

TAPANGKA ON FRANKLIN

Frequently Asked Questions

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When will the apartments be ready to move into?

Construction is planned to start in 2026, with first residents planned to move in from 2029.

I park at the car park currently, where should I park now?

Renewal SA has allowed the City of Adelaide use of the site to support precinct car parking while construction of the Market Square development is underway. Renewal SA will work with the City of Adelaide to undertake regular and ongoing communications and engagement with the community and stakeholders during the project ahead of any change to access arrangements to this existing car park, known as UPark Andrew.

What about existing the tenants at former Franklin Street Bus Station?

The existing tenants are aware of the end of lease terms as part of regular communication with the City of Adelaide.

What will go into the signature civic building being planned?

Tapangka will feature a signature, carbon-neutral operated civic building with a focus on sustainability. Inviting the public into this must-visit destination will be a primary attractor for the precinct.

This building will exemplify world leadership in sustainable design and building practice and act as a catalyst for a partnership between City of Adelaide and state government for a carbon-neutral Adelaide, with opportunities for public education about sustainability to be included.

The signature building will have commercial floor space to attract a range of tenants aligned to the Tapangka vision, along with the potential for a restaurant, cafe, communal foyer and rooftop forest. It will be supported by a climate resilient plaza and landscaped open space, creating an attractive common area for play, gathering and events.

How did this all start?

A Council review in 2021 found the former Adelaide Bus Station site offers significant mixed-use development potential.

In June 2022, the City of Adelaide began an open expression of interest process for the sale and redevelopment of the former bus station site enabling a significant mixed-use development.

Following an extensive expression of interest and selection process, Council has endorsed Renewal SA as the preferred proponent for the former bus station site.

How do you pronounce the name of the precinct and what is the meaning of the name?

The project will be known as Tapangka which is pronounced 'Tup-un-gar'. In Kaurua language, Tapangka means the experience of going on a journey.

The project is seeking to represent a journey of a community, a journey in reconciliation and a journey towards a new standard of living including environmental.

What is the situation with the Electrical vehicle charging points currently at the site?

Tesla Superchargers and RAA/Chargefox charging stations are currently available within the Tapangka site and will remain in service as part of the site's parking facilities throughout 2024 and 2025, during the Market Square development. Construction for Tapangka is set to begin in 2026, at which time the chargers will not be available. Charging stations will be reinstated as a part of the final development and will be available to the public upon project completion.

How can I be kept informed of progress?

Visit the Tapangka on Franklin project page at renewalsa.gov.au/projects/tapangka and subscribe to receive email updates.