



Lukes Lane  
and Opera  
House Lane

We have installed new flood lighting down Opera House Lane, making the laneway much brighter at night. Further improvements to Lukes Lane and Opera House Lane will be made in the third stage of design upgrades following Dixon Street and Inglewood Place.

## What is the Pōneke Promise?

It is our joint commitment to addressing safety concerns in the central city. It's a community driven partnership between local government, NZ Police, retail and hospitality sectors and other key groups to make our city safer, more vibrant and welcoming.

Read more about the Pōneke Promise and what is happening across the central city at [wellington.govt.nz/ponekepromise](https://wellington.govt.nz/ponekepromise)

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## What's on the go in Te Aro: Urban design and safety improvements

We have some exciting changes planned for the area surrounding Te Aro Park over the next eighteen months. This will improve safety, reflect and enhance the mana of this area and create a more vibrant space for everyone to enjoy.



If you have any questions about the work going on in Te Aro email [poneke.promise@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:poneke.promise@wcc.govt.nz)

As a key initiative of the Pōneke Promise, these changes are designed to make the central city safer, more connected and respond to community concerns around anti-social behaviour.

From a planning perspective, these changes are underpinned by the 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)'. This methodology is used by our city planners to make informed urban design changes, build more secure, welcoming spaces and help create an environmentally sustainable capital.

Te Aro Park and the surrounding area is the site of Te Aro Pā, making it a place of significant importance to mana whenua and the city. Te Aro Pā was a pā and kāinga with cultivation fields, kaimoana and te Waimapihi stream all nearby.

There are several different projects on the go in the area over the next 12-18 months. We've laid out a timeline to give you an idea of what to expect and when.

## Opening of Te Pokapū Hapori, a new inner-city community centre

We've recently opened the doors at Te Pokapū Hapori - our new inner-city community centre.

The centre will be a welcoming and inclusive hub for inner-city residents to gather, connect, and enjoy activities. The space is designed to enhance a sense of community belonging in the central city. Increasing community spaces to support the growing inner-city neighbourhood is a key outcome of the Pōneke Promise.

Te Pokapū Hapori is located at 107 Manners Street just up from community support hub Te Wahi Āwhina. Te Wahi Āwhina is a space to connect people to the right social service to get the support they need.

## Wellington Water - Taranaki Pump Station Renewal

Wellington Water is building a new underground pump station on Inglewood Place to protect the harbour, increase capacity and improve resilience within the CBD wastewater network. This project is expected to take 12-18 months. Learn more at [wellingtonwater.co.nz/cbd-renewals/taranaki-street/](https://wellingtonwater.co.nz/cbd-renewals/taranaki-street/)

## Urban design improvements on Dixon Street

In June 2022, we will begin improving the safety of Dixon Street and Te Aro Park. This involves widening the footpath along the northern side of Dixon Street by installing wooden decking and planter boxes alongside Te Aro Park. This will improve pedestrian access, visibility into Te Aro Park and visibility between pedestrians and vehicles.

Two 'parklets' on the south side will support businesses to utilise outdoor dining spaces. Loading zones and the mobility park will remain, along with some short stay parks.

This is a transitional improvement to Dixon Street and will be replaced by Let's Get Wellington Moving improvements in the future.

## Urban design improvements in Te Aro Park

We're planning design changes to the western side and edges of Te Aro Park. The changes will be determined through a co-design process with mana whenua, which will then go out for public consultation in late 2022. Construction is expected to start in 2023.

## New public toilets in Inglewood Place

We are on track for removing the toilets at Te Aro Park. A new public toilet facility will be built across the road in Inglewood Place. This new location has been chosen due to its high foot traffic and visibility to CCTV, and the new facility will be designed in accordance with safety principles.

The new toilets will be installed following the completion of the Wellington Water pump station renewal in 2023. Urban design improvements will be made to Inglewood Place in conjunction with the new toilet installation, including potentially closing the road intersection where Inglewood Place meets Dixon Street.

The much-loved Greek Food Truck will be relocating to Oriental Bay, opposite 214 Oriental Parade on the seaside. Keep an eye on their Facebook page or website for updates on location.

We are exploring options for temporary toilets nearby on Victoria Street to bridge the gap between now and when the new toilets open on Inglewood Place. This would enable us to remove the Te Aro Park toilets sooner and proceed with improving the space left behind.

