

Title: “Safety of pedestrians critical” in Farmers carpark during development.

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Construction work is continuing on the extension to the Farmers store. Part of the Council’s Sophia Street carpark has already been fenced off, with immediate loss of parking spaces, showing the extent of the excavation.

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To ensure public safety, Council has agreed that the section of car park beside the Bond&Bond store will be unavailable for parking from Thursday for a period of up to three weeks while extensive excavations are completed. Keyholder reserved spaces and all-day tickets will be suspended for the three week duration of the closure, and all the remaining 40 available spaces will be available to the public for casual parking at normal rates.

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Land Transport Manager, Andrew Dixon, is keen to emphasise the need to fence off the additional car park spaces is to ensure the safety of pedestrians. “It’s essential that all pedestrians keep to marked walkways to access the temporary entrance to Farmers during this period of construction. Pedestrian safety is the critical issue at this time”.



Council is working with Farmers store to enable the development to be completed by October, when all parking spaces will be reinstated, along with additional spaces. We ask for your patience during this time. Alternative parking is available in the Library carpark, Central Mall or Bank Street and other parking nearby.

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