

Media release

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New car park for Honeysuckle

The Hunter Development Corporation (HDC) has unveiled plans for a new car park at Lee Wharf, Honeysuckle.

HDC General Manager Bob Hawes says the 256-space, at-grade car park will be open by July this year.

“Today we are calling for tenders for the construction of this new facility,” Mr Hawes said.

“This is great news for the Honeysuckle precinct and the businesses that operate in the area.

“It is also great news for visitors wishing to connect with and enjoy Newcastle’s harbour and the amenities on offer.

“HDC has long term plans to purchase the Wright Lane car park site from RailCorp and build a multi-storey car park there,” Mr Hawes said.

“Contracts for this purchase are being finalised but it will be some time before that project can be realised.

“In order to respond to the needs of businesses in the area we have opted to build the Lee Wharf car park as a temporary measure to support those businesses and encourage visitors.”

Mr Hawes said the facility will be constructed at Lee Wharf on harbour-side land near the Worth Place roundabout.

“I expect this car park will be in place for three to five years as we make preparations for the continuation of the Honeysuckle project through Lee Wharf to Cottage Creek and Throsby Wharf,” Mr Hawes said.

“The tender period will close in early May and the contract is expected to be awarded in Mid-May.”

The Corporation expects the construction phase to last for six to eight weeks.

In addition to street parking and basement car parking, Honeysuckle currently has two public car parks:

- The Throsby car park with 280 spaces
- The Wright Lane car park with 200 spaces

The Honeysuckle area is also serviced by car parks off Wharf Road and The Store car park.

Note: Location aerial/diagram next page

