Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation

Construction update September 2022

Early works on the Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation started in July and are progressing well. These works are being undertaken by Lendlease.

Arts Centre Melbourne, the NGV and The Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre remain open for business throughout, and you can keep attending their performances, exhibitions and events.

Investigation and Authority works

The project is doing investigation work on storm water drains and sewer pits as well as bore hole works. A temporary security room and stage door is being installed at Arts Centre Melbourne in preparation for future work.

What to expect

- General low-level construction noise
- Intermittent saw cutting of concrete on Sturt Street
- Partial road closures in Sturt Street between City Road and Kavanagh Street
- Alternative pedestrian travel paths along the Arts Centre Melbourne footpath in Sturt Street during some activities – these will be marked.

Arts Centre Melbourne's car park will remain open.

Steel modules

You may have noticed the impressive steel modules that have been installed behind Arts Centre Melbourne. These will temporarily house the centre's services during construction. A crane has been lifting the steel modules into place and pipes are being fitted along the facade.

Clearing Harold Alexander Terrace

Work is continuing removing the contents of the terrace which sits over Sturt Street, and to remove the raised planters.

What to expect

- General medium-level construction noise
- Trucks in Sturt Street moving materials from the site.

Coming up from October

Demolition of the Harold Alexander Terrace

The project is preparing to demolish Arts Centre Melbourne's Harold Alexander Terrace and other sections of the deck that sit over Sturt Street in preparation for future stages of the project.

Careful planning is underway to safely remove the structure between October 2022 and April 2023.

What to expect

While the heavy demolition works are in progress from October, at times you may notice:

- Noisy works and vibrations
- Intermittent road closures and traffic management
- Works happening at night

We will be in direct contact with affected residents and businesses when there is more precise detail about when these works will be occurring. No works are scheduled during Arts Centre Melbourne performances.

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