

MONARO LANES LANEWAY RENEWAL

Background

In May 2021, Council was successful in securing \$505,701 in funding from the NSW Government's Your High Street grant program to improve safety and functionality in two key pedestrian laneways in the Queanbeyan CBD.

The grant will go towards significant upgrades to Blacksmiths Lane and No Name Lane.

The planned rejuvenation of these spaces aims to increase pedestrian traffic in our community, support local business recovery, provide economic stimulus, and improve community safety and comfort.

This initial concept has been developed by Council's Placemaking team in consultation with key landlords, business owners and laneway users. In this next stage of consultation, the team want to hear from anyone who uses these spaces.

The proposed work in these laneways includes upgraded paving, increased lighting, greenery, seating, and dedicated public art. The concept images present ideas put forward in the Place Plan. Some aspects may change but the overall identity of each lane will remain the same.

No Name Lane - concept visual only



FAQ

What is the Monaro lanes project?

The Monaro Lanes project focuses on the renewal of two key pedestrian laneways; Blacksmiths Lane and No Name Lane. Following the recommendations of the QBN CBD Place Plan Blacksmiths Lane will be brought to life with cultural theming relating to the City's historical past, whilst No Name Lane will feature distinctive lighting and an open-air art gallery celebrating Queanbeyan and its people today. These renewal works will increase pedestrian connection and safety, provide cultural engagement and promote new commercial opportunities.

How is this project being funded?

This project is proudly supported by the NSW Government's Your High Street grant program. The grant of \$505,701 will cover specialist project management and curation support alongside the delivery of improvements.

Find out more: <https://www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/great-public-spaces/streets/grants-for-councils>

How will the works impact on businesses and customers of Monaro Street and surrounds?

Council has engaged adjacent property land owners and businesses who have provided feedback and are supportive of the laneway renewal works. The project team will continue to work with key stakeholders, Monaro Street businesses and the wider community to mitigate the impacts of construction, especially in relation to the Monaro Street Upgrade.

How long will it take to complete the works?

Construction and installation is currently planned to take place between January and April 2022. More information will be provided to key stakeholders and the wider community once an installation plan has been finalised.

Is this part of the main street upgrade?

The Monaro Lanes project is separate, but linked, to the upgrade of Monaro Street. Both projects are being overseen by the same team in Council to make sure the proposed work is consistent. Concept designs for the main street are proposed to be exhibited during August 2021. It is anticipated that most of the Monaro Lanes project will be completed before the larger disruption from the main street upgrade commences. Both projects are a part of Renew 2620 which will transform the Queanbeyan CBD over the next decade.



Blacksmiths Lane - concept visual only

