

Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub

Fact Sheet - Car Parking

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What car parking is currently available for people using the Ivanhoe Library?

There are currently 277 Council provided off-street car parking spaces available within the immediate area of the library. These spaces are used by people visiting the library, the nearby Banyule Council service centre and Council chambers, and The Centre Ivanhoe, as well as people shopping or dining in Ivanhoe.

There are another 81 spaces just a short walk away in the car park near Bryant Reserve. This provides 358 car parking spaces in total.

On-street parking is also available on Upper Heidelberg Road and in surrounding streets.

Has Council considered parking demand as part of the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub development?

Yes. Council commissioned GTA Consultants to complete a traffic and car parking assessment relating to the current use of the site which will be needed in association with the proposed development.

What were the results of the assessment?

The survey found a peak occupancy of 238 spaces, which accounted for all existing users as well as those spaces occupied as a result of Council's then corporate office being located within the Town Hall building.

Peak occupancy typically occurred during the middle of the day, between 11am and 4pm, with a significant number of vacancies outside this time.

With the relocation of Council office staff to Greensborough in April 2017, peak demand for car parking spaces has dropped.

The proposed redevelopment provides 238 spaces immediately surrounding the Ivanhoe Library and

Cultural Hub, Heidelberg Town Hall and The Centre Ivanhoe, which the consultants considered sufficient for future parking needs.

The assessment also found that while the new development will house more facilities than currently available within the precinct, such as the café and community lounge, those extra facilities are unlikely to generate additional car parking demand in their own right.

The new art gallery within the development will replace the current Hatch gallery, across the road in Ivanhoe Parade, with demand for gallery related parking already met within the parking spaces that will continue to be available when the new development opens.

What about when there are events at The Centre Ivanhoe?

As now, at times when large special events are held, overflow parking would continue to be met by on-street and surrounding parking.

Will there be an increase in traffic as a result of the development?

Traffic levels are not expected to exceed those that were recorded at the time of the assessment. However, as with other key activity centres, Council will continue to monitor and appropriately respond to any changes in traffic levels.

In addition, as part of the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub development, traffic flows are being considered and design solutions prepared to ensure safe and efficient traffic flows around the building, car park and pedestrian access. This includes a new access direct from St Elmo's Road to the car park.

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The development is also providing facilities that support sustainable transport, with bicycle parking and electric car charging. The area is also serviced by public transport, with buses on Upper Heidelberg Road, and Ivanhoe Station a five minute walk.

Will there be disabled parking?

Yes. The Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub will be an accessible building, from ramps and lifts to disabled parking bays located close to the entrance.

The new development will vastly improve access for all community members, including families with strollers, the elderly, and people with a disability.

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