

Springvale Community Precinct

About the project

Over the next few years, the Springvale precinct at 397-405 Springvale Road will be transformed into the new community heart of Springvale. It will be a vibrant meeting place where people of all ages, backgrounds and interests feel welcome and can come together in a spirit of mutual respect, connection and celebration. World-class community facilities will combine with large, multipurpose green spaces to provide the perfect setting for learning, playing and relaxing.

The project will be delivered in two stages.

Stage 1 - Springvale City Hall redevelopment

Refurbishment works to the Springvale City Hall are now complete, with only the upgrade of the Supper Room to go. This major renovation has turned the town hall into a more functional facility while preserving the overall design character of this much-loved community building. The majority of works were undertaken on the inside of the building to allow a more diverse range of private and public events to be held there in the future. Springvale Town Hall has reopened and is available for bookings.

Stage 2 - Construction of Springvale Community Hub

This will be a world-class community facility providing a variety of learning, leisure and cultural opportunities. It will include a modern, state-of-the-art library featuring new technologies and equipment, flexible community meeting spaces, civic services area and plentiful parking. The outdoor green spaces will be extensively landscaped and allow for a variety of passive and active recreation uses, community events and social gatherings.

The new Springvale Library and Community Hub has been designed with holistic sustainability principles in mind and is targeting Net Zero Emissions for the building operations in addition to a 5 Star Green Star Rating. Operational emissions will be reduced through design features such as a high performance façade, efficient heating and cooling systems and low energy LED lighting. Further to this, the building intends to offset the remainder of its emissions through installation of a 220kW rooftop solar PV array. The array will consist of approximately 730 panels and generate 280MWh per year; that's enough to power around 50 family homes each year. The sustainability of the City Hall has also been improved.

What will stay the same

- The City Hall and Supper Room will be retained
- The library will remain on site
- Council customer service will remain on site
- The war memorial will be retained on site
- The current amount of car parking will be retained on completion of the project however there will be a short temporary loss of car parks. Council will be working towards ensuring there is sufficient space in the meantime – more updates to come.
- The Historical Society will have a home on site
- The site will remain accessible and welcoming to the whole community

- No open space will be lost

What will change

- The Springvale City Hall and Supper Room will be upgraded and improved
- The current library will be relocated to a new purpose-built facility that will provide more space and improved services
- Customer service is located in the chambers during development and will move to the new library and activity hub building once completed
- A large part of the former Springvale office has removed to make way for increased public open space
- Car parking will be relocated away from pedestrian and open space areas to improve safety
- Drop-off / pick-up areas will be provided near main building entries
- A new learning and activity Hub will be built to provide a range of flexible spaces for community use
- The site will have significant, multi-purpose open space with landscaping that reflects the Springvale community and allows for a variety of community uses for all ages
- There will be increased open space, both passive and active, including a play area, plaza and active sports area what will stay the same

Community involvement in the project

From the beginning, we've recognised the importance of involving the community and that's something we intend to maintain throughout the various stages of this project.

In 2013, the community provided useful feedback to Council regarding the projects that were most important and this feedback has been incorporated into the development strategy and the design competition brief.

In April 2016, the community also provided their feedback on the design competition brief, which will assist those submitters to develop design proposals that accurately meet community needs.

Council also plans to undertake detailed facility planning and work with the community to ensure that the new facilities will support the needs of the community and the many organisations that use the precinct.

Frequently Asked Questions

About the project

Why is Council building the new Springvale Community Hub?

Council has been talking to the community about the future development of the Springvale civic site since 2006, with the formal master planning process starting in 2011. In 2012, the community had input into the vision for the site, and then in 2013, the community provided its feedback on the draft masterplan. There was a high level of support for the plan including the proposed new library and improved community facilities, more open space and a redeveloped town hall.

Council will continue to engage with residents and local groups to ensure the hub serves the diverse needs of the community well into the future.

How is the project being paid for?

Funding will be staged over several financial years to spread the investment over time. Proceeds from the sale of Council's old disused Springvale depot will fund some of the project. Council will also seek government funding for the project.

What is the project timeframe?

Works for Stage 1 (redevelopment of the Springvale Town Hall) have been completed.

Design for Stage 2 (construction of the new Springvale Community Hub) has been completed.

Construction works for Stage 2 have commenced from July 2018.

What will happen to library services while the project is underway?

The current Springvale Library will continue to operate at its existing location while the new larger library is being built. Access is only available from the Springvale Road entrance. The book shoots will be near the Springvale Road entrance. The existing car park will be removed but a temporary car park to the north-west will be available for library patrons.

What will happen to Council's Customer Service while the project is underway?

The current Springvale Customer Service Centre will continue to operate at its existing location while the community hub is being built. Customer Service will then move into the new building.

What will happen to the Springvale Town Hall while the project is underway?

The Springvale Town Hall will continue to operate during construction of the new community hub. The Supper Room is temporarily closed for refurbishment.

What will happen to the Springvale & Historical Society while the project is underway?

The Springvale & District Historical Society will continue to operate. The society will also have a home in the new community hub.

Who will design the new community hub?

To inspire the most innovative, unique and value-for-money design, several of Australia's best architects were invited to participate in a design competition. Their concept designs were assessed by an expert panel to ensure the winning design gives the desired community, economic and environmental outcomes. The architect appointed is Lyons Architect.

About the outdoor spaces

What features will the outdoor space have?

There will be abundant open space with landscaping that reflects the Springvale community and allows for a variety of community uses. From the community barbecue facilities and seating, play area, plaza and multipurpose hard surfaces, there will opportunities for passive and active recreation pursuits.

What will happen to the war memorial?

The war memorial will be retained on site.

What about car parking?

There will be no overall loss of car parking spaces on completion of the project. A temporary car park will be erected to ensure sufficient spaces are available during construction.

What will happen to the current trees on site?

Landscaping is particularly important to this project, and appropriate measures will be taken place to protect the trees. Trees without structural integrity may be removed.

More information

How will the community be kept informed?

Council will keep local residents, community groups and the broader community informed of the project's progress throughout its duration. Information will be distributed via Council's website, local newspapers, community noticeboards and displays, plus a range of other channels.

How do I find out more?

The latest news and information on the Springvale Community Hub project is available on Council's website, or please call our customer service centre on 8571 1000.