

The new
FLINDERS STREET
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Specialty stores, cafés and bars still open

Markets open every Sunday

NEW LIGHTS SHINE ON FLINDERS STREET EAST

The start of the much anticipated removal of large metal light poles in Flinders Street East is one step closer, with crews now working to install new lights in the popular late night precinct.

The new lights are being installed on the outer edge of the footpaths as a key part of the precinct's makeover.

Crews from BMD Constructions are putting in 43 street lights and 28 pedestrian lights, as well as 12 new lights at the pedestrian crossings to increase safety levels.

In order to maintain optimum lighting at night-time, the metal street lights in the median strip will not be removed until the new lights are progressively connected.

The metal light poles in the median strip will make way for low level greenery as part of a simple and timeless design that places the emphasis on the street's historic buildings.

The buildings are also being complemented by new canvas umbrellas which have replaced the previous metal shade structures.

Crews are preparing to lift out the big light poles in Flinders Street East



NEW PAVERS FORM KEY STEP IN FLINDERS TRANSFORMATION

New pavers featuring the natural beauty of stone quarried in North Queensland have been chosen to replace the thousands of much-criticised small pavers in the mall.

Approximately 680,000 concrete pavers were laid in the area thirty years ago.

After an exhaustive search for a suitable replacement and an appropriate material, the Flinders Street Redevelopment design team has chosen new grey-coloured pavers made from Australian Porphyry Stone manufactured in Herberton.



The stone was given the thumbs up because of its hard-wearing nature, its long life span, its resistance to fading, and its naturally textured surface which has earned it the highest slip resistance classification under Australian standards.

Because of the variability of stone, each one will have a slightly natural variation in colour and texture.

And in further good news for pedestrians, there'll be no repeat of the undulating nature of the current mall.

In the new Flinders Street, the footpath will be flat and extra wide at 8.5 metres – a direct result of feedback from the community.



CLEAN UP FOR WATER FOUNTAIN DUO

Bronze-cast statues Benjamin and Ambrose are being sent to the cleaners in a bid to spruce them up for their return to the new Flinders Street.

From their fountain positions, the whimsical duo have kept a watchful eye over the mall for the past 29 years – and have even survived several attempts at theft.

However, the weathered sculptures are now preparing for a new home as crews start the job of demolishing the fountains.

While their new location has yet to be determined, the Flinders Street project team is keen to retain the figures within the new street.

Ambrose getting a lift out of the fountain where he has spent the last 29 years



WHAT EVENTS ARE HAPPENING IN THE CBD?

SHOW OFF YOUR V8 COLOURS!

The CBD is showing off its V8 colours. From 26 June and for the following two weeks, CBD businesses and retailers are asked to dress their offices and shops in the Supercar theme. Get on board and decorate for the V8.

CREATIVE IDEAS WANTED FOR VACANT SPACES

Renew Townsville is looking for artists, creative projects and community groups to occupy vacant spaces in the CBD on a short to medium term. Several Flinders Mall properties are available. Project submissions close 30 June. Email hello.renewtownsville@gmail.com or visit Renew Townsville on Facebook.

THE HISTORY OF FLINDERS STREET

Want to know more about the history of Townsville's main street? The City Library has launched a locally produced book, 'Flinders Street, Townsville – A pictorial history'. Written by Trisha Fielding, the book is a comprehensive collection of stories and pictures of Flinders Street since the town's foundation in 1864. On sale for \$10 at the library.

PLAY LUNCH EXHIBIT, PERC TUCKER REGIONAL GALLERY UNTIL 20 JUNE

The construction fence along Flinders Street is forming the blank canvas for children's artworks. The work covers the theme of food and tea parties created during Play Lunch activities at Perc Tucker Gallery. Check out the windows of Flinders Street retailers for their tea party theme.

ART GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Did you know there are four private art galleries in the city featuring paintings, photography, ceramics, mixed visual arts? They're all having great shows in June. Look them up in Flinders Street, Flinders Street West and Ogden Street.

LEGO COMPETITION

The CityLibraries Flinders Street branch is going Lego. For kids aged 4 to 12 years old who love to build, the Lego-Grab Challenge is on Tuesday 29 June from 10am. Register with the library or visit www.townsville.qld.gov.au.

