

USING THE CESSNOCK CBD SHARED ZONE

WHAT IS THE SHARED ZONE?

The Shared Zone is an area where pedestrians and vehicles safely share the road space. The speed limit is 10km/h and there are no road lines, kerb or gutter. **Drivers MUST give way to pedestrians when using the Shared Zone.**



SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES

Cessnock City Council is strongly focused on pedestrian safety and the safety of drivers and their passengers.

The Cessnock CBD Shared Zone is a space for everyone, so users need to be familiar with the traffic rules and always take care whether travelling as a pedestrian or in a vehicle.

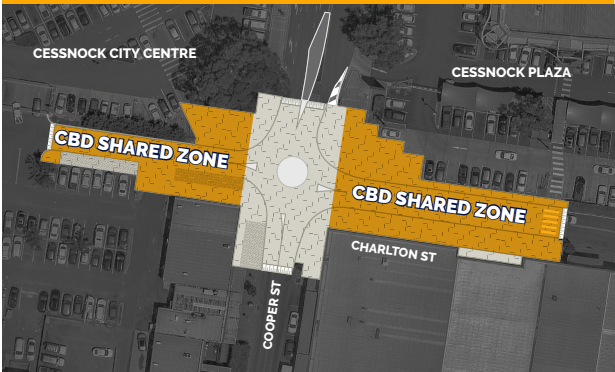
The traffic rules that apply in the Shared Zone include:

- Drivers must give way to pedestrians
- The speed limit is 10km/h
- Vehicles can only park in marked bays

HOW CAN I IDENTIFY THE CESSNOCK CBD SHARED ZONE?



Look for these signs. They clearly define the start and the end of the Cessnock CBD Shared Zone.



WHY A 10KM/H SPEED LIMIT?

In a traffic environment, pedestrians are vulnerable. They can be difficult to see; their behaviour can often be unpredictable; and, unlike a vehicle's occupants, they have no protection in the event of a collision.

Speed limits are set to reflect the risk to road users and be more forgiving of human error. The average walking speed of a pedestrian is close to 10km/h. Vehicles travelling at lower speeds are often better able to avoid incidents. The 10km/h speed limit within the CBD Shared Zone is in keeping with the Safe System approach to road safety adopted in NSW.

