



August 2019

Dear Mentone Resident/Trader

### **Mentone Renaissance – traffic improvements & projects update**

The new Mentone Piazza is now officially open to the community, providing a new open space to enjoy in the heart of Mentone. The building of the piazza has been a long-anticipated project and we appreciate the community's patience during the works.

#### **Traffic improvements**

Council has listened and responded to community concerns regarding the traffic conditions in Mentone and agreed to a number of changes to improve pedestrian safety and ease traffic congestion including:

- Re-opening the right turn from Como Parade West into Mentone Parade
- Re-establishing the T-intersection at Mentone Parade and Florence Street
- Adding a pedestrian crossing at the northern leg of Mentone Parade from the piazza to the northern side of Florence Street to improve pedestrian safety, particularly for the large numbers of students in the area.

Please see accompanying map for more detail.

#### **Traffic construction details**

Construction works for the traffic improvements will take place over two nights, between Sunday 1 September and Saturday 7 September. Exact dates will be determined based on the most favourable weather conditions during this period.

All works will be conducted at night to minimise disruption to local traders and the community. Road closures will be in place during the hours of 9pm – 5am, but will be open at all other times (buses will continue to run as usual). Asphalt works will take place first, with temporary line-markings in place. Permanent line-markings, traffic treatments and signage will follow.

We apologise for any inconvenience during the works and will minimise disruption wherever possible, while maintaining a safe work site.

#### **Investment in Mentone**

Council is continuing its investment in Mentone to support an active and healthy community through major investment in accessible open spaces and sporting facilities.

Works are currently underway to transform the **G.H. Soppet Pavilion in Mentone Reserve**. These works will be completed in two stages and are expected to finish in late 2020. Plans for the enhanced pavilion include quality facilities for male and female athletes that will serve our community for years to come while retaining and conserving the current historic grandstand.

A new \$12 million **Mentone Lifesaving Club facility and precinct** is set to be built thanks to a partnership between Kingston Council and the Victorian Government. Council is currently seeking feedback on the project, you can find out more and share your views via: [yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/mentonelsc](http://yourkingstonyoursay.com.au/mentonelsc)

A new **pocket park in Granary Lane** will soon be constructed for the community to enjoy. The park will feature a new accessible path connection between shops and the carpark, a bespoke social seating table, new park furniture, open lawn spaces, new garden beds and shade tree plantings. The murals on the toilet block will be retained, along with two existing canopy trees, providing shade within the park. Access for vehicles and customers will be maintained via one-way access along Granary Lane.

**Further information**

If you have any questions or for further information, please contact:

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**Traffic improvements:** David Wang, Traffic Engineer 1300 653 356

**Business liaison:** Mr Gary Scott, Retail Liaison Officer 9581 4908.

Yours sincerely,

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**Rachelle Quattrocchi**

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