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Footscray Renewal

In 2007 the State Government committed \$52.1 million to the Footscray Renewal project. This will improve and revitalise central Footscray and is part of a larger strategy called the [Footscray Transit City Project](#). Projects proposed for central Footscray include:

- ◀ A modern pedestrian bridge at the railway station
- ◀ Upgrades to main streets in central Footscray
- ◀ The development of strategic sites in the station precinct
- ◀ A 'one-stop planning shop' located in the Nicholson Street Mall for the marketing and development of central Footscray
- ◀ [Several other projects](#) are also underway, or already completed

What Has Happened So Far with the Footscray Renewal Project?

Key Dates	Activity	Description
27 January 2011 - 17 March 2011	FREE Parkour Classes in the Nicholson Street Mall	Parkour is a philosophy and method of movement for traversing any environment. The concept is to overcome all physical and mental obstacles in your path by using your body and mind to run, climb, jump and vault. During the classes you will be run through warm up techniques, many of the basic movements that form the basis of Parkour training and how to strengthen and condition the body to be able to improve and excel at Parkour. For specific dates and times visit our events calendar , and register your interest by emailing walking@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au or contacting Elena Kalnin on 9688 0372
17 November 2010 - 25 May 2011	Tai Chi in Nicholson Street Mall	Everyone is welcome to attend free Tai Chi sessions in the Nicholson Street Mall on Wednesday mornings. People of all ages and fitness levels can practice and benefit from Tai Chi. If you come along please wear flat-soled shoes and loose, comfortable clothing. For more information, contact Council on 9688 0310 or Tai Chi Australia on 9889 9999. For specific dates and times visit our events calendar .
16 November 2010	Leeds Street Redesign	As part of the Footscray Renewal Initiative, the State Government - in conjunction with Maribyrnong City Council - will be upgrading the interface of Leeds Street, Footscray. The \$2.1 million project will seek to rejuvenate this crucial Footscray gateway, and will include a number of design features such as street plantings, improved pedestrian access and landscaping, and a new, safer tram stop. Council has awarded the construction of the project to Multipro Civil Pty Ltd, and works are due to kick off early in 2011.
November 2010	Footscray at Night	The draft 'Footscray at Night Lighting Strategy' provides a systematic way to enhance the lit experience of Footscray at night. It recognizes that the centre's lighting is one of the most significant aspects for the wellbeing of its residents and visitors. The strategy has been developed as an over-arching document, providing guidance on a range of initiatives that places lighting at the forefront of the Footscray Renewal Initiative. The strategy has been developed in response to community and business needs for safer city streets and spaces, the desire to animate the centre, and to introduce lighting as a means of encouraging nighttime activity and trade in Central Footscray. Implementation of the strategy is already beginning; twenty lighting projects are being rolled out across strategic locations in the Footscray CAD, varying from improvements in street lighting through to creative art installations.
29 October	Redevelopment of McNab Avenue including Napier Street Roundabout	On 29 October 2010, the Victorian Government announced that the Footscray Central Activities District (CAD) will be home to a new \$350 million landmark development at McNab Avenue adjacent to Footscray station. The Victorian Government announced Grocon as its preferred tender to proceed with the redevelopment and it will include government office space, new housing, student accommodation, and other community uses such as a community kitchen and childcare facilities. For more information visit the DPCD website , or the Victorian Government's media release . Aside from the announcement, works have already begun on the realignment of McNab Ave, Napier Street and Buckley Street to ensure that the newly amalgamated development site (the old bowling club site, plus the roundabout) can be handed over to the developer Grocon in early 2011. The road will be constructed in two stages, the first being the new realignment of the main roads - Buckley and Napier Street. The second stage will be the remainder of the 'link' road, servicing Nicholson and Buckley Streets. As part of the works, the Tom Billis artwork 'With and With Each Other' was relocated late last week from the roundabout to its new home at Cornwall Reserve, on the intersection of Geelong and Ballarat Roads.
	Planning Scheme	The Minister for Planning's decision to abandon Amendment C90 was announced. The State Government

28 October	Amendment C90: Footscray Central Activity District (CAD) abandoned Planning Scheme	stated the impacts of the Regional Rail Link project on the Footscray CAD and recent legislation that allowed the Activity Centre Zone (ACZ) to be implemented in the CAD were significant influences in the decision. For enquiries please contact Simon McCuskey on 9091 5601 or Jules Griffith on 9688 0380. Further information on the project is also available on the DPCD website .
25 May 2010 - 2 July 2010	Amendment C90: Footscray Central Activity District (CAD)	The Minister for Planning, Justin Madden MP, placed Amendment C90 to the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme on exhibition. The amendments proposes new land use and development controls for the Footscray CAD, in accordance with the shared vision for Footscray. To view a copy of the exhibited amendment material, coupled with updated information about the status of this amendment, visit the Department of Planning Community and Development: Planning Scheme Amendments Online .
June 2010	Shopfront Improvement Program	Maribyrnong City Council and the Victorian Government have helped boost the ambience of Footscray's busy Central Activities District through a program designed to improve the look of selected businesses. Council partnered with the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) and consultants VillageWell to roll out the targeted Shopfront Improvement Scheme in Nicholson and Leeds Streets in Footscray. The scheme matched funds spent by property owners and traders committed to improving the visual presentation of their premises. The scheme initially focused on shops in Nicholson Street Mall, and typical work included painting, tiling, decorative installations and a business naming sign. Cafe Bulldog, at 91 Nicholson Street, was one of the businesses who took up the offer and completed several upgrades to their shopfront, including tidying and painting their facade, new signage and new graphics. Please see the documents below for before-and-after images of the works. The next phase of the Shopfront Improvement Scheme is now focused on Leeds Street (between Hopkins and Irving streets). For further information, please contact Council's Place Manager Footscray Renewal on 9091 5601.
20 May 2010	William Cooper Footbridge officially opened	After running a competition to find a name for the new footbridge at Footscray Railway Station, the Victorian Government received 1,585 entries and nominations. Overall, two entrants who nominated the name William Cooper were the winners of the naming competition and each collected an Apple MacBook Pro laptop. William Cooper celebrates the life of a local resident who dedicated his life to building bridges across communities. More information about William Cooper and the William Cooper Footbridge can be found at: Footscray Footbridge honours indigenous activist
7 April 2010	Footscray Station Footbridge opens!	The Department of Transport has opened the new Footscray Station footbridge. All three lifts are also operating. The Department of Transport is also constructing three new forecourts at the entrances to the footbridge at Hyde Street, McNab Avenue and Irving Street. The new footbridge will be launched following its completion in May. The winner of the bridge naming competition will also be announced at the launch. More information about the new footbridge, in the Department of Transport's brochure (attached below).
19 October - 20 November 2009	Community engagement - How is Footscray's vision going?	The State Government's Department of Planning and Community Development, in partnership with Council conducted a community engagement exercise asking the broader Footscray community for their thoughts on how the vision is running so far for Footscray and on the way forward for the future planning of the activity centre. An executive summary of the information collected from this planning process can be downloaded below, coupled with a draft copy of the draft Footscray Strategic Framework Plan (FSFP) which was prepared to translate the vision into a plan for managing the future growth and development of the Footscray Central Activities District (CAD).
1 October 2009	Planning Scheme Amendment C80 - Footscray Station Railway Precinct	The Minister for Planning, Justin Madden MP approved Amendment C80 to the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme. The Amendment rezones land known as the "Footscray Station Precinct" to a Priority Development Zone, to facilitate the redevelopment and upgrade of the Footscray Station Railway Precinct. The amendment documentation can be viewed at the Department of Planning, Community and Development's (DPCD) web link at: DPCD: Planning Schemes Online
30 September 2009	Expression of Interest (EOI) for the redevelopment of land in the Footscray Railway Station Precinct.	When the Footscray Renewal initiative was announced in May 2007, VicUrban was appointed by the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) to administer and manage the redevelopment of land along McNab Ave + Napier Streets (the old bowling club site and the roundabout site). VicUrban took a significant step forward towards this site being redeveloped, releasing an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the redevelopment of this component of the Station Precinct. The EOI was open from 30 September 2009 and closed on the 8 November 2009. Further information about this process can be found at: VicUrban - Footscray Central Activity District .
23 April 2009	Planning Scheme Amendment C78: Joseph Road Precinct	The Minister for Planning, Justin Madden MP approved Amendment C78 to the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme. The Amendment rezones land known as the "Joseph Road Precinct" - almost 15 hectares of former light industrial land to allow mainly for residential uses, offices, entertainment, convenience retail and enhancing the open space corridor along the Maribyrnong River. The amendment documentation can be viewed at the Department of Planning, Community and Development's (DPCD) web link at: DPCD: Planning Schemes Online
5 March 2009	New footbridge for Footscray Railway Station	The Public Transport Minister, Lynne Kosky MP, and Maribyrnong City Council Mayor Michael Clarke award the contract to build a new pedestrian bridge at Footscray Station to Leighton Contractors. Leighton predict 40 full time jobs will be created which includes direct jobs and the employment of subcontractors and suppliers.
24 January 2009	Irving Street shops	Demolition works begin on the northern row of shops along Irving Street, in order to facilitate a new pedestrian footbridge and forecourts for the Footscray Railway Station precinct.
15 September - 10 October 2008	New Footscray Railway Station Bridge and Forecourt plans for public comment	The Victorian Government released concept plans and a public consultation process for the new Footscray Station Footbridge and Forecourt. The plans were available for public information and comment until Friday 10 October 2008. The Government is in the process of finalising plans for the proposed bridge and forecourt.
27 September 2008	Greening Footscray plantings	Stage one of the Greening Footscray tree plantings were complete, with 11 olive trees in custom made handwoven pots installed in the Barkly/Hopkins Streets streetscape. Further information about the pots, trees and their location can be found at Greening Footscray Strategy
7 August 2007	Property acquisitions: Irving Street Shops	The State Government declared an area around the Footscray Station Railway Precinct as a project of State and Regional significance on 7 August 2007. This was done in order to allow for property acquisitions for the construction of a new pedestrian bridge and forecourt for the Footscray Railway Station. The State Government has notified affected landowners and occupiers along Irving Street, adjacent to Footscray Railway Station.

21 August 2007	Minister for Planning: Responsible Authority	At its Ordinary Council Meeting of 21 August 2007, Council agreed to the Minister for Planning, Justin Madden MP, becoming the responsible authority for administering part of the Maribyrnong Planning Scheme for the area of Footscray proposed for the Transit City Project.
27 November 2007	One Stop Planning Shop	On 27 November 2007, Justin Madden MP opened the 'One Stop Planning Shop' at 92 Nicholson Street, in the heart of Nicholson Street Mall. The Shop provides meeting rooms, information displays, exhibitions, and staff are available to answer questions about any aspect of the Footscray Renewal project. Contact the One Stop Planning Shop on 9091 5600.

Find out More

Attached below is a State Government fact sheet discussing the budget announcement and a *Footscray Renewal* brochure discussing the proposed initiatives in more detail.

For more information contact the:

One Stop Planning Shop
9091 5600

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