

## History - Buckingham Arms Redevelopment

Note that a new Development Application for the Variation to the Buckingham is undergoing assessment by SCAP.

Public notification took place from 24 April 2026 to 14 May 2026.

WRA made a submission to SCAP against the variation and its representative will speak at an upcoming SCAP meeting.

A number of other residents have also made submissions.

- [Link to Plan SA website - development register for the variation](#)

Previous Letters from Department of Housing and Urban Development related to the previous application for Variation for this development submitted to SCAP in December 2025 are available below:

The variation application proposes the following:

- Increase the number of residential apartments by 55 and remove the 57 serviced apartments, resulting in a total of 185 apartments (compared to 187 serviced and residential apartments);
  - Minor increase in building height by 470mm to top of the parapet;
  - Lift overrun height increased by additional 1750mm above parapet;
  - Inclusion of free standing patio structure on pool deck;
  - Revised internal layouts to main building core and communal facilities;
  - Minor external changes including to setbacks, entry layout and materials and finishes;
- and
- The inclusion of privacy screening details

- [DHUD Letter to WRA dated 15 December 2025](#)
- [DHUD Letter to Lucy Hood MP dated 6 January 2026](#)

## HISTORY

The second application for the Buckingham Arms Ten Storey development received planning approval by the State Commission's Assessment Panel at its meeting in January 2025. The Minutes from the SCAP Meeting held on 22 January 2025 are available to read at the following link

- [Minutes of SCAP Meeting 22 January 2025](#)
- [InDaily article 23 January 2025](#)

The representations made at the SCAP meeting by WRA members and Hon Lucy Hood MP are available to read at the following link:

- [WRA Representations to SCAP 22 Jan 2025](#)

To follow the latest information about the Building consent Assessment of the 4 stages of the development, click the following Planning SA link:

- [Plan SA Development Register - latest 10 storey application - status of assessment](#)

ABC Radio Interviews

ABC Radio Drive - 23 Jan 2025

- [Interviews with Citify \(Joel Wilkinson\) and WRA \(Heidi Kneebone and Phil Harris\)](#)
- [\(Sourced from ABC Listen\)](#)

ABC Radio Evenings - 23 Jan 2025

- [Introduction](#)
- [Citify - Joel Wilkinson](#)
- [Mayor Melissa Jones](#)
- [\(Sourced from ABC Listen\)](#)

Previous updates

Buckingham Arms Three Storey townhouse development receives planning approval.  
Read more:

- [InDaily article 11 December 2024](#)

Redesigned-10-storey-apartment-bid-for-buckingham-arms

Read the InDaily article at the following link:

- [InDaily article 3 October 2024](#)
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## **Buckingham Arms Fire**

On Saturday 16 November 2024 a fire broke out in the Buckingham Arms hotel complex. The site had been vacant for some two years and had been heavily vandalised. The development applications to redevelop the site all retain the local heritage listed components of the building. There have been a couple of radio reports and interviews with the Mayor of the Town of Walkerville since the fire - click on the following links to hear these:

- [5AA radio interview Sunday 17 November 2024](#)
- [ABC radio Monday 18 November 2024](#)

The developer, Citify, has also made a statement via InDaily vowing to restore the heritage components.

Read the InDaily article at this link:

- [InDaily article 20 November 2024](#)
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Hon Lucy Hood MP has been a supporter of the work of WRA particularly in respect of the Buckingham Arms development.

Please see her Letter to residents dated 30 September 2024 at the following link:

- [Lucy Hood MP Letter to residents dated 30 September 2024](#)
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### **Alternate 3-Storey development**

The developer Citify submitted an alternate 3 storey development to Walkerville Council in July 2024. The 3 storey application was open for public comment until 18 September 2024 and was approved on 9 December 2024 by the Walkerville Council's Assessment Panel. See the Development Register report for this proposed development. This was also discussed on ABC radio on 15 July 2024 and was the subject of an InDaily article on 12 July 2024.

- [Plan SA development register - 3 Storey application](#)
- [ABC radio 15 July 2024](#)
- [InDaily article 12 July 2024](#)

Earlier communications regarding the Buckingham Arms development can be found at the following links:

- [Lucy Hood MP Letter to Local Residents 19 June 2024](#)
- [WRA Letter to Walkerville Residents 11 June 2024](#)

- [ABC Radio 4 June 2024](#)
- [InDaily article 3 June 2024](#)
- [InDaily article 7 March 2024](#)
- [State Commission Assessment Panel \(SCAP\) Decision - rejection of first 10-storey development](#)
- [WRA Media Release 4 March 2024](#)