

# GURROWA PLACE

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

March 2026

Dear neighbour,

### Gurrowa Place Project Commencement

In partnership with City of Melbourne and Scape, Lendlease are preparing to commence works on Gurrowa Place - a vibrant new precinct located to the south of the Queen Victoria Market that will comprise three climate-resilient buildings, the restoration of the Franklin Street Stores and the creation of 1.8 hectares of new public open space.

Gurrowa Place's three buildings will deliver a mixed-use precinct offering a diverse range of high-quality housing, including build-to-rent apartments, affordable housing, and purpose-built student accommodation.



### Project Site Location

The Gurrowa Place buildings and new public laneways are being developed on former government-owned land to the south of Franklin Street Stores. The public open space will be located within market boundaries on the site of the existing open-air car park.

Gurrowa Place is on the land of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to their elders, past and present and their connection to Country and community.

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### Construction Commencement

Construction of Gurrowa Place is expected to begin in April 2026. The project will be delivered in stages to minimise disruption. Scape, the student accommodation partner and the building closest to Queen Street, is expected to commence construction first, with residential buildings and public realm works to follow.

### Site Establishment and Early Works

Site establishment for Scape's student accommodation building will include the following construction activities and indicative timing:

Activity	Anticipated commencement	Anticipated completion
Install hoarding	April 2026	May 2026
Services relocation	April 2026	May 2026
Install site hoarding and construction access points	April 2026	May 2026
Grounds works (foundations and in-ground services)	April 2026	September 2026
Piling	May 2026	July 2026

### Construction Access

To support the delivery of the Scape student accommodation building, construction access to the Gurrowa Place site will be from Franklin and Queen Streets. A loading bay will be maintained along Franklin and Queen Streets. Traffic management will be on site to manage construction vehicles to ensure safe movement through the area.

What to expect during construction works	Construction hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Increase in construction traffic</li><li>Increased noise and vibration during piling</li><li>Use of cranes and piling equipment</li><li>Use of earth moving plant like excavators</li></ul>	<p>Approved construction works are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Monday to Friday, 7am to 7pm</li><li>Saturday, 8am to 3pm</li></ul> <p>Any planned works outside of these hours will be approved by Council and communicated in advance</p>

### Information Session

For further information relating to the precinct, Lendlease and Scape invite you to a Gurrowa Place drop-in information session. We will have representatives from the Gurrowa Place project team to discuss the project and answer any questions you may have.

Please join us at the Narm Ngarrgu Library and Family Services, Thursday 26 March 2026 between 12pm to 6pm. Located at 141 Therry Street, Melbourne VIC 3000.

We are committed to keeping you informed as construction progresses. To reduce paper waste, we are prioritising digital communication. Contact [gurrowaplace@lendlease.com](mailto:gurrowaplace@lendlease.com) to receive future project and construction updates by email.

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