

SPRING UPDATE 2019

# BALLARAT STATION PRECINCT REDEVELOPMENT



## THE BALLARAT STATION PRECINCT IS BEING TRANSFORMED INTO A VIBRANT COMMUNITY, TRANSPORT AND COMMERCIAL HUB.

### NEXT STAGE OF THE PRECINCT REDEVELOPMENT IS UNDERWAY

Stage Two of the Ballarat Station Precinct Redevelopment is underway. This will involve refurbishment of the Goods Shed, construction of a hotel with associated car parking and the development of a public plaza.

### GOODS SHED

At the centre of the precinct redevelopment is the conservation of the historic Goods Shed. This will be transformed to provide a convention and exhibition centre, more than 900m<sup>2</sup> of retail and dining options and a public plaza connecting with the station and the future hotel.

Early works are set to begin the coming days, starting with an extensive clean up to remove the roof and dilapidated materials within the building in line with relevant permits and approvals.

### NEW HOTEL TAKING SHAPE

Construction for the 77-room Quest hotel began in early-2019 and is progressing rapidly.

Extensive foundations, drainage and the first levels have been built, bringing the hotel a few steps closer to final completion which is on track for late-2020.

Construction of the new hotel began following the delivery of the new multi-level commuter car park in February 2019.

The 405-space carpark replaced the informal car parking arrangements that previously existed at the Ballarat Station, creating a safer and more accessible experience for commuters.

### BUS INTERCHANGE UPDATE

Ballarat buses will soon have a new home, with early works for the new bus interchange at Ballarat Station scheduled to kick off in late-2019 as part of Stage Three of the Ballarat Station Precinct Redevelopment.

The new bus interchange will deliver 12 new bus bays to remove local buses from nearby residential streets and provide commuters with better access to the station.

The design of the interchange carefully considers the unique heritage of the station precinct and will include shelters, wind breakers, pedestrian crossings, CCTV and lighting.

Creating local economic opportunities will continue to be a priority as work progresses. Find out how we are supporting Ballarat businesses overleaf.

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## BALLARAT STATION PRECINCT REDEVELOPMENT BOOSTS LOCAL BUSINESSES: TOOHEY'S FORM-CRETE

Toohey's Form-crete is one of many local businesses using their expertise to help deliver the transformative Ballarat Station Precinct Redevelopment.

The Ballarat-based family business won the contract to deliver concrete works for the new luxury hotel and the recently completed commuter car park, including all the piles, beams, slabs and walls, following a competitive tender process with construction partner Pellicano.

The car park was delivered in February 2019 and the hotel is progressing rapidly, with the second level of the building now complete.

Toohey's Form-crete started from humble beginnings in 2010 when cousins Damian and Heath Toohey took a chance and started working for themselves laboring on civil construction projects.

Fast-forward to the present day and the pair now run a successful business that employs a Ballarat-based workforce of around 40 people.

Damian Toohey, co-founder and Managing Director of Toohey's Form-crete said the hotel and car park are two of the biggest jobs they have been involved in to date.

"Working on large-scale projects, like the car park and hotel, has been critical to growing our business because it gives us the opportunity to build our profile and expand our operations."

"Thanks to the work we have won on the Ballarat Station Precinct Redevelopment, we have been able to appoint about 10 additional employees."

***Under construction:** Toohey's Form-crete crew members; Will Lovett, Blake Podnar, Jack Woodyard and Jarryd Adaway stand on the third level of Ballarat's new luxury hotel.*

"Being able to work close to home is absolutely fantastic for work life-balance and it's great that we have the opportunity to be involved in projects of this size and scale, right in town.

"Growing up around Ballarat, I have watched the site of the precinct be neglected for years. This project is going to clean the area up and allow it to reach its potential, which I think will be fantastic for the wider community.

Toohey's Form-crete plays a significant role in the local Ballarat community, and the success of their business allows them to give back through regular sponsorship and in-kind support for local sporting clubs.

"I live in the Ballarat area with my young family and it is important to me that our business gives back to the community, which is why we support not-for-profit organisations like the Ballan Jockey Club and the Springbank and Gordon football clubs," Damian said.

Toohey's Form-crete is one of 10 local businesses contracted to work on the Ballarat Station Precinct Redevelopment, with more to follow over the coming months.

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