



POSTAL WALK UPGRADE

SEPTEMBER 2023

Overview

Part of the SubiPOP suite of public realm projects, the Postal Walk upgrade was an initiative undertaken by the City of Subiaco in partnership with the RAC to improve the public realm between the Park Street carpark and Rokeby Road.

The upgrade provides additional space for the community to sit and connect, and provides a safer, more attractive, and accessible area for everyone to enjoy.

Works included a new lighting scheme to make the space safer and more appealing in the evenings and the installation of new decking to protect and support the root system of the existing Flooded Gum Tree.

The Postal Walk upgrade was made possible thanks to the financial support of RAC's Reconnect WA initiative, which seeks to reimagine and revitalise streets and public spaces, laying the foundation to support safe, sustainable, and connected communities.

Construction was completed in August 2023. Come down to see the new space and explore local businesses.

Upgrade features

- » Additional public seating.
- » Improved surface treatments, pavement and pathways.
- » Drainage renewal.
- » Conserved and retained treescapes.
- » New softscapes including trees and underplanting.
- » Installed lighting and electrical treatments.
- » Conserved and reinterpreted existing public art.
- » Commissioned new public art.



CONCEPT
DESIGN AND
FUNDING



COMMUNITY
CONSULTATION



DETAILED
DESIGN



STAKEHOLDER
ENGAGEMENT



CONSTRUCTION
KICK-OFF



CONSTRUCTION
COMPLETED



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Frequently asked questions

When was construction completed?

Construction commenced 24 May 2023, and was completed August 2023.

Is bike parking included in the upgraded Postal Walk?

Yes. Bike parking is located to the eastern (Park Street carpark) end of Postal Walk.

Can I still dine alfresco at Postal Walk?

Yes. You can dine alfresco in Postal Walk. In addition to this, the upgrade has increased existing seating opportunities, providing additional resting spaces that extend options to sit and enjoy a beverage, or a bite to eat.

Is there vehicular access through Postal Walk?

There has been no change to vehicular access. Access is only for authorised vehicles, such as Post Office delivery vans and Telstra fleet vehicles. Vehicles trying to access Rokeby Road from the Park Street carpark should use either Barker Road or Bagot Road.

Is the upgrade accessible?

Yes. The decking installed as part of the upgrade provides a smooth surface to improve pedestrian and wheelchair accessibility, and incorporates elements to assist those with vision impairment navigate edges and steps.

There are multiple options to access the decking area including: ramped access on both the Park Street carpark end and the Rokeby Road end of Postal Walk; and steps on the steeper end of the decking. The decking also provides a variety of formal and informal seating opportunities to rest within the space.

What public art is included in the upgrade?

The City of Subiaco contracted one of the original artists of the Postal Walk mosaic artwork 'Subiaco Centenary Tiles', Jenny Dawson, to undertake a reinterpretation of sections of the artwork. These have been converted into aluminium panels which are set into the deck and paving.

Two new artworks by artist Robert Frith; the arches at the eastern end of the space and the gates to the south, have been commissioned for the site to celebrate the important role the former Postmaster-General's Office and its descendent organisations have played in keeping Subiaco connected to the world.

Featuring motifs of Post Office Boxes, personal mailboxes and important Subiaco landmarks, the artwork also features a large franking stamp depicting the date of the first meeting of the Subiaco Municipal Council.

Is the City delivering other public realm upgrades?

Yes. Postal Walk is part of a suite of public realm upgrade projects called SubiPOP. Forrest Walk is the next site scheduled for an upgrade with construction earmarked for 2024.

The City is also upgrading a number of laneways in the town centre through a project initiative called Subi Greenwalks.

The Seddon Street upgrade will also be complete in Spring 2023.

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