The City of Canada Bay is committed to improving and maintaining our town centres and villages. Vibrant town centres contribute to the social and economic wellbeing of our communities and we are supporting our community and local businesses by undertaking the second stage of the Five Dock Streetscape upgrade. These works are from Henry Street to Queens Road.

These works will contribute to improving the visual amenity and pedestrian safety along Great North Road.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- **2013–2015**: Five Dock Streetscape community engagement
- **2016–2017**: Five Dock Streetscape Upgrade Stage One, Lyons Road to Henry Street
- **September 2018**: Five Dock Streetscape Upgrade Stage Two, from Queens Road to Henry Street, revised concept plans placed on public exhibition
- **2019–2020**: NBNCo works complete and easing of COVID–19 restrictions
- **October 2020**: Public tender for construction
- **January 2021 – October 2021**: Estimated construction period dependent on weather and COVID–19 restrictions

While our current focus is on public health and safety, we at the City of Canada Bay are continuing to plan and deliver for our community.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES

Stage Two outcomes include:
- Planting street trees and shrubs
- Installing high quality pavements and street furnishings
- Improvements to the drainage system.

Community consultation on the original concept plans were undertaken in May 2015.

Community consultation on the revised Stage Two concept plans were undertaken in September 2018.

The revisions included:
- **Soft landscaping**
  - Additional trees and low planting on both sides of Ramsay Road
  - Changes to proposed tree locations on Great North Road due to conflicts with traffic signals and building awnings.
- **Street furniture**
  - Addition of pre-cast concrete seating at new and existing street trees.
- **Footpath**
  - Surface treatments changed to align with those used in Stage One.
- **Parking**
  - Previously proposed kerb extension on the southern side of Kings Road has been removed to reduce parking loss
  - Previously proposed kerb extension on the northern side of First Avenue has been shortened to reduce parking loss
  - Previously proposed kerb extension in Garfield Street has been removed to reduce parking loss.
- **Pedestrian crossings**
  - Previously proposed pedestrian crossing in Garfield Street has been removed due to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) requirements
  - Modifications of the crossing at Fred Kelly Place and the south median island extension have been removed due to TfNSW requirements.
WHAT ARE THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS OF THE STREETSCAPE UPGRADE?
- Improving the public amenity which makes the centre a more attractive place to work in and visit
- Implementing a streetscape design which focuses on pedestrian safety through slowing down vehicles
- Enhancing the environmental, social and cultural sustainability of the place
- Retaining and attracting businesses and residents.

WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION COMMENCE? AND HOW LONG WILL IT GO ON FOR?
Council is anticipating to appoint a civil contractor in December 2020, with construction to commence in January 2021 and completion expected in October 2021.

Works will be delivered in stages starting from Henry Street at the north to Queens Road at the south.

HOW IS THIS PROJECT BEING FUNDED AND WHAT IS THE ANTICIPATED COST?
The works are funded from Developer Contributions. Stage Two has a value of approximately $3.3 million.

HOW HAS COUNCIL ENGAGED AND INVOLVED THE COMMUNITY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STREETSCAPE UPGRADE?
In 2011, the City of Canada Bay commenced the journey of taking a holistic approach to addressing issues and opportunities in relation to the Five Dock Town Centre. From 2011 to late 2018, the community have been invited to participate in the discussion both online and at events and workshops.

Council has actively invited the community to participate in these discussions through distributing information via:
- Direct mail to households and businesses
- Letterbox distribution of flyers
- Inclusion within Council newsletters
- Online availability 24/7 on Council’s website
- Articles published in the media and within the Mayoral Column in the Inner West Courier.

TRANSPORT FOR NSW BUS NETWORK CHANGES

On 24 February 2020, Transit Systems, the operator of Transport for NSW’s inner west bus service, informed the community of proposed changes to bus stops on NSW Government owned and controlled roads, Great North Road and Ramsay Road.

The locations of the bus zones were selected to ensure bus stops have adequate capacity to cope with the increase in number of services to the town centre. This will also help ensure that buses do not block the flow of traffic through the town centre. Details of each of the bus zone change are set out below:

- **Bus Stop adjacent to Club Five Dock**: bus zone extended 18 metres in length from the existing full time no stopping sign close to Fairlight Street. The rear bus zone sign will stay in its existing location. The no parking sign behind the existing bus stop will be retained (resulting in the loss of three half hour parking spaces).
- **New bus stop — Ramsay Road after Great North Road**: bus zone 16 metres in length extending from the existing no stopping sign after Great North Road to the existing no parking sign close to Cashman Lane. This bus zone is proposed to be timed as weekdays 6am–7:30pm and weekends 7:30am–6:30pm (resulting in the loss of three, half hour parking spaces on the northern side of Ramsay Road).
- **Extend bus stop — Great North Road after Garfield Street**: bus zone extended 21 metres in length extending between Garfield Road traffic light and the mid-block signalised crossing on Great North Road. This will improve pedestrian safety at the Garfield Street signalised crossing by providing improved sightlines for pedestrians. This will also improve traffic flows, especially during the morning peak along both Garfield Street and Great North Road. The change will result in the loss of four half hour parking spaces on the western side of Great North Road, south of Fred Kelly Place.

These proposed changes were presented at the City of Canada Bay Traffic Committee meeting held on 19 March 2020. For further information on bus network changes please contact Transit Systems at transitystems.com.au or 02 8118 7102.

FURTHER INFORMATION
For more information visit fivedockupgrade.com