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WORKS NOTIFICATION

Munro site: corner of Queen and Therry streets

Construction of the city's largest new community hub has now entered its second phase - piling and excavation for the basement car park.

Excavation works are underway and foundations are being laid for the development. During this phase there will be an increase in truck movements and the number construction personnel on-site which may result in minor disruptions. It will be business as usual for the Queen Victoria Market with plans in place to ensure the smooth operation of the market during works.

Thanks for your patience as we work to deliver this important community infrastructure, a key project in the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal program.

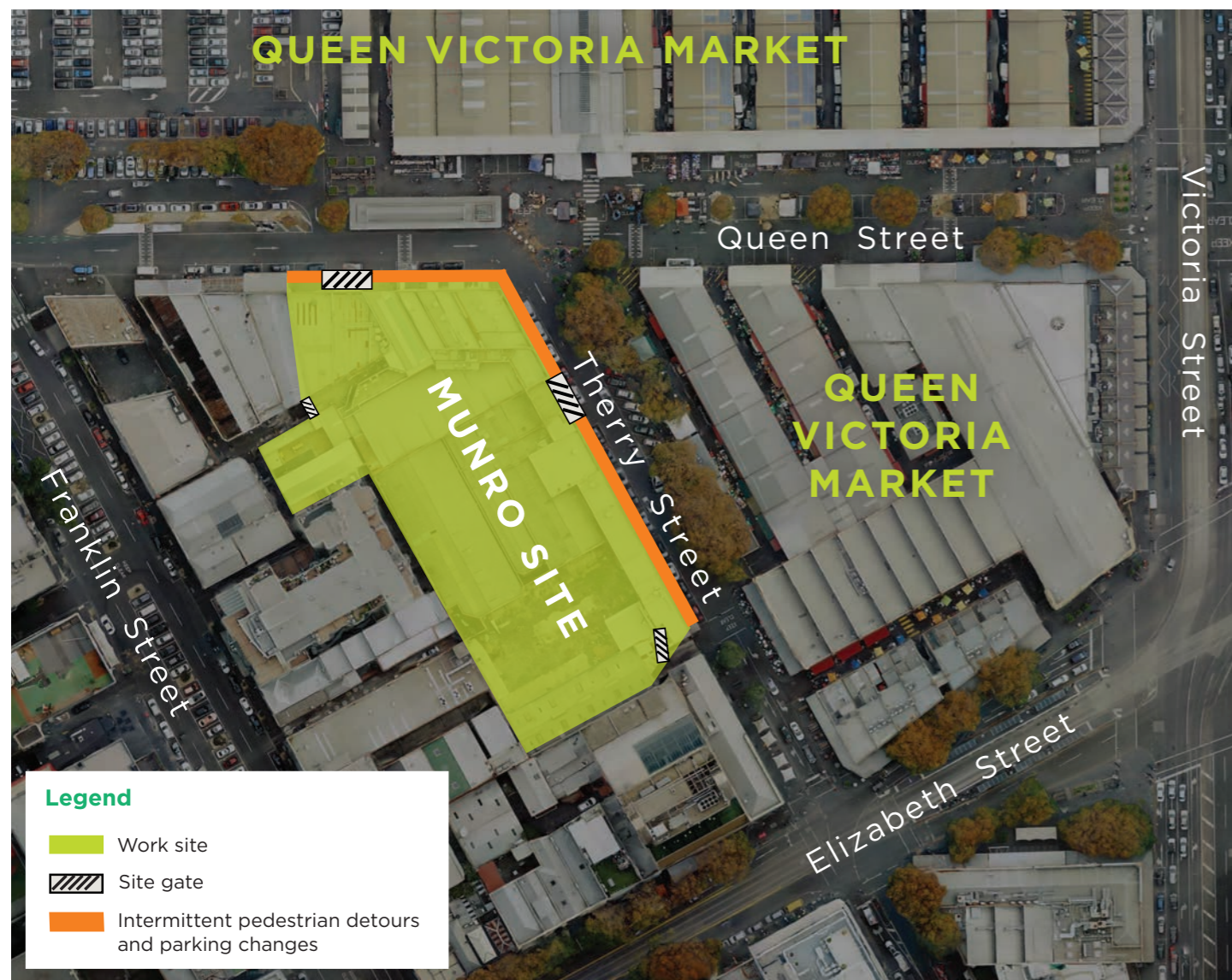
What's happening

- Archaeological investigations complete.
- Piling and excavation works underway.
- CitiPower works to lay electrical cabling in Queen and Therry streets complete.
- Works will be undertaken within approved construction management plans and in accordance with WorkSafe and EPA guidelines.

Munro at a glance

- 120 place childcare facility
- maternal child health and family services centre
- community centre and kitchen
- affordable apartments
- 500 underground car parks for market customers
- event space and theatrette
- 2500m² of new open space and laneways
- boutique hotel
- residential apartments
- complementary hospitality and retail stores

Site map



Indicative only

When

Construction hours on the Munro site:

- 7am to 5.30pm - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- 7am to 4.30pm - Wednesday
- 7am to 3.30pm - Saturday

What to expect

- Residents and businesses in close proximity to the work area may experience some inconvenience.
- Works are expected to generate low to medium levels of noise during construction hours.
- During piling works there may be short periods of increased noise.

- There will be intermittent footpath closures on the east side of Queen Street and south side of Therry Street.
- There will be some disruption around the site including the temporary removal of some car parking on the east side of Queen Street and south side of Therry Street.
- There will be increased truck movements with trucks entering the site from gates on Queen Street and Therry Street, and exiting onto Therry Street.
- Traffic management plans have been approved and traffic controllers will be in place to manage truck and pedestrian movements. Please be patient and follow the instructions of traffic controllers.
- Works will be undertaken within approved construction management plans and in accordance with WorkSafe and EPA guidelines.

Archaeological findings

Detailed archaeological investigations across the Munro site have unearthed some remarkable evidence of Melbourne's early landscape and environmental history.

Under the remains of the former Therry Street shops, excavations revealed evidence of a creek (water line) beneath substantial layers of introduced fill. The fill was likely used to cover the creek bed, shoring up soft ground and creating a level site so the shops could be constructed in 1913.

The creek is believed to be an upper branch of the historic 'Williams Creek', a natural water course that ran under the current day Elizabeth Street, through the central city and emptied into the Yarra River. This upper branch would have likely have carried water draining from the north west of the Munro site, under the current Queen Victoria Market.

Soil samples have been taken and will be further analysed to establish the age of the creek bed, the historic rate of water flow, and identify any pollens and flora.

As well as the creek, archaeologists also discovered a number of interesting items linked to previous uses on the site including:

- **J McEwan and Co Ironmonger (c1860s):** A clear line of timber stumps, most likely associated with a shed from the ironmonger and later hardware chain, located in the area behind the current Jasper Hotel.
- **Bottle dump:** Thousands of bottles in all shapes and types were discovered underneath the former Mercat Cross Hotel, suggesting this location area may have been used as a commercial bottle dump prior to construction of the original buildings in 1944.

- **Jas A Munro & Co Sawmill (c1913):** A sawmill operated on the site until the 1920s. Fragments of large round grinding stones originally used to sharpen the sawmill blades were found during investigations. It is believed these stones were later reused as paving stones in a number of locations across the site.
- **Queen Street residence (c1860s):** Rough cut bluestone foundations and verandah post holes were located near Queen Street, suggesting a small early residence was once in this location. This supports 19th century plans of the area suggesting that at least one house faced Queen Street in the mid 1800s, later replaced by larger warehouses and buildings.
- **Artefacts (c1850s):** A range of artefacts were found across the site including an intact 'torpedo' bottle, ceramic tobacco pipes, stoneware, glass and handmade bricks, penny ink bottles and numerous fragments of porcelain plates.

While on-site archaeological investigations are now complete, further information on the findings will be progressively researched, illustrated and catalogued over the coming months. Some of these items will be returned for public display in the future.



Above: Archaeologists uncovered evidence of a creek line beneath the 1913 Therry Street shops. Believed to be an upper branch of the historic 'Williams Creek', the creek line drained the land from the north west of the Munro site and continued south east another 150 metres toward the current day Elizabeth Street and to the Yarra River. Inset: diagram showing the creekline's location under the Therry Street shops. Images supplied by Extent Heritage.

Upcoming works

What's happening



Piling and excavation

During piling and excavation works there may be periods of medium level noise and dust. Works will be undertaken within approved construction management plans and in accordance with WorkSafe and EPA guidelines.



Traffic changes and truck movements

With increased truck movements during excavation works there may be traffic impacts in Queen and Therry streets. There may also be intermittent parking changes on the east side of Queen Street and south side of Therry Street. Please be patient and follow the signs and directions of traffic controllers.



Pedestrians

There will be intermittent changes to pedestrian access around the site for the duration of works as well as increased traffic movements. Pedestrians are reminded to follow designated footpaths and be mindful when crossing roads around the site.

Look ahead



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