

Aquamoves Car Park Redevelopment



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We are very excited by the improvements a new Aquamoves car park will bring and are looking forward to offering greatly enhanced accessibility for our members and the wider community.

Works to redevelop the car park will be ongoing with an anticipated completion date of October 2015.

Overview of the project

The redevelopment of the Aquamoves Car Park includes:

- Reconfiguration of existing parking
- Formalisation of informal parking areas
- Installation of new lighting
- Construction of a shared path network connection and naturally landscaped areas.

Key features of the redevelopment include:

1. More than 160 car parking spaces (156 formalised, 6 dual use parks)
2. Retention of three significant trees
3. Connection to the shared path network — Funded by the Victorian Government
4. New lighting throughout the carpark
5. Four accessible parking spaces
6. Accessible bus parking
7. Two bus bays
8. Four motorcycle parking spaces
9. Naturally landscaped areas
10. Improved traffic flow
11. Path access to all parking spaces
12. Raised and lit pedestrian crossings (pedestrians have right of way)

A staged approach will be undertaken to complete the works to minimise disruption to centre users. Aquamoves ask that users be mindful that factors such as weather may impact on the project completion dates.



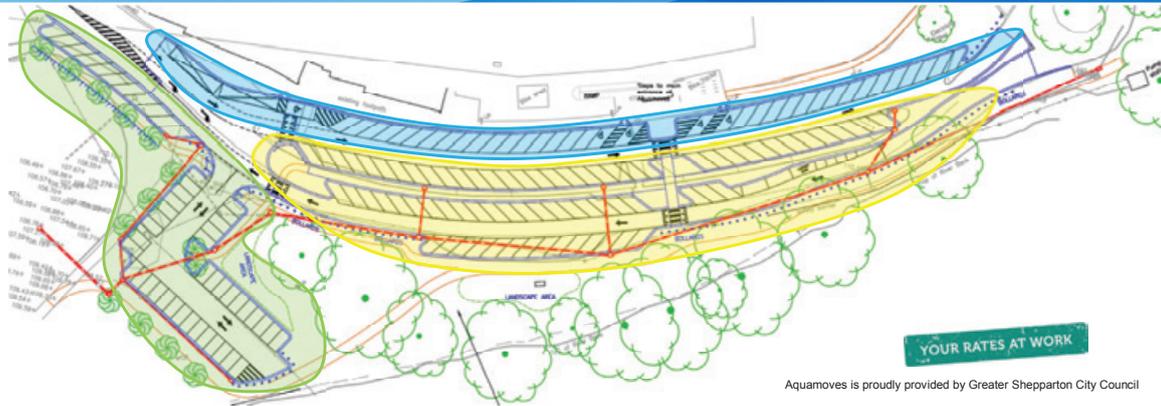
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Stage 1 – Construct Northern Section

- Expected timeframe: mid-June – late July
- Approximately 77 formal car parks available
- Informal area south of the large trees available for parking

Stage 2 – Construct Western Section

- Expected timeframe: late July – early September
- Approximately 65 formal car parks available

Stage 3 – Construct Eastern Section

- Expected timeframe: early September – late October
- Approximately 85 formal car parks available

Alternative parking is located to the north and south along Tom Collins Drive. Traffic management arrangements will be in place.

Retention of the existing trees

The car park design incorporates three Red Gum trees located in the current carpark area. There are a number of reasons for this:

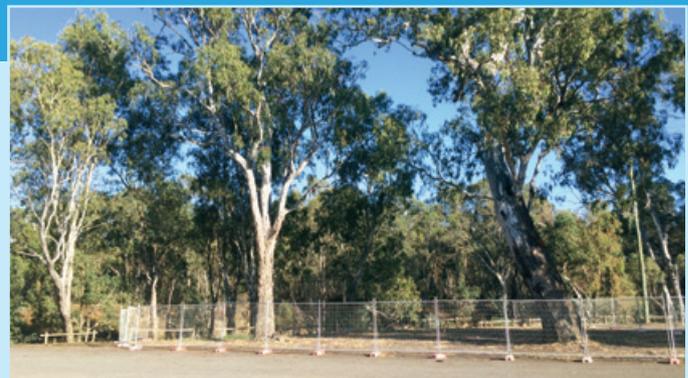
The Red Gums in the car park are in the best health and condition of most of the Red Gums on Council managed land. Their canopy is large and dense, the colour of the leaves is a healthy green and their shape is very typical of healthy red gums. It's a great opportunity for the community to see what healthy red gums should look like.

They are old trees (at least 150 years), so they are very important in the Aquamoves landscape.

The trees provide vital habitat and safe passage for the nationally endangered squirrel glider which is protected under the Federal Government's Biodiversity and Environment Protection Act 1999 and the State Government Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.

The trees have deep and well established root systems that are contributing to the bank stabilisation. The trees that are growing on the bank will eventually fall over as the river slowly eats onto the bank, so the Red Gums located further away from the edge in the Aquamoves car park will provide extra support to the integrity of the bank.

The trees provide great aesthetic value to the precinct, break



up the car park and tie the formal design into the natural environment.

Climate change will see longer summers with hotter days and warmer nights. The trees will contribute to reducing the temperature around the car park by providing shade on the asphalt during the day, a cool spot for wildlife to retreat to and help to break up strong winds as our storms become more frequent.

Council adopted the Environmental Sustainability Strategy which guides Council's commitment to sustainable development. The decision to retain the trees is an example of Council meeting the standards it set.

The Aquamoves team appreciates the works will cause inconvenience to our valued members and centre users; however we seek your patience and cooperation throughout this process.



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