

# Making Places

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CBD Making Places is the development strategy for the Lower Hutt CBD. The goal is to craft a prosperous and more resilient CBD driven by mixed-use/apartment growth and a diverse and vibrant inner city lifestyle. HCC's vision is to enable this through a suite of projects and in particular by creating a promenade and riverside waterfront.

To date HCC has \$11M of funding allocated in the LTP for Making Places projects (though Riddiford Gardens is funded separately).

HCC is currently working through the early stages of a resource consent application for a property development at 12 Daly Street. HCC is negotiating for development that integrates appropriately with the future promenade. The same developer also has resource consent approval for a good quality multi-level apartment building at 7 Daly Street.

Developers are seeking certainty over the form, placement, and timing of the new stop banks and promenade. HCC and GWRC officers will continue to facilitate discussions with business owners, developers, and property owners in order to align public and private sector interests.

### Other Making Places projects include:

- CBD Plan Change 14 (operational): supports Making Places and good quality mixed-use/apartment development.
- CBD Dowse Square (opened 2012): good quality open space that supports civic functions, cultural/art events, emergency management, and the Dowse Art Museum.
- CBD Traffic Model completed 2011 and available to assist in modelling of roading changes due to promenade, flood protection, and SH2 proposals.
- CBD Bus Stops: HCC and GWRC continue work to provide good quality public transport to service a future CBD lifestyle.
- CBD Walking: improvements continue to be rolled out across the CBD.
- CBD Laneways: potential to emulate cities such as Melbourne will be explored in parallel with the joint Hutt River City Centre Project.
- CBD Tech Shop: business case work under way to satisfy an international brand's interest to operate out of the Hutt CBD.
- CBD Lightning Lab: business development incubator is operating under a 12 month contract.
- CBD Riddiford Gardens: Work in progress. Completion 2 to 3 years.
- CBD HCC Admin Building Laings Road: HCC has moved back into the building.
- CBD Events Centre: completion expected September 2017.