

LOWOOD FUTURES STRATEGY

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Learn more about Lowood's new look

Welcome to the second edition of the Lowood Futures Strategy Newsletter.

This quarterly newsletter is produced by Somerset Regional Council to keep the Lowood community informed as we progress the Lowood Futures Strategy.

As with any big project undertaken by council, The Lowood Futures Strategy has raised questions around parking, loss of green space and existing facilities.

This edition is dedicated entirely to addressing common questions and concerns.

The project is still in its early days, and will continue progressing as council seeks funds, designs, and plans



construction for the various stages of this project.

If you would like more information on this project, contact council's Place Project Manager, Matthew McGoldrick, by phoning 5424 4000.

The Lowood Futures Advisory Committee held its meeting on Thursday, 27 February and will meet again in August 2025.

We look forward to providing our next newsletter update.

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Lowood Futures Strategy FAQs

When will the Lowood Futures Strategy be complete?

The delivery of council's master plan is subject to design, funding, consultation and planning.

The project involves many stages spanning many years.

When will the new car park between Station Street and Railway Street be built?

Construction of the car park will start in the 2025/26 Budget year.

This includes the closure of the entry to the central car park from Main Street.



Will council be closing the central car park?

Council plans to construct new car parks on Station Street and Railway Street and is considering other car parking options to replace the central car park.

The new car parks will improve and create more convenient parking options within town.

Why is the entry to the central car park from Main Street being closed?

The entry to the central car park onto Main Street creates congestion at the intersection of Main Street and Walters Street.

The safest option for all vehicles is to remove this entry, leaving Railway Street as the only entry or exit.



When will the car park next to the Queensland Country Women's Association building be closed?

The car park located next to the existing community hub and the Queensland Country Women's Association building is identified as the site for the new Community Hub in the Lowood Futures Strategy master plan.

However, the construction of a new Community Hub is the last stage within the strategy and it may be many years before this project starts and is still subject to future detailed design, public consultation and funding.

Will there be further parking changes?

Yes. Some of Lowood's central streets do not currently have a parking plan, meaning there are no marked parking bays and there is no provision for parking for people with a disability (PWD).

Car park creation with provisions for PWD parking will be subject to design standards, and consultation with Transport and Main Roads (TMR) and the public.

Will council demolish the amenities building in Clock Park?

Council's preference is to retain and refurbish the amenities building. A similar refurbishment was carried out on the amenities building in Fernvale.



Will all the trees in Clock Park be removed as part of the Lowood Futures Strategy?

No. However, there are trees which are located too close to the amenities building and may need to be removed.



Will car parking bays be lost to trees?

Including shade within the streetscape design makes our streets more appealing.

This has been a significant theme in public consultation.

The current Lowood town centre can be both hot and unappealing because of a lack of shade, trees and gardens.

Garden build outs may be at the expense of some on-street car parks but will be replaced by new and improved dedicated car parks.

Changes to car parking to allow additional shade in the town centre will be subject to design standards and consultation with TMR and the public.

Will council remove the outdoor gym, children's playground and the skate bowl?

No. Council plans to leave the existing facilities in place.

Where are the designs for the new upgrades in Lowood?

Council is planning for the designs for the Green Botanic Core and Streetscapes to be prepared and ready for public consultation in the 2025/26 financial year.