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**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

- Havelock St extension
- Richardson Park and The Promenade at Junction Place in partnership with Places Victoria
- Completion of South St between High and Smythe streets, including landscaping
- Completion of works in High St, including accessibility and landscaping (Water Tower to Sesame Lane and Bond St to South St)

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**CITY HEART PROJECT**


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WHAT'S BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR

WORKS COMPLETED

- Construction of Smythe and Watson street extensions
- Reconstruction of Elgin Boulevard
- Reconstruction of Church St
- Reconstruction of High St (between Bond St and Sesame Lane)
- Reconstruction of Lawrence St/Havelock St intersection
- Construction of Junction Square
- Construction of South St (between Hovell and High streets)
- Construction of The Promenade
- Introduction of wombat crossings to Lawrence St (west and east) and Havelock St

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Construction of Havelock St extension
- Introduction of wombat crossings to Elgin Boulevard
Reconstruction of **South St** (between Smythe and High streets) including hard and soft landscaping and public lighting.

Reconstruction of **High St** (between Bond and South streets) including hard and soft landscaping, shade, seating and public lighting.

Reconstruction of **Bond St** including hard and soft landscaping, and public lighting.

Reconstruction of **High St** (between Sesame Lane and Lawrence St) including hard and soft landscaping, shade and seating and public lighting.

Construction of **Richardson Park** including soft landscaping, shade and seating and lighting.

Please refer to the map on the following page
BUILDING THE WODONGA CITY HEART

LEGEND
- Smythe, Watson and Church streets (completed)
- The Promenade (completed)
- Havelock St extension (in progress)
- South St - Bond St - High St (3rd Qtr 2017 - 2nd Qtr 2018)
- High St (3rd Qtr 2018 - 2nd Qtr 2019)
- Richardson Park (During 2018)
HAVELOCK ST EXTENSION

**Timeline**
Scheduled for completion by April 2017.

**Main features**
- Extension of Havelock St past Quest Apartments through to Osburn St
- Centre median parking
- On-road cycle lane
- Footpath on both sides of road
- Single lane traffic both directions
- Shared pedestrian-cycle track on former rail corridor to be constructed
- Intersection with Osburn St to have traffic signals
- Completes the inner ring road around the CBD, creating a time-efficient travel route for vehicles going north to south.
Timeline
Between September 2017 and April 2018 (these times are not indicative of the length of construction, which will be defined once the plans are finalised and contracts awarded).

Main features
- Reconstruction of High St from Bond St to South St
- Will improve drainage in the area
- Angled parking to remain
- Roundabout at South and Church St intersection in line with community feedback from early in 2015
- Median parking from Church St to Smythe St
- Single lane of traffic in both directions on South St
- Reconstruction of Bond St
- Work will include landscaping, beautification, new street lighting
- New intersection at High and South streets
HIGH ST TO LAWRENCE ST (WATER TOWER)

Timeline
Between September 2018 and April 2019 (these times are not indicative of the length of construction, which will be defined once the plans are finalised and contracts awarded).

Main features
- Will improve drainage in the area
- Includes repaving, new street lights, landscaping
- Parking numbers to be similar to current
- Advanced trees to be planted for immediate shade solution and aesthetics
- Intersection of High St and Stanley St to be improved
- Improvements to the water tower roundabout being considered
- Wombat crossings at Sesame Lane, the post office (traffic lights will be removed) and Woodland Grove
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