

## **New two-way traffic design proposed for Marion Cultural Centre Plaza**

The newly elected City of Marion is revisiting a \$3.4 million project to upgrade the Marion Cultural Centre Plaza and will draw up new plans that will retain two-way traffic in the precinct.

At their first General Meeting this week, Council Members supported a motion to keep two-way vehicle movements in the plaza design.

The decision means a concept plan approved by the previous Council, which included a one-way, north-east bound traffic management solution for Warracowie Way, will be shelved.

New designs are expected to be prepared early next year.

“We want to improve the area between the Marion Cultural Centre and the Aquatic Centre to make it more suitable for special events such as concerts and markets; and to make it a more pleasant place to relax,” Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna said.

“Initially Council thought Warracowie Way, currently a two-way road, should be reduced to a one-way road to make more room for amenities, contrary to 60% of respondents to Council’s community consultation.

“Council is now of the opinion that we can still substantially improve the area, and slow down traffic, without cutting Warracowie Way back to a one-lane road.

“Designs will be revised so the work can be done next year.

“Council will continue to advocate for the grassed area at the south-eastern end of the SA Aquatic Centre land to be a shared space openly linked to the Marion Cultural Centre Plaza area.”

The plaza redevelopment seeks to revitalise the Marion Cultural Centre Plaza area with a recreation space designed to bring people together for events while also improving pedestrian connectivity with the Oaklands railway station, the Marion Cultural Centre, the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre, the Westfield shopping complex, and other facilities on Milham Street.

The plans include recreation spaces with lawns, trees, a stage, an almond grove, public artworks, picnic facilities and lighting.

The Marion Cultural Centre Plaza project is being jointly funded by the Australian Government and the City of Marion. Australian Government funding of \$2.1M is being provided through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. This program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia.

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