

Bath Street
• Pipe Upgrades •

It's time
for an
upgrade

DECEMBER EDITION



Progress and next steps

A technically challenging stage of the project, largely hidden from public view, has been continuing inside 326 Moray Place.

This work centred around the installation of a new stormwater pipe that runs below the building, nearly three metres beneath the ground. It required the building to be reinforced for strength and safety, before a digger was brought inside the building to install the pipe.

Our focus is now on Bath Street in Work Zone D (coloured yellow on the Project Overview map). We will then move into Work Zone E (coloured green).

While most of Work Zone D was due to be completed before Christmas, the complexity of installing pipes in this area – which is commonly referred to as ‘spaghetti junction’ due to the tangle of new and existing pipes – means work will continue into the new year.

We have started some preliminary water main replacement works in Work Zone E, ahead of schedule. Detailed planning for work in this zone continues, and we are now looking at a mix of work during the day and night in order to finish this as quickly as possible.

Road surface upgrading and streetscaping will follow the pipe installation works on all of Bath Street. These upgrades will span the full width of the roadway, including footpaths. We are planning ways to minimise the impact to the users of Bath Street, as this stage of the project will continue to be disruptive. We look forward to sharing more plans on the roading upgrades in the new year.

For all work on Bath Street, we will ensure pedestrian access is retained and off-street parking (or alternative parking) is available for affected businesses.

Major milestone met

A significant stage of the project has been achieved with the completion of lower Stuart Street pipe upgrade work. We were able to reopen the street on time at the end of October.

While we worked hard to minimise inconvenience as much as possible, we know the works and the road closure were disruptive for the community and for lower Stuart Street businesses.

Thank you to the public and businesses for their patience over the past several months while the essential Stuart Street work was completed.

We acknowledge our ongoing work on Bath Street continues to cause disruption, and we are tremendously grateful for the community’s understanding as the project progresses.



The lower Stuart Street works involved digging a large excavation five metres deep, in order to unearth historical pipes dating back as far as 1887.

Cover image: Aerial photo of The Octagon in 1955.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Note: All dates are subject to change depending on weather conditions and archaeological finds



TIMELINE OVERVIEW



FAQs

Will pipe replacement work continue throughout the festive season?

In honour of the Christmas holidays, there will be no site works on Bath Street between 21 December 2024 and 13 January 2025. Construction materials will be removed and pedestrian access will be maintained throughout this time, however vehicle access will be for local business and residents only.

What will the final Bath Street redevelopment look like?

We are now finalising the design in collaboration with stakeholders, which will include additional pedestrian and shared spaces, similar to those on the recently revamped George Street. We expect to share more details soon, so watch this space! Initial streetscape works will begin early in the new year and are scheduled to be completed by October 2025.

For further info head to:
www.dunedin.govt.nz/bath-street-upgrade
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To the best of our knowledge the information in this newsletter was correct at the time of publication. If you would like more copies of this newsletter please email BathStreetUpgrades@dcc.govt.nz.

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BATH STREET PIPE UPGRADE

CONSTRUCTION WORK January – March 2025



Bath Street will be two way either side of construction. Though the road will be partially closed, pedestrian access will be maintained. Finishing work in Zone D (including the work in the alleyway by Escape Artists) can be expected in March 2025.

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- Orange box Metal construction fencing

Unearthing Dunedin history

Another significant archaeological find has been discovered at 326 Moray Place – original flooring from the horse stables that were established on the site back in 1869.

Some of the stables' brick and bluestone rock foundations have been exposed, and experts from the New Zealand Historical Properties have been on-site to ensure the details can be recorded for posterity.

The 326 Moray Place site was previously occupied by a trades hall and a cordial factory, as well as a horse stables.



Top: New Zealand Historical Properties Associate Archaeologist, Leah Harding, inspects flooring from the horse stables.
Bottom: These remnants of stone flooring are around 155 years old.



CONSTRUCTION WORK

January – April 2025

Bath Street will be two way up to the start of Work Zone E.

Work in Zone E will be completed in stages during this period. We will provide more detailed plans to those directly affected as the work progresses.

Though the road will be partially closed, pedestrian access will be maintained.

We are considering a mix of day and night work in this zone, to complete this stage as quickly as possible.

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