

Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation

The Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation is the largest cultural infrastructure project in Australia's history

After a strong start in 2022, the project is on track to make good progress in 2023.

Early works will continue behind Arts Centre Melbourne for a few more months with major works on the critical upgrades starting mid-year.

By mid-2023, we will begin the deconstruction of the old Carlton United Brewery building at 77 Southbank Boulevard, which will be the site of The Fox: NGV Contemporary. The deconstruction will include an assessment of the old building and its contents to allow for re-use and recycling.

Much work was done in 2022 to get this far. Sculptures in the garden were carefully removed and will be relocated to some of Melbourne's best known sculpture parks, hoarding went up, the deck behind the Theatres Building was

demolished, and the shared services across the precinct have been relocated into those large silver pipes attached to the buildings.

Hundreds of hours have gone into progressing the designs for the new urban gardens, the improvements to Arts Centre Melbourne and the new gallery - and this will continue in 2023.

We've also been sharing information with local residents and traders as well as talking to the Traditional Owners of the land upon which the project sits, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, about ways to integrate stories of country.

Behind the scenes there's been planning and work done to make sure the NGV and Arts Centre Melbourne can continue to stay open throughout construction.

We look forward to seeing you around the precinct during 2023.



For more information

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2022 in pictures

MARCH 2022



Angelo Candalepas and Associates announced as design winner for The Fox: NGV Contemporary

JUNE 2022



The project site is being established at 1 City Road

JULY 2022



First breaking of the ground behind Arts Centre Melbourne

JULY 2022



The team presented to the Southbank3006 community group
Photo credit: Southbank3006 Community Group

OCTOBER 2022



Local residents were invited to talk to the project team
Photo credit: Mark Gambino

DECEMBER 2022

The Evening with James Hitchmough and Nigel Dunnett was a huge success with over 300 people attending. You can watch on YouTube – go to the Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation channel.
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DECEMBER 2022

From this to this! Relocating the shared services to keep the NGV International and Arts Centre Melbourne operational and open for business has been a major part of early works.



DECEMBER 2022

The deck is gone! This is the first step towards a new expanded underground Loading Dock for Arts Centre Melbourne.



Sturt Street closure update

Closing Sturt Street means we can build the 18,000 square metres of expansive urban gardens, new back of house facilities for Arts Centre Melbourne, improved shared services for Arts Centre Melbourne and the NGV, and construction of The Fox: NGV Contemporary.

The section of Sturt Street between City Road and Kavanagh Street, also known as the slip lane, closed permanently on 12 January 2023 to allow construction work to continue behind Arts Centre Melbourne.

The remaining section of Sturt Street between Kavanagh Street and Southbank Boulevard will close in the first half of 2023, subject to final permits and approvals.

You'll find more information and traffic detour maps on the Sturt Street factsheet on our website artsprecinct.melbourne

To find out more about MAP Co, go to artsprecinct.melbourne



Pedestrian access to the Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre

If you're visiting the precinct you will notice some changes for pedestrians.

If you want to go to The Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre, the ballet bridge behind Arts Centre Melbourne will be closed for approximately four weeks from the end of January to the end of February.

You will be able to get to the Ballet Centre from St Kilda Road via the pedestrian access to ACM's carpark or via Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street. There'll be signage to direct you, and you'll find more information and pedestrian detour maps on the Sturt Street factsheet on our website artsprecinct.melbourne



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