

# CIT Woden Campus Project Update

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## State-of-the-art education precinct for Woden

Construction on the CIT Woden Campus project is well underway, with the installation of two cranes to join the Woden skyline.

Excavation work is progressing, with heavy machinery removing soil to prepare the site for foundations of the new structure.

In addition to the main CIT building, the project includes the development of a new public space known as the West Plaza. Nestled next to Westfield, the West Plaza will be a public space for students, staff and the local community.

**A Development Application has been submitted for the West Plaza, which is set to feature landscaped gardens, seating areas, a shared road and accessible parking. The future location is marked in red above.**

For more information on the West Plaza head to [builtforcbr.act.gov.au](https://builtforcbr.act.gov.au)

CIT Woden will deliver a cleaner and more vibrant town centre with more green spaces that is more inviting for residents, business, students and commuters.



## A message from the Minister for Skills, Transport and City Services

The Development Application of the main works for the CIT Woden Campus has now been approved. This gives the green light for delivery of this state-of-the-art educational facility for the region.

In coming months, Callam Street will also start to transform as the new public transport interchange takes shape.

I'd like to thank the Canberra community for your patience while the project is delivered as we see cranes arrive on site and as excavation work continues.

Don't forget to visit the website [builtforcbr.act.gov.au](https://builtforcbr.act.gov.au) to stay up to date with progress.

**Chris Steel MLA**





Connecting Thread by Lynnice Church Ngunnawal/Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi

## Connecting Culture: Indigenous art brightens Woden

The temporary bus interchange in Woden is home to a new temporary artwork carrying deep cultural significance for the region and the CIT Woden Campus Project. Created by Lynnice Church, an Aboriginal woman from the Ngunnawal, Wiradjuri and Kamilaroi people, the artwork speaks to the importance of connection and community.

The artwork depicts the journey through the mountains, limestone plains and river pathways of the surrounding region. For the Ngunnawal people, this journey is not just physical but also spiritual and cultural.



Paul Guest, EHS Coordinator, Lendlease

## Creating safer workplaces in construction

The CIT Woden Campus Project is creating a safe and supported environment for First Nations employees.

Wiradjuri man and Senior Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator Paul Guest is ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders working on the construction site feel safe and supported.

“Creating safe spaces where Indigenous people can openly discuss their concerns and feel comfortable is crucial for progress in this space,” Paul says.

**“Yarning circles are an example of such safe spaces, where anyone can freely discuss any topic without fear of judgment.”**

Paul believes work can be done within the wider community to understand Indigenous perspectives by taking the time to listen and learn about First Nations history and culture.

In his role, Paul often refers to a phrase in the Wiradjuri language ‘Yindyamarra’, which holds multiple meanings among different Indigenous groups. For Paul, it signifies respect and the importance of holistic and gradual learning, crucial for his role in ensuring safety on site.



## A green light for construction



The Development Application for the main CIT building in the heart of Woden town centre has been approved, marking a significant step towards construction of the new campus.

By engaging in consultation through reference groups, online surveys and in-person feedback, the design gained valuable input and support from the Woden community, which played a significant role in its approval.

The building will incorporate smart, sustainable campus design and cutting-edge technology to enable courses that meet the vocational education and training requirements, and industry demands of a rapidly growing ACT workforce.

Once complete, students, staff and the community can expect to see:

- > specialist learning environments for hairdressing and beauty therapy, creative design, and media and music
- > state-of-the-art cyber training and digital learning spaces
- > a training restaurant and bar with simulated kitchens
- > collaboration and group-work learning spaces
- > a multi-purpose hall available for external events, common areas and greenspaces, and
- > makerspaces, incubator hubs and spaces for collaboration with industry and local business.



# CELEBRATING 95 YEARS!

CIT proudly celebrated its 95th birthday on 6 June 2023.

Originally called the Telopea Park Technical Trades School, the first 'CIT' was officially opened in Barton by Prime Minister Stanley Bruce on 6 June 1928.

Today CIT is the ACT's largest registered industry training organisation and offers training in health sciences, trades and

construction, community services, horticulture, arts and design, hair and beauty, English language, culinary and hospitality, music, cyber security and IT, business and management. It also houses a dedicated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Educational Centre of Excellence, CIT Yurauna.

In 2025, CIT will welcome students to a brand-new state-of-the-art CIT campus

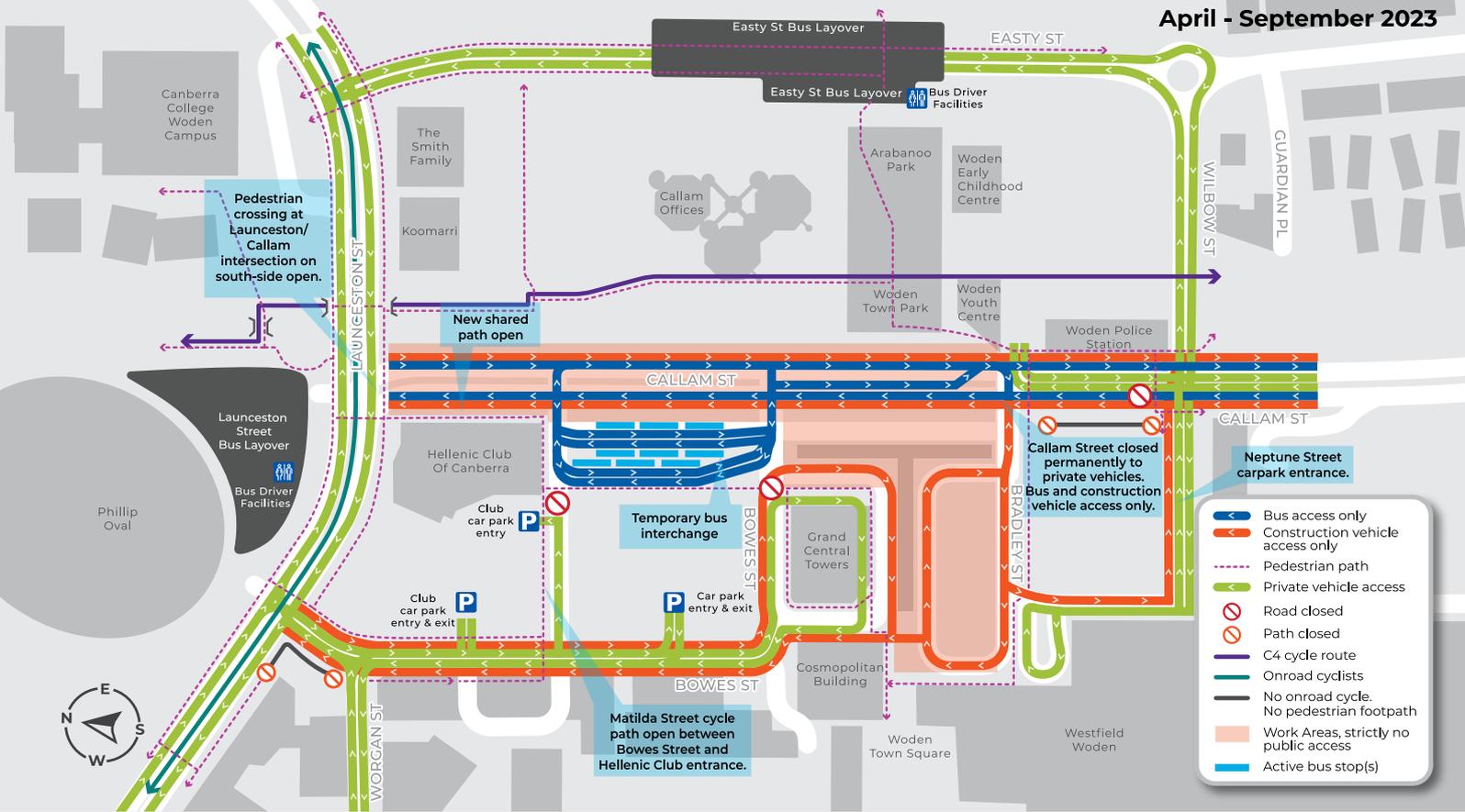
in the centre of Woden. This once-in-a-generation campus renewal is a key priority in CIT's evolution. It will ensure CIT remains relevant and valuable in training and supporting quality skilled graduates for industry well into the future.

Do you have a great story, experience, tale or memory to share about CIT? We'd love to hear your stories! Please email us at:

[CITnews@cit.edu.au](mailto:CITnews@cit.edu.au)



Official opening Canberra Trades School 1928.



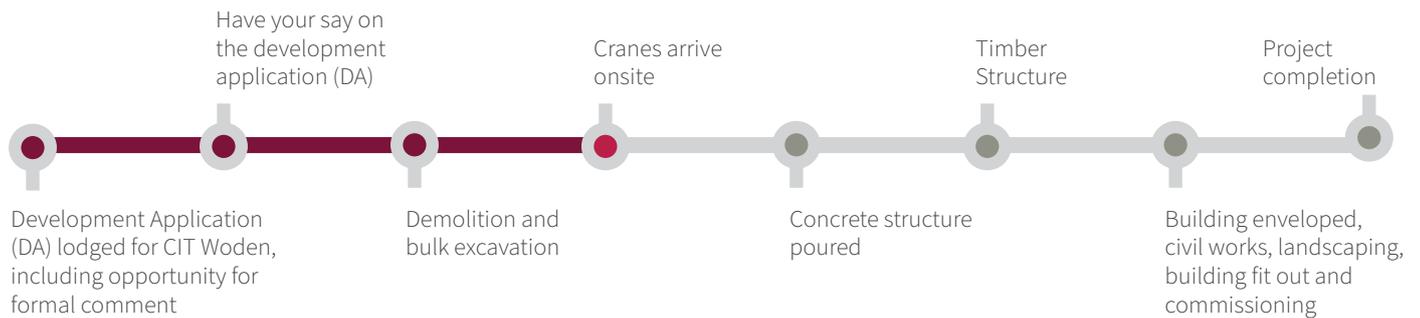
## Pedestrian path changes around Woden

Pedestrian circulation through the town centre will continue to be adjusted around the site to provide safe pathways around the construction. Keep an eye out for signage to find the most direct route to your destination. The map above highlights current pedestrian access routes around the construction site.

## Crane safety

Cranes are fitted with a system that doesn't allow them to swing with loads outside the site perimeter over neighbouring buildings or public spaces.

## Project Timeline



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