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WORKS NOTIFICATION

Munro site: corner of Queen and Therry streets

Construction of the city's largest new community hub and Queen Victoria Market customer car parking is underway at the Munro site.

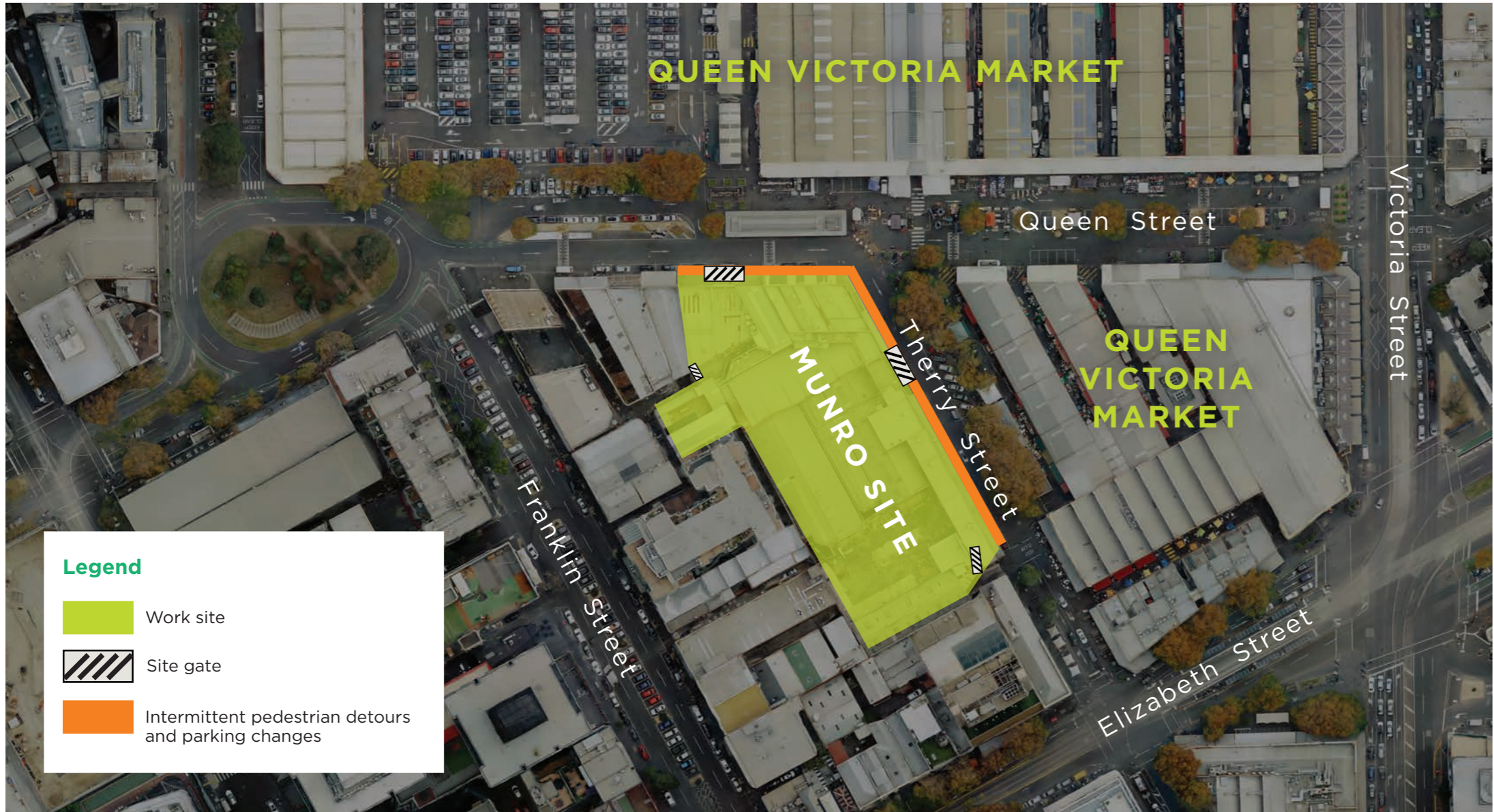
As with any significant construction project you may notice some minor disruption around the site. We're working with the developer and builder to reduce the impact on the surrounding area. Thanks for your patience as we work to deliver this important community infrastructure, a key project in the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal program.

What's happening

- Demolition of the site is now complete and the site cleared of rubble.
- Archaeologists are investigating the site's history.
- Preparations are underway for piling and excavation.
- Works will be carried out in accordance with the approved construction and traffic management plans.

Munro at a glance

- 120 place childcare facility
- maternal child health and family services centre
- community centre and kitchen
- 56 affordable apartments
- 500 underground car parks for market customers
- event space and theatre
- 2500m² of new open space and laneways
- boutique hotel with approximately 80 rooms
- approximately 320 residential apartments in the QVM Residences
- complementary hospitality and retail stores



Legend

- Work site
- Site gate
- Intermittent pedestrian detours and parking changes

Indicative only

When

- Construction hours on the Munro site are:
- 7am to 5.30pm - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
 - 7am to 4.30pm - Wednesday
 - 7am to 3.30pm - Saturday

What to expect

- Residents and businesses in close proximity to the work area may experience some inconvenience.
- Works are expected to generate low to medium levels of noise during construction hours.

- There will be some disruption around the site including the temporary loss of some car parking on the east side of Queen Street and south side of Therry Street.
- There will be intermittent closures of the footpaths on both Queen and Therry streets.
- Trucks will enter the site from gates on Queen Street and Therry Street, and exit on Therry Street.
- Traffic management plans and traffic controllers will be in place to manage truck and pedestrian movements. For your safety, please be patient and follow the instructions of traffic controllers.
- All works will be undertaken within approved construction management plans and in accordance with WorkSafe and EPA guidelines.

Business as usual at Queen Victoria Market

While there will be some disruption, plans are in place to ensure the smooth operation of the market during works.

Queen Victoria Market is open Tuesday, and Thursday to Sunday. Drop into the market for all of your fresh produce or browse the unique retail stalls under the historic open air sheds.

Visit qvm.com.au for more details.

Archaeological investigations

Like many building sites across the city, the Munro site is included on the Victorian Heritage Inventory. A detailed archaeological investigation is being undertaken to uncover some of the site's history and its role in early Melbourne, particularly in relation to industry and trade.

During the investigations, archaeologists will carefully excavate small areas before using hand tools such as pointing trowels, picks, shovels, brushes and pans.

If the archaeologists find artefacts of significance, such as individual objects or evidence of previous buildings, they will document their discoveries. The investigation are expected to be complete by April and a report will be provided if anything is revealed.



View of the Therry Street shops in 1913. Source: Trove - The Herald, 25th September 1913.

Site history

The site was first occupied in 1852 by 'McEwan and Houston' who serviced the needs of those arriving in Melbourne in search of wealth in the goldfields.

The site was purchased by J A Munro in 1910, with a garage and office established shortly after. In 1913, forty stores were constructed along Therry Street, with the corner of Therry and Queen streets operating as 'Jas. A. Munro & Co, Sawmill and Bedding Dpt' until the 1920s. The corner location was occupied by a number of different leaseholders until it became the Mercat Cross Hotel.

The site has seen many fires including one in 1937 which was reportedly started by a cigarette butt dropped by an intruder. Another in 1945 saw many of the buildings so engulfed in flames that 'little could be done to save the burning building or its contents'.

The Munro family owned the site until 2014 when it was purchased by the City of Melbourne to protect the Queen Victoria Market from inappropriate development and prevent a supermarket or large chain store being built in direct competition to the market's fresh food offering.

Providing a lasting legacy to the site's history, the historic Mercat Cross Hotel facade has been retained and will be carefully restored as part of the Munro development.

Upcoming works

What's happening



Archaeological investigations

Archaeologists will be onsite conducting detailed investigations to explore and uncover the history of the Munro site.



Pedestrians

There will be changes to pedestrian access around the site for the duration of works as well as increased traffic movements. Pedestrians are reminded to follow designated footpaths and be mindful when crossing roads around the site.



Vehicle access

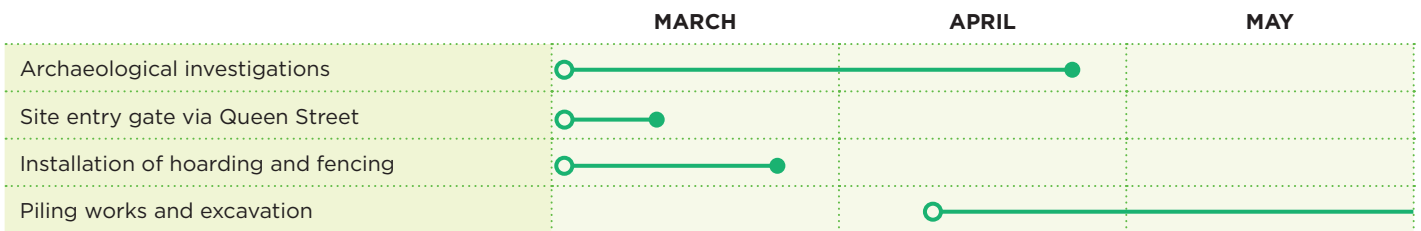
As construction commences there may be traffic changes in Queen and Therry streets and an increase in truck movements as trucks enter and exit the site. There may also be intermittent changes to parking around the site. Please be patient and follow the signs and directions of traffic controllers.



Piling and excavation

As piling and excavation works start there may be periods of medium level noise and dust. Works will be undertaken within approved construction management plans and in accordance with WorkSafe and EPA guidelines.

Look ahead



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