procurement process.

Council is committed to achieving the best outcome for Caloundra and ensuring that the bespoke feature lighting, engineering and budget meets the Streetscape project requirements.

It is expected that the final design and successful contractor will be appointed by late August 2017.

A timetable for construction/installation will then be determined pending appointment of the successful contractor.

Installation will be timed to exclude peak holiday periods (where possible).

Council will continue to keep the community informed of progress.
Message from your local councillor

The new design for Stage 4 of the Streetscape project looks fantastic and builds on the design elements of Stage 3.

I encourage you to visit the Caloundra Library and view the display.

Some eight months after major construction was completed for Stage 3, I’ve enjoyed seeing how the upgrade has further enhanced Downtown Caloundra.

Some new businesses have joined us, the new landscaping and trees continue to grow, businesses have received positive feedback about the ‘new look’ street and the new road profile has greatly improved accessibility for events such as the recent Downunder Beachfest and our regular Caloundra Street Fair.

Although there have been some delays with the lighting feature we will soon have yet another element to be proud of in Bulcock Street. The feature will help to activate our night time economy and provide an interesting focal point for residents and visitors during the day.

We have much to be proud of in our town and the Stage 4 Streetscape Upgrade will build on all of this and more.

Division 2 Councillor Tim Dwyer

For more information

To learn more about the Bulcock Street Streetscape project visit council’s website at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au

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