

PUBLIC REALM CONDITION AUDITS

April 2024

EAST END

On Wednesday 14 February 2024, members from the Administration met with Council Members to undertake the second public realm condition audit. This was undertaken in the CBD's East End, including Rundle Street, Vaughan Place, Frome Road (Rundle Street to North Terrace), Ebenezer Place and Vardon Avenue.

Administration also undertook an East End walk-through on Thursday, 1 February 2024, in the lead-up to Fringe. This walk-through is undertaken yearly with representatives from the business association and members of the public. Works identified in this walk-through are provided in attachment B.

Common Themes

The public realm condition audit of the East End identified several common themes.

1. Cleanliness
2. Parking control
3. Private signage
4. Footpath defects
5. Asset Renewals and Projects

Cleanliness

Observations noted that the footpaths were generally clean and tidy, localised stains were recent, and the cleansing team were observed onsite. Additionally, the group observed the gum removal unit operating on Pulteney Street, between Rundle Street and North Terrace.

Parking Controls

Whilst on Rundle Street, it was noted that a delivery truck was not parked in dedicated loading zones, parking on a solid yellow line. The Community Safety team continue to enforce illegal parking.

Private Signage

Whilst on Rundle Street, it was noted that a store advertising sign was placed in such a

manner that it was blocking a bike rack. The Community Safety were notified.

Footpath Defects

During the condition audit, there was one defect noted for action. An inset coin was missing in front of 279 Rundle Street.

Location 279 Rundle Street



Asset Renewals and Projects

Members of the Administration spoke about the upcoming project on Frome Street, Rundle Street to North Terrace, with the project being a link in the continuous and separated bikeways through the City of Adelaide. This project will be a combination of renewal and new and upgrade with the scope, including an upgrade of existing stormwater, renewal of roadway, upgrade of footpath, new kerb and water-table and new lighting specifically for a newly installed wombat crossing.

HINDLEY STREET

On Thursday 14 March 2024, a condition audit was undertaken along Hindley Street, northern and southern sides from King William Street to Morphett Street.

Common Themes

Similar to previous condition audits, several themes were identified:

1. Cleanliness/Graffiti
2. Footpath condition
3. Asset Renewals

Cleanliness

Along the length of Hindley Street, three incidences of graffiti were reported and sent to the Cleansing Team for action. These have been actioned as of 19 March 2024.

Images below: Graffiti on Hindley Street

Location: Intersection of Hindley Street and Rosina Street



Before



After

Location: Intersection of Hindley Street and Bank Street



Before



After

Location: Bank Street



Before



After

Footpath Condition

It was noted that overall, the footpaths were serviceable but are in need of rejuvenation. The Project Manager for the Hindley Street Master Plan was onsite and spoke to the project deliverables.

Asset Renewals

The Project Manager spoke to the overall vision for the Hindley Street Master Plan, including the renewal and new and upgrade components.

Unique Themes

In addition, Hindley Street presented with unique observations. These include:

1. Unkempt bin storage at the roadside.
2. Private laneways.
3. Impacts of birds on Leigh Street.
4. Upcoming Master Plan Project.
5. Other Discussion.

Unkept Bin Storage at Roadside

The photo below is of a group of bins clustered on the footpath; notification of this was sent through to the Regulatory Team to action appropriately.

Location: Intersection of Hindley Street and Clubhouse Lane



Private Laneway

The cohort walked Produce Lane where cleanliness of the roadway and toilet was discussed.

City Operations staff confirmed that the lane was privately owned, with the toilet being under the care and control of Council, requiring a high level of service. Also, noting that the Hindley Street Master Plan works will include public conveniences.

Impact of birds on Leigh Street

Location: Leigh Street



In Leigh Street, Council staff spoke to the bird inundation. This discussion noted that there are several trees in the street that are frequented by Tree Martin's.



This small bird prefers open woodland with large trees for nesting but is becoming more common in urban areas. The birds using this area result in increased cleaning requirements and damage to private infrastructure. Council has taken measures to improve outcomes, these include.

1. Additional tree pruning to minimise overhang.
2. Additional cleaning during migration season to twice daily (up to three times daily from 26 February 2024).
3. Regular monitoring and spot cleaning as required.
4. Investigating bird control technology, including sonar.

Other Discussions

Place Activation

Further to discussions on-site, the Place Coordinator for Hindley Street has provided a list of Place Activations and Experiences that are planned in the West End over the 2023/24 financial year. These include:

1. Trial of Winter Weekends in the West End.
2. Hindley Street Uplighting Installation.
3. Motherlode Parklet Project.
4. Adelaide Symphony Orchestra Foyer Artwork installation.
5. Tiki-Palooza car show event in Light Square/Wauwi.
6. Inflatable Church/Adelaide Fringe – Discover More in the West End marketing campaign.

Other identified work

Administration staff identified several other tasks requiring follow-up and action. At the time of writing this report, these works are on the future works plan.

Image below: A yellow line that was missed during Service Authority reinstatement.

Location: Leigh Street



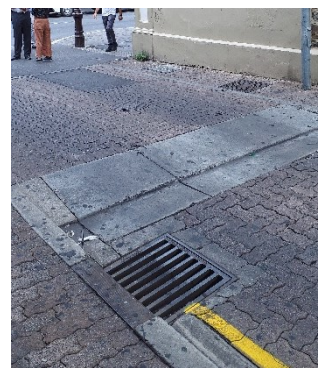
Image below: A missing steel collar around a bollard on Peel Street.

Location: Intersection of Hindley Street and Peel Street



Image below: A drain requiring cleaning.

Location: Rosina Street



These additional identified works have been programmed in for action.

A Parklet was identified that appeared to be no longer in use. Follow-up enquiries through the Place Coordinator to the business owner confirmed the intent to begin the re-use of this Parklet in the near future.

Image below: Parklet.

Location: 97A Hindley Street

