

Community Update

December 2015



Site demolition and clean-up project

CSIRO's site demolition and clean-up project will see the safe removal of a number of buildings at the northern end of the Highett site along with any potentially hazardous materials to ensure the site is in a safe condition when sold in the first half of 2016.

New project start date

In November 2015, CSIRO notified the local community that the project would start in late November 2015 and would be complete by mid 2016.

To minimise impact on the local community during the holiday season, we are now planning to start works in early January 2016 with all works to be completed by mid 2016, weather permitting.

We will start site preparation activities over the coming weeks. These activities are low impact and will include setting up temporary fencing around the work area and transporting equipment to site.

Please see the diagram below for the updated project timeframes.

Updated project timeframes

The project is being delivered in three stages. A description of each stage and the proposed timeframes are outlined below:



Site set-up

Temporary fencing will be erected around the project area and equipment will be transported to site.

Site pack-up

Equipment will be taken off site and temporary fencing taken down.



DEC 15

JAN 16

FEB 16

MAR 16

APR 16

MAY 16



Demolition and clean-up works

Approximately 27 buildings will be demolished and hazardous materials will be safely removed and transported off site.

Project website is now live

We are pleased to announce that a project website is now live and can be accessed at <http://wp.csiro.au/highettworks/>

The website will be used to provide regular updates to the local community about the works and approximate timing. We will also upload copies of all the community updates to the website.

Community information session

In early November 2015, the project team held a community information session at the Highett Neighbourhood Community House to provide the local community with information about the project

The team spoke to over 40 community members through-out the afternoon. We would like to thank all the people who attended the session, and took the time to come and ask questions.

Celebrating CSIRO's history at Highett

The CSIRO Highett site has been in operation for over 50 years and has played an important role in CSIRO's work in Victoria.

To ensure the historical importance of the site is captured, a number of current staff and alumni are working with the Sandringham Historical Society to collect and collate information about the site.

This information will become part of the Public Historical Record to celebrate the importance of the Highett site in CSIRO's history.

Keeping you informed

CSIRO will keep the local community informed as the project progresses through written and online updates.



For more information about the project please contact the project team between 9am and 5pm on 1300 363 400, email highettworks@csiro.au or visit the website: <http://wp.csiro.au/highettworks/>