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Victor Harbor Mainstreet Upgrade on track for early completion

Stage Four of the City of Victor Harbor's Mainstreet Precinct Upgrade is on track for completion a month ahead of schedule.

Despite a delayed start, wet weather and a number of construction hurdles, the project contractor, Outside Ideas, has confirmed they expect major works to be complete by the end of October with remaining components such as landscaping, paving, furniture and public art installation to be finalised by the end of November 2022.

Stage Four of the City of Victor Harbor's Mainstreet Precinct Upgrade commenced in June 2022 and has included a significant overhaul of ageing underground services along with sweeping streetscape upgrades.

The \$8.8 million project, co-funded by the City of Victor Harbor and Government of South Australia's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program, aims to reinvigorate the tourism hub of Victor Harbor's town centre.

City of Victor Harbor Acting Chief Executive Officer, Karen Rokicinski, said the project is creating a welcoming, accessible and vibrant public space.

"Council's vision for our Mainstreet Precinct is to develop a place where people want to spend time and businesses want to invest. Most importantly, this project is about providing a space that our community can be proud of," said Ms Rokicinski.

Stage Four of the Mainstreet Precinct Upgrade is one of the biggest projects that the City of Victor Harbor has delivered.

"The initial Mainstreet Precinct Master Plan identified Stage Four as two separate stages, which would have meant double the disruption to the Precinct. Combining them to deliver Stage Four in one hit ultimately reduced impact but doubled the size of the project," said Ms Rokicinski.

"This is the third stage of the Mainstreet Precinct Upgrade that Outside Ideas has delivered, and they have again shown impressive expertise in delivering major projects."

"The team's communication with local businesses has been exceptional and their drive to complete this project successfully is shown through the quality of work and early completion."

The announcement of a project completion date is news welcomed by local traders.

“While the project team worked hard to minimise the impact on local businesses and the community, disruption is inevitable with projects of this scale,” said Ms Rokicinski.

“The Council would like to extend a huge thank you to Mainstreet traders and building owners for their support and patience during the construction works.”

With a completion date now confirmed, planning has commenced for an opening celebration event in early December that will bring Mainstreet traders, building owners and the wider community together to enjoy the vibrant new streetscape.

Details of the opening celebration are expected to be finalised and shared with the community in early November.

Further information about the Mainstreet Precinct Upgrade is available online at www.victor.sa.gov.au/mainstreet or by calling 8551 0500.