

Councillor Couros - QoN - Melbourne Street Revitalisation Grant Funding

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Mary Couros

Public

Contact Officer:
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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Mary Couros will ask the following Question on Notice:

'Could the Administration provide a report detailing the expenditure of the \$1 million State Government grant provided for the revitalisation and activation of Melbourne Street, including:

1. A detailed breakdown of all expenditure to date, identifying each individual project, item or activity funded, the supplier (where applicable), and the amount spent on each item.
2. The total amount of the grant that has been expended, the amount that remains unspent, and any commitments against the remaining funds.
3. The anticipated timeline for expenditure of the remaining balance, including the projects or works it is proposed to fund.
4. The current status of the proposed Dunn Street Car Park wayfinding/real-time parking signage, including:
 - a. the reason for the delay in its installation;
 - b. the expected installation date?

REPLY

1. The \$1.0 million State Government grant was provided to support the revitalisation and activation of Melbourne Street in line with the Melbourne Street Master Plan. The grant funds the following project elements:
 - 1.1. Rationalisation of street furniture
 - 1.2. Temporary footpath extensions
 - 1.3. Entry statement banners and brackets
 - 1.4. Under-veranda festoon lighting
 - 1.5. Suspended and on-street planter boxes
 - 1.6. Dunn Street electronic car park sign (currently in progress).
2. These works support the Melbourne Street Master Plan by refreshing the public realm, improving accessibility, promoting the Dunn Street Car Park, and enhancing the overall visitor experience.

3. As at 30 June 2026, expenditure from the Melbourne Street Revitalisation State Government grant valued at \$1.0m is as follows:

Scope Element	Actuals	Remaining commitments	Total incl. commitments
Rationalisation of street furniture	\$312,924.67	\$204.80	\$313,129.47
Temporary footpath extensions	\$35,155.22	\$0.00	\$35,155.22
Entry statement banners and brackets	\$5,995.68	\$0.00	\$5,995.68
Under-veranda festoon lighting	\$15,695.32	\$0.00	\$15,695.32
Suspended / light-pole planter boxes	\$95,150.00	\$0.00	\$95,150.00
Dunn Street electronic car park sign	\$7,700.00	\$143,235.00	\$150,935.00
Prelims / project-wide costs	\$44,125.88	\$0.00	\$44,125.88
Total	\$516,746.77	\$143,439.80	\$660,186.57

4. The current forecast total project cost is estimated at **\$775,000**, which includes the remainder of the work for the Dunn Street electronic signage and the proposed expansion of suspended planter boxes if endorsed by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT).
5. A funding period extension has been approved by DIT to enable completion of the Dunn Street electronic car park sign and associated works.
6. Council has also requested that any remaining grant underspend be reallocated towards the Melbourne Street wombat crossings and additional suspended planter boxes. These requests were submitted to DIT and discussions have occurred. Council is awaiting formal advice from DIT regarding the proposed suspended planter box expansion.
7. The remaining Melbourne Street Revitalisation grant funding is expected to be spent during the 2026/27 financial year. A detailed outline of the remaining works is provided below:
- 7.1. completion of the Dunn Street electronic car park sign, including fabrication, installation, power connection, testing and commissioning;
 - 7.2. installation of the electrical conduit and SA Power Networks connection works;
 - 7.3. removal of redundant parking and wayfinding signage, including associated pavement reinstatement; and
 - 7.4. if approved by DIT, installation of additional suspended planter boxes along Melbourne Street.
8. The current status of the proposed Dunn Street car park wayfinding/real-time parking signage is as follows:
- 8.1. The Dunn Street electronic car park sign has taken longer than originally anticipated due to the complexity of the project. During delivery, SA Power Networks advised that the sign would require a metered electrical supply, requiring additional design work and approvals. The project also required Development Approval, contractor procurement, and coordination of power supply arrangements.
 - 8.2. These additional requirements delayed fabrication, installation and commissioning of the sign.
 - 8.3. Fabrication of the Dunn Street electronic car park sign is underway, with the footing completed and installation expected to occur during July 2026.
9. Following installation, the remaining works include electrical conduit installation, SA Power Networks connection works, testing and commissioning of the sign, and removal of redundant parking and wayfinding signage before the system becomes operational.

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