

DRUMMOYNE SHARED SPACES PILOT

FACT SHEET

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What is Council proposing exactly?

The City of Canada Bay has received funding from the NSW Government as part of the Streets as Shared Spaces Fund to pilot two temporary road closures in Drummoyne.

These streets were identified as pilot sites during Council's 2019 Victoria Road Urban Design Review which undertook extensive consultation with the local community to set priorities for the area.



You can read the report at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au or by scanning the QR code.

The pilot, running from 26 October – 31 December 2020, will see a small section of Formosa Street at Lyons Road closed, and Church Street become one-way from Formosa Street to flow on to Victoria Road only.

By creating new public spaces, we will promote how they could come to life for the local community to enjoy. We hope that the pilot will demonstrate how shared “piazza” style spaces can add to the area’s vibrancy, providing new opportunities for community events, and stimulating outcomes for local business.

Formosa St



This pilot will close the northern end of Formosa Street, whilst retaining vehicular access to adjacent properties. The resulting public space would be redesigned to provide seating opportunities, landscaping and other amenities suitable for a public square.

Six parking spots will be removed as well as the taxi zone. The disabled parking spot is not being moved elsewhere during the pilot. Should the pilot be successful, Council will review disabled parking amenity in the area to ensure there is sufficient accessible parking.

Church Street



As community gathering space was a key element desired by the local community identified in the Victoria Road Urban Design Review, this pilot will partially close Church Street while retaining traffic flow from Formosa Street to Victoria Road.

There will be 10 parking spots removed in Church Street during the pilot, with the two existing disabled spaces being moved around the corner into Formosa St.

Left hand turn onto Thompson Street from Lyons Road pilot

‘No Left Turn, 6am-10am Monday to Friday’ restrictions apply at a number of streets for westbound traffic on Lyons Road. As Council is temporarily removing the left hand turn into Formosa Street from Lyons Road, we will also be

trialling removal of the 'No Left Turn' restriction on Lyons Road at Thompson Street.

How can residents get involved?

Come and visit the spaces! We want to hear your ideas. What would you like to do there? What is needed to bring it to life?

There will be a number of COVID-safe opportunities to engage with Council on site and up to date information will be available at collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au.

Council is interested in all perspectives regarding the possible impacts of the proposed public spaces, and are committed to working closely with residents and business to achieve an outcome for the whole Drummoyne community.

How can business get involved?

Council is inviting local businesses to hire the spaces without charge throughout the pilot period.

We are open to discussing how both spaces can be activated including outdoor dining, markets, pop-up promotions and summer and Christmas events.

If you would like to be involved, please email business@canadabay.nsw.gov.au or call Nicole Matthews on 9911 6555.

How will the community's feedback be used?

The community's feedback will dictate the outcome of the pilot, along with data gathered on usage of the space by the community and uptake of any activations run throughout the pilot.

Analysis and reporting will ensure Council makes informed decision as to the permanency. If the trial is deemed successful, more permanent civil structures will be planned and installed.

What is the Victoria Road Urban Design Review?

In 2018, the City of Canada Bay commissioned an urban design review of the Victoria Road commercial precinct. The purpose of the Victoria Road Urban Design Review was to develop initiatives that seek to revitalise retail along Victoria Road, improve public domain outcomes and enhance the existing character of surrounding lower density heritage conservation areas.

Key to the review was ensuring that the desired future character of the Victoria Road commercial precinct was identified through consultation with the community and relevant stakeholders.

The report can be viewed at www.collaborate.canadabay.nsw.gov.au

What further studies were done to analyse the recommendations outlined in the review?

At the beginning of 2020, Council engaged a traffic consultant to undertake an independent assessment of the existing traffic conditions in the area to consider potential impacts that might arise from the road closures proposed by the urban design review.

The traffic assessment concluded:

- Traffic movements on Formosa Street are modest and delays at intersections would be minor. The full closure of Formosa Street is considered a feasible option.
- A significant number of vehicles use Church Street to exist onto Victoria Road. The full closure of this intersection is likely to result in major impacts to adjacent intersections. A viable option would be to convert Church Street to one way out.

If the pilots are successful, when would the changes be made permanent?

In early 2021, Council will review the feedback received from the community about the pilot project, with a view to determine whether the pilot was successful in achieving the outcomes sought, and seek to extend the pilot period, progress to more permanent infrastructure or discontinue the pilot.

Who can I contact?

For more information regarding the pilot, please contact Council's Engagement Coordinator Sarah Corry on 9911 6563 or email council@canadabay.nsw.gov.au