

Have Your Say

Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk Precinct

Frequently Asked Questions

PRE-CONCEPT STAGE (August/September 2021)

What is the Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk Precinct?

Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk Precinct (the Precinct) is an important regional visitor destination located on Long Road on Tamborine Mountain, on a State controlled road.

It is a pedestrian shopping and hospitality precinct that services Tamborine Mountain locals and visitors with more than 70 speciality shops in one block.

What consultation, designs and improvements have been done already?

There have been several projects over the past 20 years that have identified issues and opportunities to improve the Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk Precinct.

Community and stakeholders have been consulted previously and a number of improvements have been made, however a number of issues remain.

In 2000, the Beaudesert Shire Council's Gallery Walk Tamborine Mountain Revitalisation project identified many existing strengths and several opportunities for improvement. Enhancements and improvements that were implemented then included the construction of new public toilets.

Following community engagement with local residents and key stakeholders in 2010, the Scenic Rim Regional Council proposed the Gallery Walk Renewal Plan. Public feedback to the plan was mixed but with one clear message - more parking was needed.

In 2017, the Rhoda Rushbrook Park was opened and in the same year the Tamborine Mountain Gateway project identified a number of elements to upgrade the Precinct.

Without external funding these projects weren't been able to progress.

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What is different about this project?

This project is focused on the end goal of sourcing the funding needed for specific improvements and upgrades to Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk Precinct.

In 2020, Council successfully applied to the Queensland Government's Building Our Regions program and it allocated \$150,100 towards a Pedestrian Boulevard Business Case, and Council is contributing \$75,100.

This project will deliver a costed business case for a concept design based on up-to-date community feedback.

Using the business case Council will seek grant funding from all tiers of government to progress to the detailed design and construction phase.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads is responsible for Long Road and Council continues to advocate for additional improvements to support the Gallery Walk Precinct.

Why is the project needed?

Previous studies have found that parking is the key concern for the Precinct. This is because:

- existing parking spaces are not being used because of how close they are to the drains
- there is no physical boundary such as wheel stop or kerb between parking space and footpath (meaning that drivers can inadvertently park on the footpath)
- parking spaces do not meet current standards in some places, and
- there is not enough accessible parking.

There are further issues with bus and pedestrian accessibility and access to properties. This leads to congestion in the Precinct, frustration for shoppers and business owners, hazards to pedestrians as well as drivers, and a less pleasant experience for all concerned.

We are starting with a fresh round of consultation to ensure we have an up-to-date understanding of community, stakeholder and visitor needs and ideas for input into the concept designs and business case.

This planning project will include an evaluation of design options for the following:

- redeveloped pedestrian and traffic accessibility (including on and off-street customer carparking, visitor coach and visitors' vehicle parking)
- upgraded public amenities, and
- improved streetscape, including providing shade, informative signage and increased opportunities for alfresco dining.

How can the community influence the concept designs and business case?

There are several opportunities for community members, businesses and visitors to share their values and ideas for improving the Gallery Walk Precinct.



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August: Pre-concept stage

Before any concepts are designed, Council is launching an online survey to ask these key questions of users of the Gallery Walk Precinct.

- What do you value about the area?
- How do you use it?
- What would you like to see changed and what do you think should stay the same?

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Printed surveys (postcards) will be available at the Tamborine Mountain Library and Tamborine Mountain Visitor Information Centre and will be delivered to Tamborine Mountain households.

There will also be a Listening Post in Rhoda Rushbrook Park on the corner Long and Eagle Heights Roads, Tamborine Mountain on Saturday 21 August from 9am to 1pm for locals and visitors to the Gallery Walk Precinct to share their ideas.

Survey closes Sunday 5 September 2021.

The information provided will be used to prepare concepts designs.

October: Concept Designs

Concept designs will capture the community feedback and identify options for a broad scope of works. Concept designs will give community members the general look and feel of what the Gallery Walk Precinct could offer.

The concept designs will be available on Council's website in October. They will also be available for viewing via an Open House and at two static displays on Long Road.

Council will provide a public feedback form and this will be shared with community members, businesses and visitors to seek feedback on the concept designs by asking these key questions.

- What do you think of the concept designs?
- Do you prefer one?
- What changes would you suggest to your favourite one to make it any better?

December: Final Concept presented

Council will present the final preferred option in December. No further feedback will be invited at this stage.

The final concept will be available on Council's website in December. They will also be available for viewing via an Open House and at two static displays on Long Road.

Early 2022: Business Case

To ensure the final concept design provides good value for money, a business case will be prepared that will outline the construction, operation and maintenance costs over the determined life of the project and compare these to the tangible and intangible benefits the Gallery Walk Precinct can bring in terms of economic, social, environmental and cultural improvements.

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Who are the consultants?

Council has engaged industry experts to support Council Officers with community consultation and to prepare the concept designs and business case.

You may see and hear from representatives from Complete Urban and Engagement Plus alongside Council officers.

Does this mean there will be improvements to the Precinct soon?

Council will use the concept designs and business case to advocate for grant funding from all tiers of government for the detailed design and construction phase.

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How is this different to the Cook Road Gallery Walk Bypass?

The Cook Road Gallery Walk bypass is a proposed connection road between Macdonnell Road and Eagle Heights Road, via Cook Road, on Tamborine Mountain.

This would reduce the number of vehicles to the highly trafficked pedestrian area, which would allow the safe movement of commercial, visitor and residential through traffic.

The proposed bypass is a Department of Transport and Main Roads project, separate from Tamborine Mountain Gallery Walk Pedestrian Boulevard Business Case project.



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