

Next stage of \$250 million Nicholas Street Precinct revealed in Ipswich CBD

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The construction fences will come down in coming weeks to reveal the latest dining, retail and entertainment destination in council's \$250 million Nicholas Street Precinct in the Ipswich CBD.

Ipswich Mayor Teresa Harding said the site, once complete, will host 18 tenancies running from Bell Street, opposite Ipswich Railway Station, through to Nicholas Street opposite Ipswich Central Library.

"Council has taken on a derelict mall and have delivered a revitalised, inclusive space for the local community to not only enjoy, but be proud of in the city centre," Mayor Harding said.

"The innovative building surround has been designed to have artistic projections beamed onto it bringing a little bit of Times Square to Tulumur Place.

"This modern building will bring new opportunities for businesses as well as giving residents more places to dine, shop and meet friends close to home."

Early phases of the redevelopment Tulum Place, Ipswich Central Library and Ipswich Children's Library are also now open, providing services centrally for the Ipswich community.

Ipswich Central Redevelopment Committee Chairperson Councillor Marnie Doyle said she was excited to welcome Sushi Hyo to the city's leading entertainment and cultural destination.

"It will join Gelatissimo and That Dumpling Place as tenants in the precinct that will provide a relaxed atmosphere with great food, adjacent to the Ipswich Central Library on Nicholas Street," Cr Doyle said.

Terry White Chemmart will relocate from its current location in the precinct to a larger, more centrally located footprint and pave the way for additional complementing service providers."

Ipswich's much-loved Commonwealth Hotel, in adjacent Union Place, has seen AusHotels sign on as the new operator of the iconic pub.

"The reopened hotel will draw more people to the precinct, bolster local trade and help reactivate the night-time economy in the Nicholas Street Precinct and complement the precinct's other new offerings," Cr Doyle said.

"It is an exciting time for the precinct with more prospective tenants entering into legal negotiations with council and plenty of events planned throughout 2022."

Council is also currently in negotiations with a new cinema operator to join the top of the precinct, in the old BCC cinema building. Both the cinema and hotel are expected to open mid-2023.

With its zero-depth water feature, performance stage and giant 6m x 3m LED screen in Tulum Place, over 900 car park spaces and an active calendar of markets and events, the Nicholas Street Precinct is rapidly growing as the city's leading entertainment and cultural destination.

The Nicholas Street Precinct redevelopment is a once-in-a-generation project which has included the opening of Tulum Place civic plaza in November 2020, a new Ipswich Central Library in December 2020 as well as the delivery of a new council administration building and Australia's first stand-alone dedicated children's library in June 2021.

It also includes the restoration of The Commonwealth Hotel (formerly known as Murphy's Hotel) and delivery of a new dining hub and retail spaces.

The Nicholas Street Precinct story can be viewed on the Transparency and Integrity Hub at <https://open.ipswich.qld.gov.au/stories>