



Warragul CBD Streetscape Project

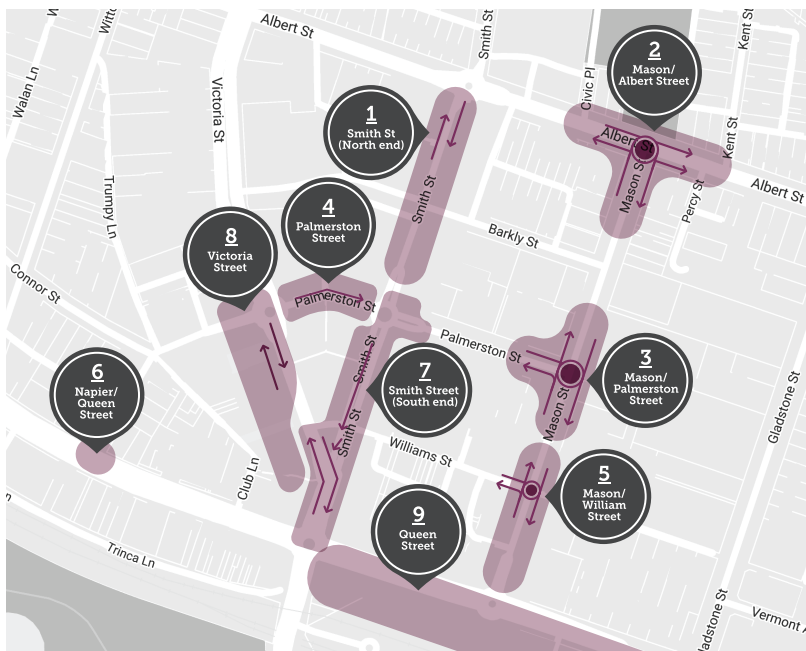
Revitalising the heart of Warragul

Baw Baw Shire Council is investing in upgrades to improve the experience and appeal for those visiting Warragul's CBD. With a growing population and limited space within an existing CBD area, the project is introducing changes that improve safety and access for pedestrians and streamline traffic flow.

The project involves a staged roll out, with each stage working together to help traffic move into, around, and out of the CBD area. The project also aims to create a more pedestrian-friendly precinct evoking a mall-like feeling. Wider paths, dedicated crossing points and amenity improvements all encourage easier and safer movement on foot - while being surrounded by beautiful trees, plantings, pathways and bench seating.

Each stage of this project is being delivered in close consultation with local businesses and shops to support Warragul's retail industry. In the long term, the project will benefit the local economy by encouraging more people to visit, shop, dine, occupy and enjoy the public areas of the Warragul CBD.

Project stages



Community benefits

Beautification works

- New coloured and patterned pavements restoring character to the town complementing the existing heritage.
- Wider footpaths evoking a mall-like atmosphere which is more pleasant for shopping, browsing and outdoor dining.
- Integrated bench seating invites better access to the Cenotaph creating a village-feel.
- Enhancing sustainability and natural beauty with fresh trees and gardens.



Practical improvements

- Planned new traffic lights at Queen/Napier Street will provide alternative access in and out of the CBD area, and making it safe and easy for drivers to bypass the Queen Street roundabout.
- Smooth new road surfaces are more pleasant for drivers.
- Drainage improvements to better cater for storm events.



One-way streets

Coping with increased traffic in a finite space

Warragul's population is growing. There is more traffic, but no new road space available in an existing CBD. One-way streets are designed to better manage and direct this increased traffic flow for safety and practicality within the confines of the available space.

Pedestrian Friendly

One-way streets are more pedestrian-friendly. There are two main benefits; improved safety and amenity. One-way traffic flow is more predictable making it safer and easier for pedestrians to navigate the town on foot. For those who can't get around as easily, we've increased the number of accessible (disabled) parking spaces.

Accessibility improvements

- Make crossing points safer and more accessible.
- Increased number of accessible [disabled] parking spaces.














Project stages

Cost

Construction Timeline

Status at February 2019

	1	Smith Street (North end) Installation of a median strip with new plantings, two new pedestrian crossings and accessibility compliant car parks.	\$250,000	2016/17	Complete ✓
	2	Mason/Albert Street Construction of two new roundabouts to improve traffic flow around the outskirts of the CBD.	\$470,000	2017/18	Complete ✓
	3	Mason/Palmerston Street Construction of a new roundabout to improve traffic flow around the outskirts of the CBD.	\$370,000	2017/18	Complete ✓
	4	Palmerston Street One-way east bound traffic conversion, better pedestrian access, more angled parking and improved drainage.	\$1,400,000	2017/18	Complete ✓
	5	Mason/William Street Construction of a new roundabout to improve traffic flow around the outskirts of the CBD.	\$250,000	2017/18	Complete ✓
	6	Napier/Queen Street New traffic lights, kerb and line markings providing a safer alternative access point in and out of the CBD area.	Budget estimate \$400,000	2018/19	Works planned for April
	7	Smith Street (South end) One-way south bound traffic conversion, road and footpath widening, accessible crossing points and improved drainage.	Budget estimate \$1,500,000	2018/19	Works commencing in Feb/March
	8	Victoria Street Beautification works, upgraded footpaths, new kerb and channel (from Queen to Napier Streets - VicRoads owned road).	Budget estimate \$1,000,000	2019/20	Planning and design
	9	Queen Street Improved path layout (Queen Street Park), improved paving, promenade pedestrian pathway and relocation of existing toilet block.	Budget estimate \$480,000	2020/21	Concept