What is the Beaumaris Reserve precinct?
The Beaumaris Reserve precinct is the area bounded by Reserve Road, Cloris Avenue, Victor Street and the residences on the western side of Hugo Street in Beaumaris and includes:

- Beaumaris Library
- Beaumaris Art Group Studios
- Beaumaris Memorial Community Centre
- Beaumaris Sports Pavilion used by the Beaumaris Soccer and Cricket Clubs
- Beaumaris Reserve sportsground
- Beaumaris Community Centre Tennis Club
- Beaumaris U3A
- RSL Cenotaph
- car parks
- open space, playground and gardens.

Background
The precinct is progressively being updated. The library, U3A, playground and the community centre have already undergone renovations or redevelopment.

Plans are progressing for the upgrading of facilities for the sports clubs of Beaumaris Reserve, the Beaumaris Art Group and an accessible toilet and shower for the Beaumaris Tennis Club.

The planning for these new facilities has been informed by the Bayside Sportsground Pavilion Improvement Plan which explored the feasibility of the Beaumaris Arts and Sports Pavilion, before Council resolved to deliver two separate projects to better address the individual groups’ needs.

What changes are proposed to the precinct?
Following consultation with the user groups, these plans are underway:

**Beaumaris Sports Pavilion**

Preliminary designs for a new fit-for-purpose sports pavilion have been developed. The clubs are excited for this project to get underway and have access to a pavilion that caters for the clubs’ current and future needs. The design includes accessible facilities, gender neutral change rooms and umpire facilities, community space, storage, kiosk and first aid room.

To improve safety, it is proposed to locate the new pavilion closer to the sportsground and to close the car park in front of the building and create a sealed carpark at the rear of the pavilion. This will allow individuals to move safely from the sportsground to the pavilion without cars crossing their path.

**Beaumaris Community Tennis Club**

A new accessible toilet and shower will be built for the Tennis Club to provide better facilities for people living with disability and casual users of the tennis courts.

**Beaumaris Arts Group Studios**

The architect is working through a number of options with the users to expand the Arts Group Studios to meet current and future needs. Retaining elements of the façade; protecting valuable trees, vegetation and open space; telco infrastructure; workplace safety compliance, all abilities access and providing suitable light for painting and drawing are important factors being considered.

**New pathways and landscaping**

To improve safety and accessibility and connectivity, new pathways are proposed to connect the buildings. We are also proposing some new garden beds and will welcome your feedback on the plans in the new year.

**Public artwork**

We will be commissioning a public artwork and will be inviting your ideas in 2020 so that an artist can create something special for the precinct.
What won’t change
No significant vegetation will be removed.
The existing car parks will not be sealed.

Heritage assessment
A report is currently being prepared assessing the heritage value of the precinct and this will be presented to Council in February 2020.

Council resolved at the meeting on Tuesday 20 November to separate the Sports Pavilion from the rest of the precinct in order for its redevelopment to continue without delay. The Sports Pavilion project is scheduled to be submitted to the planning process early in 2020. The design of the Sports Pavilion will still be sympathetic to the heritage value of the precinct.

The future of the Arts Groups Studios building and the location of the toilet and shower for the Tennis Club is on hold until the outcome of the heritage report. Council will consider the heritage significance of the precinct, the implications for the design options for the Arts Group building and Tennis Club facilities before proceeding with the design process.

Further information
We have more detailed information about the project on our Have Your Say platform on our website. Visit the Beaumaris Reserve precinct project page at bayside.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

The project page includes a number of illustrations about the current thinking for the Arts Group Studios:
- existing site
- site limitations
- minimum compliance upgrade
- indicative moderate footprint expansion retaining some building features
- indicative building footprint with full redevelopment

Drop-in session
If you would like to talk to Council staff about the proposed redevelopment of the Beaumaris Arts Group Studios building, please do come along to a drop-in session:
When  Wednesday 11 December
Time  5.30pm – 7.30pm
Where  Main hall
Beaumaris Memorial Community Centre
96 Reserve Road
Beaumaris

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Please note that this session is to provide information on the redevelopment. Issues concerning the broader operations of the Beaumaris Arts Group or its committee will not be discussed.

If you are not able to attend the meeting but have questions, please contact Emil Klesman via email eklesman@bayside.vic.gov.au or call 9599 4767.

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