DENNYS PLACE

28 Malop street update

This project is being delivered as part of the $382 million Geelong City Deal, a collaborative plan to transform Geelong and the Great Ocean Road by the Australian and Victorian Governments, and the City of Greater Geelong through the Revitalising Central Geelong Action Plan.

Project update – 27 January 2022

**The internal demolition of 28 Malop Street has now commenced. This is the first stage of construction works in the Dennys Place Laneway breakthrough project to create a new connection between Malop Street and Little Malop street’s restaurant, bar and retail precinct.**

The walkability of central Geelong is set to improve with works now beginning in an important mid-block breakthrough project to extend Dennys Place laneway.

The new Dennys Place laneway will create a direct link from Malop Street to Geelong’s exciting Little Malop Street restaurant, bar and retail precinct, dramatically improving pedestrian flow through central Geelong and bringing new life to the city. The Dennys Place connection is seen as critical and offers good line of sight connectivity between Clare and Little Malop streets, while also creating a connection from the waterfront to the medical precinct at an intimate scale that encourages pedestrian movement.

Construction on the Dennys Place Laneway Project has now commenced, with the project estimated to be completed in October 2022.

Upcoming works

**Period starting 27 January ­­2022**



28 Malop street

Site has been cleaned and all access points secured for the holiday shutdown period.

Internal demolition works set to recommence 27 January 2022.  
Expect 1-2 trucks to enter and leave the site daily, with facilitated movement through the lane during these times  
  
Archaeologist onsite to provide final observations, as well as perform further investigation of uncovered locations during demolition.

dennys place laneway

No further works or impact to Dennys Place Laneway within the next fortnight.

Timeline



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What to expect

**CONSTRUCTION HOURS**

**Weekdays** 7am to 5pm, and

**Saturdays** 8.30am to 3.30pm

NOISE AND DUST

Standard construction machinery will be in use – Expect noise and vibrations from internal demolition works during construction hours

Laneway Access

Dennys Place remains open with escorted management of construction vehicles.

All buildings access remains accessible

PEDESTRIAN Access- MALOP STREET

No change to pedestrian access

**Traffic cONDITIONS**

**MALOP ST**

**No change** to traffic conditions

**DENNYS PLACE LANEWAY**

Dennys Place laneway public traffic will be escorted to allow for waste removal from the 28 Malop St demolition site

Expect 1-2 trucks to enter and leave the site daily, with facilitated movement through the lane during these times.​

**A horse drawn carriage in front of a building

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**28 Malop Street - Site History**

The earliest records show the property owned by JF Stachan in the late 1830s/ early 1840s but a building is not shown to occupy the land until 1853. Rates and Sands directories record saddlers Marsh & Johnstone occupying a brick shop and offices from 1854 until 1862.

From 1863 tinsmiths Freeman & Gaydon occupy and trade from a stone 2 story warehouse (c1870s image of building shown to the right). James Gaydon died in 1870 and the property is occupied by various Freemans; first George, then Benjamin and then Freeman & Sons.  
Freeman & Sons are last reordered at the property in 1911. There is a gap in rates and Sands directories until 1924 when the property is described as brick offices (the current building) and occupied by real estate agents Ross, Smith & McDonald.

**Fortnightly Precinct Partner Meetings**

Running on a **Thursday evening** from 5-5.30pm, precinct traders, residents, building owners and other tenants are invited to an information session to discuss the upcoming works and co-design solutions to any construction activities that may impact the precinct. If you would like to join, please email [rcg@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:rcg@geelongcity.vic.gov.au) and we will add you to the invite list.