

Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation

Permanent Sturt Street closure 9 March 2023

To help facilitate the delivery of the \$1.7 billion Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation, we need to close the remaining section of Sturt Street between Kavanagh Street and Southbank Boulevard.

Closure of the final section of Sturt Street

The section of Sturt Street between the south side of Kavanagh Street and Southbank Boulevard will close on 9 March 2023. Closing this section will allow for construction of The Fox: NGV Contemporary and the new 18,000 square metre public urban garden.

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 on the northern end of the project, behind Arts Centre Melbourne.

Why are we closing Sturt Street?

Closing Sturt Street means we can build the decking structure that will support the 18,000 square metres of urban garden, new back of house facilities for Arts Centre Melbourne, and improved shared services for Arts Centre Melbourne, NGV International and The Fox: NGV Contemporary.

Can I still park at Arts Centre Melbourne and The Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre car parks?

✔ Yes, you can

Access to the car parks via Kavanagh Street will be maintained throughout the life of the project and beyond.

In the initial stages, while everyone gets used to the new traffic conditions, we recommend you plan to arrive at Arts Centre Melbourne and other precinct venues a little earlier than usual.

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FAQs

How will the closure of this section impact Fanning Street and Kavanagh Street?

Traffic modelling has shown that each of the intersections can handle the redirected traffic.

Traffic modelling indicates that extra traffic movements in Fanning and Kavanagh streets will be most noticeable at peak times and around Arts Centre Melbourne performance times – up to three times more cars.

We are taking steps to ensure that pedestrian, cyclist and driver safety is maintained in these streets.

Are the loading docks for Arts Centre Melbourne and the National Gallery of Victoria still in use?

Yes, arrangements have been made to ensure delivery vehicles can still access the Arts Centre Melbourne and National Gallery of Victoria loading docks.

How will vehicles that go up Kavanagh Street turn around if they need to?

The new traffic conditions in Kavanagh Street allow for u-turns to be made at the intersection of Kavanagh Street and Sturt Street.

Will there still be emergency access via the partially closed areas of Sturt Street?

Emergency access will always be maintained for surrounding buildings.

Can pedestrians and cyclists still get around this area?

Sturt Street will be closed to pedestrians and cyclists.

Pedestrians will be able to get to St Kilda Road from Kavanagh Street through Arts Centre Melbourne's car park pedestrian walkways and the Theatres Building.

Please see the map for more information.

We anticipate that walking the detour along Southbank Boulevard to the intersection of Kavanagh Street will add an extra 2-3 minutes.

There are generous shared footpaths and a fully separated bike lane along Southbank Boulevard, from St Kilda Road to City Road, to make moving around this area by bike safe and easy. There is also bike parking available along this street.

When you say permanent, what does that mean?

Sturt Street will be permanently closed so that we can build an 18,000 square metre urban garden over it with pedestrian connections and improved access into and through the arts precinct between St Kilda Road, Southbank, Southgate and beyond.

Sturt Street will become the location for underground shared services infrastructure that will ensure the seamless and sustainable operations of the precinct and its venues.

We are taking steps to ensure that pedestrian, cyclist and driver safety is maintained in these streets and around the precinct.

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