



Nelson Bay pedestrian bridge

Pedestrian access changes from the Public Domain Plan



The Nelson Bay Public Domain Plan was completed in 2019. The plan identified the removal of the Nelson Bay Pedestrian Bridge to help create a more generous pedestrian environment.

As part of our maintenance program, structural issues were identified earlier this year and the bridge was removed in April for further assessment. The examination of the bridge outlined extensive improvements would be required to meet current building codes and ensure the safety of pedestrians and traffic. The costs associated with these repairs are significant and based on the assessment would only be a short term fix. Council is now bringing forward the permanent removal of the pedestrian bridge. Works on the remaining components of the bridge will begin in November with an aim to complete as much work as possible prior to the busy summer holiday period.

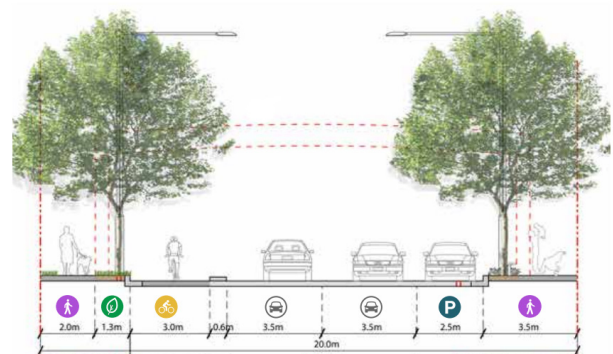
Key points

- The Nelson Bay Public Domain Plan (2019) recommends the removal of the pedestrian bridge to create a more generous pedestrian environment.
- Traffic and transport data collected in 2020 shows that approximately 8% of pedestrians in the Nelson Bay area use the footbridge.
- Council will work closely with businesses impacted by these works to activate the space and revitalise the Nelson Towers shopping arcade.
- Works will commence on the northern (Apex Park) side to remove the bulk of the redundant structure and open the area as additional grassed space.
- Currently, the Nelson Towers side of the bridge includes utilities from the surrounding businesses. Works to remove these sections will be undertaken in early 2023. Council will work with local businesses to make this area more attractive until remaining demolition works can occur.
- Council will continue to work with our community on how to improve pedestrian safety and access, and the liveability of the Nelson Bay area (in line with Nelson Bay Domain Plan adopted 2019).



Project timeline

-  Bridge removed for assessment
April 2022
-  Nelson Bay business engagement
August - September 2022
-  Council briefing - Pedestrian Bridge
September 2022
-  Nelson Towers community meeting
September 2022
-  Stage 1 component removal
October - December 2022
-  Activation of the space
December 2022 - March 2023
-  Stage 2 component removal
March - May 2023

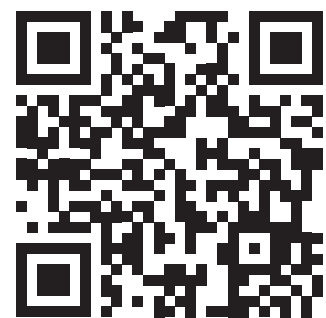


Rendering of future streetscape plans for Victoria Parade

Nelson Bay Public Domain Plan

Our community has told us what they want in a reinvigorated town centre and the vision for Nelson Bay aims to enhance local character, attract investment, and create vibrant streets to revitalise Nelson Bay. Streets that prioritise people, a greener town centre and more spaces for the community to enjoy - that's the exciting new vision for Nelson Bay. The Nelson Bay Public Domain Plan will be used to guide future investment in the Bay, including grant funding and future works by Council.

Access the Nelson Bay Domain Plan via the QR Code or link below



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