

Redevelopment of the East Core Precinct

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Visitors to the Gardens will have noticed over the last few weeks that preliminary work is starting on the redevelopment of the East Core Precinct (café and lawn area).

The redevelopment of the East Core Precinct landscape is part of the ANBG Master Plan program.

This project will enhance the visitor's experience of the Gardens, provide increased outdoor dining space for Pollen Café and add a quality entry way to key attractions such as the Ian Potter National Conservatory.

The development will contribute to the ongoing efforts to enhance the Gardens through meaningful and high-quality landscape design.

Capital funding has been secured for Stage 1 of the works which consists of extending the Pollen Café decking area,

new terraced steps, improved entry to Pollen Café and visitor orientation, modified main path and new rock retaining walls. Stage 1 works will include acknowledgement to the Friends of the Gardens by way of engraving 'Friends Lawn' into the concrete terraces.

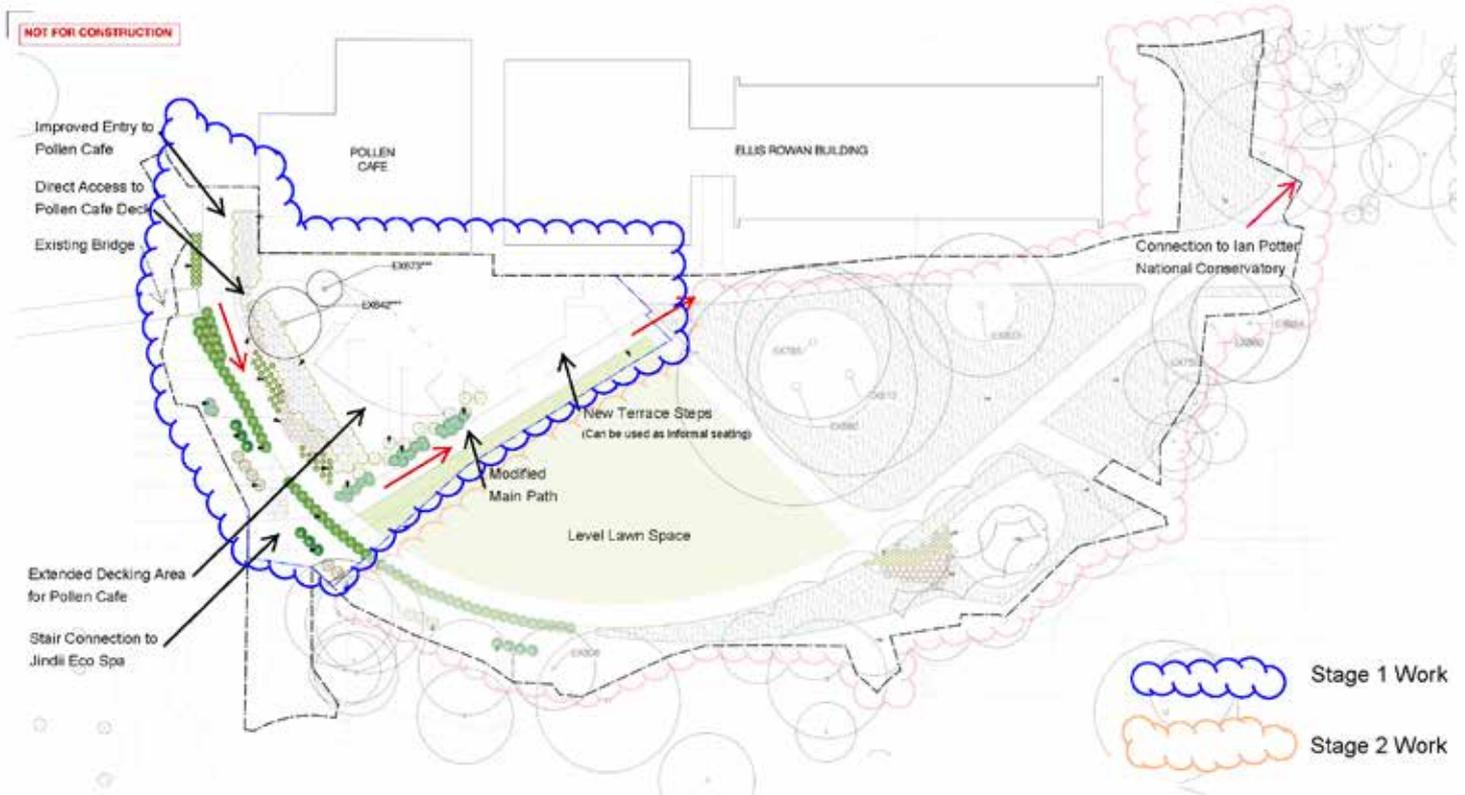
The successful contractor will work closely with ANBG staff to reduce disruption to the gardens and Pollen Café during the construction works.

Construction is planned to start 10 May 2021 with an expected completion date in August 2021.

Stage 2 works will start once funding is available. This work will consist of a new level lawn, the inclusion of some durable Tasmanian plant species on the Gully side of the new works, as well as showcasing some visually appealing and ANBG unique species around the café

areas. The wonderful ferns and other wet forest plants in the build footprint have been relocated to other areas in the ANBG. Once canopy plants have matured there will be an opportunity to include other interesting and more delicate Tasmanian plant species. Fog will be added to provide more suitable microclimate conditions for the rainforest plants.

A new sweeping path, consistent with the existing main path surface type, will connect to the Ian Potter National Conservatory. The new path will include path lighting to match that planned for the Conservatory path to cater for night-time events and safe access through the precinct at night. There will be a space for quiet contemplation which includes a Ceremony Garden. A generous donation has already been pledged to contribute to the construction of this part of the garden.



Concept site plan defining stages 1 and 2