

# PAHIATUA TOWN CENTRE UPGRADE

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PHOTO: Artist's impression of central lawn space

## Countdown to construction for Pahiata Town Centre

The planning is over, the community has had its say and soon Pahiata residents will see construction work begin on their much-anticipated town centre upgrade, signalling the start of a very exciting and positive time for the town, Tararua District councillor Shirley Hull says.

And while the project team's site compound is currently going up behind the recycling centre, on Monday, September 2 crews will begin the 12-month underground construction phase of the project on Main Street, a positive sign work is underway.

"This will be the first stage of a four-stage project, commencing at the northern edge of town from Cambridge to Centre Streets on the eastern side of Main Street," Project Manager, Stuart Malins, of Tararua Alliance says.

"Motorists will need to slow down and some roadside parking will be restricted, but we will do what we can to minimise disruption," Stuart says.

Councillor Hull says the community will be delighted to see the first spade going in the ground soon to start the underground wastewater work.

"The community has had many consultation opportunities regarding our town centre upgrade and while we know the work may be disruptive and challenging for some

businesses, the work will be an enhancement to those Main Street properties," she says.

Louise Powick, chairwoman of Pahiata on Track is also excited to see works commence.

"With its wide Main Street, Pahiata has something unique which will be enhanced by the Town Centre Upgrade" says Louise.

Louise says while Pahiata has been waiting for a long time for its upgrade, the last of Tararua's four main towns to see work begin, she's excited.

"It will be worth the wait," she says. "The renewal of underground services will future proof the sewage, stormwater and drinking water systems and above ground our community will be able to enjoy a rejuvenated town centre. The new design will improve accessibility and safety for pedestrians by connecting both sides of Main Street. Enhancing our beautiful garden strip will allow more spaces to relax, encouraging visitors to stop, shop and explore."

Louise says increasing town pride, defining Pahiata's identity and celebrating its history will be major benefits the Town Centre Upgrade will bring to the growing Pahiata community.

The Project Team is developing a webpage on the council's website which will be the central location for all information on the project. This is due to go live by mid-July. The team is also working on signboards to display project information and 3D images of the planned upgrades.

## Staging Plans for Phase One: Underground Construction



## Artist's interpretation of the new central lawn space



## More information

If you would like more information about the Pahiatua Town Centre Upgrade, you can request to speak with a member of the Project Team by emailing [info@tararudc.govt.nz](mailto:info@tararudc.govt.nz) or calling 06 374 4080 or 06 376 0110.