

Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation

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

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Works and Design Update

In a key milestone for the Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation project (MAPT) - Lendlease has been appointed as the head contractor to deliver significant upgrades to Arts Centre Melbourne. These large scale improvements will mean the Theatres Building (under the



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Spire) is fit-for purpose for future generations of performers and audiences.

Upgrades to the heritage State Theatre auditorium include new seating, flooring and other air conditioning improvements for audience comfort. Technology at the theatre will be upgraded with new state-of-the-art lighting and broadcast infrastructure – bringing the creative icon into the 21st Century.

Helping to launch this stage of works, renowned performer Casey Donovan spoke about the value of the restoration works for performers. Two student ballerinas from The Australian Ballet School helped highlight the importance of the State Theatre to future generations.

Lendlease has been managing the early works on the project since mid-2022. During this time, critical shared services have been relocated to ensure that Arts Centre Melbourne and the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) can remain open throughout the upcoming construction.

Our engagement with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, the Traditional Owners of the land upon which the project sits, is ongoing and continues to inspire the design teams.

Early works behind Arts Centre Melbourne are nearing completion. These works have included relocating building services, demolition works and installing a new temporary ballet bridge behind Arts Centre Melbourne.

In other news, the tender for the deconstruction of 77 Southbank Boulevard has closed and the contract will soon be finalised. This will be the site of The Fox: NGV Contemporary.

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Planning your visit to the Arts Precinct

The following information has been designed to help you plan and prepare for your visit to the Arts Precinct.

Plan your journey

Throughout this project we are working to minimise disruption and ensure that NGV International and Arts Centre Melbourne can continue to operate. However, there are changes to how you navigate the precinct by car and by foot, so when planning your visit please allow extra time for travel.

If you are coming by public transport, there are trams down St Kilda Road, and the #1 tram turns down Southbank Boulevard and into Sturt Street.

Sturt St closure

Sturt Street between City Road and Southbank Boulevard is now permanently closed to the public. The map shows how you can navigate around the precinct.

Parking your car

The carparks at Arts Centre Melbourne and The Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre remain open and accessible via Kavanagh Street.

Pedestrians can still access Southbank Boulevard and St Kilda Road via Arts Centre Melbourne's carpark.

If you're attending performances at nearby theatres in the Precinct, please allow extra time to walk through the carpark, especially if exiting via Kavanagh Street.

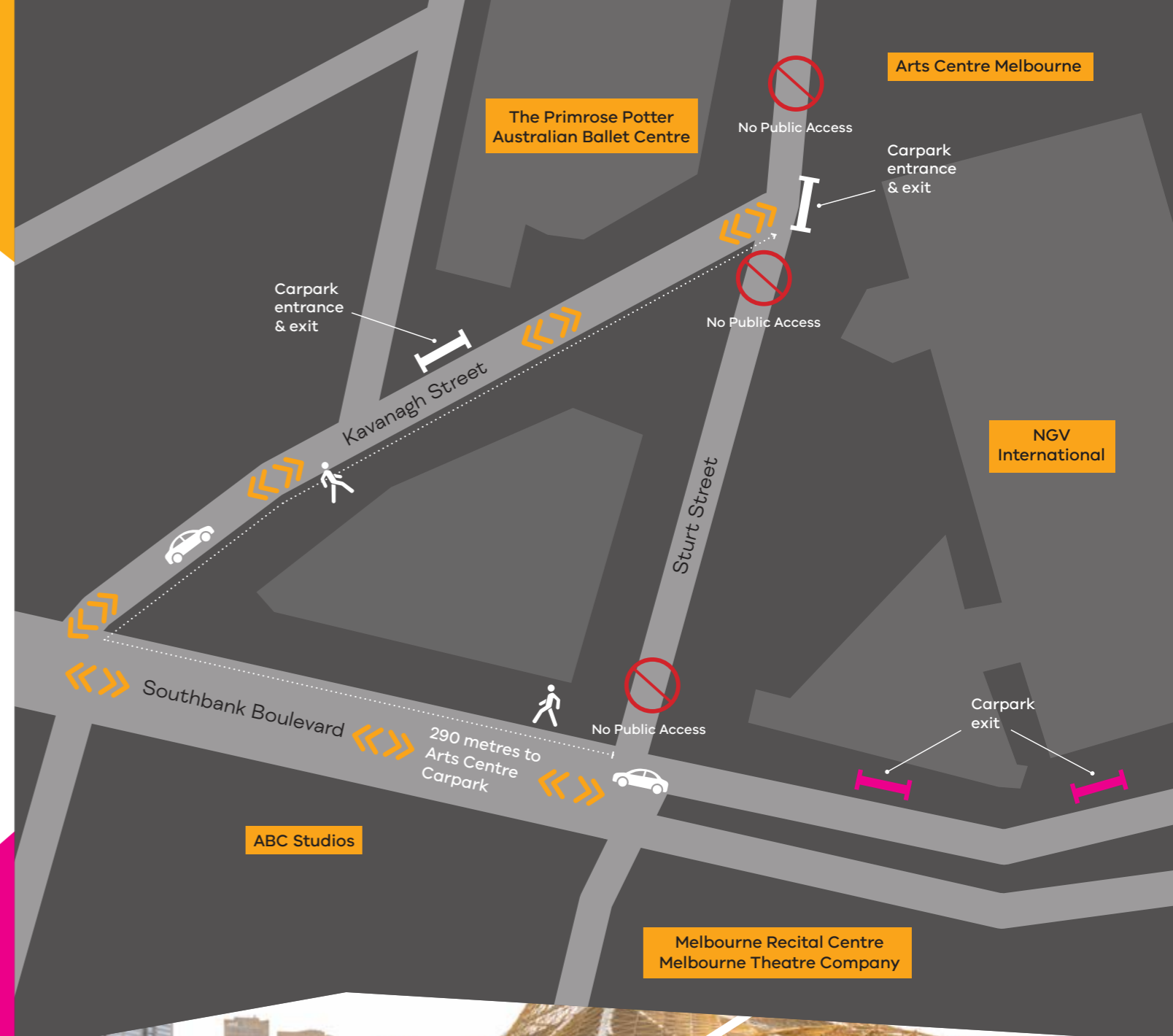
Pedestrian access

If you're visiting the precinct on foot, you will notice some changes to pedestrian access.

The pedestrian footbridge connecting Arts Centre Melbourne's Theatres Building to The Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre was taken down in March. An interim footbridge is being installed and will be open to the public in late May.

You can access The Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre from St Kilda Road via the Arts Centre Melbourne carpark, or via Southbank Boulevard or Kavanagh Street.

For more information, including pedestrian detour maps, and for the latest monthly construction update, visit [artsprecinct.melbourne](https://www.artsprecinct.melbourne)



Recent Community Consultation

In March, the MAPT team held a community drop in session, providing local Southbank residents and businesses with the chance to catch up with the team.

It was great to meet more of our neighbours and discuss project activity and progress, traffic changes, our approach to sustainability and more.

The session was held in The Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre, where the project team will be located for the duration of the project.



What is MAP Co?

The Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation (MAP Co) was established by the Victorian Government to oversee the delivery of the Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation project, Australia's largest ever cultural infrastructure project, in partnership with Creative Victoria, Development Victoria, NGV and Arts Centre Melbourne. MAP Co also provides governance and an operational structure to one of Melbourne's most iconic cultural spaces: Fed Square.

MAP Co is responsible for bringing to life a single continuous arts, civic, and cultural precinct stretching from Fed Square through to Southbank, NGV, and beyond.

To find out more about MAP Co, go to artsprecinct.melbourne or scan the QR code below.



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