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Work is starting on the Melbourne Arts Precinct transformation



Artist's impression of northern eatery in Arts Centre Melbourne's Theatres Building. Credit: NH Architecture

The Victorian Government is investing \$1.7 billion to transform the Melbourne Arts Precinct into one of the great creative and cultural destinations in the world.

The Melbourne Arts Precinct transformation project will deliver The Fox: NGV Contemporary as a new Australian landmark. With pathways through the building that connect the parklands to Southbank, The Fox: NGV Contemporary will unify the surrounding Melbourne Arts Precinct by connecting the wider neighbourhood and reshaping this important part of the city.

Arts Centre Melbourne's Theatres Building is home to many beautiful and exciting productions, but after nearly 40 years of hard work, it's starting to show its age. Therefore, the transformation project includes critical upgrades to bring this wonderful heritage building into the 21st century. To support theatregoers, there will be better all-abilities access, new and more comfortable seating, upgraded acoustics, plus two new eating places. To support our performing arts sector there will be better new rehearsal facilities, a new Stage Door and Green Room area, and a new loading dock.

The 18,000 square metres of new public parklands in the heart of

Melbourne will create a space for all Victorians to visit and enjoy.

Connections through the precinct will also be improved to make it easier and more enjoyable for visitors and locals to get from the city to the theatres, galleries, Southbank Boulevard and Southgate.

The area is of great significance to our First Nation Peoples and we're talking with and listening to the traditional owners of the land, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation, to promote and share their stories about connections to their land.



Artist's impression of The Fox: NGV Contemporary

The Melbourne Arts Precinct transformation project will deliver:

- ✓ 18,000 square metre public parkland
- ✓ more space for outdoor art and performances
- ✓ new connections into and through the arts precinct
- ✓ improved all-abilities access
- ✓ new restaurants and bar spaces
- ✓ significant upgrades to Arts Centre Melbourne's Theatres Building
- ✓ The Fox: NGV Contemporary gallery

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Early works starting

Early works on the project are starting and you'll see a lot more activity in the area as works progress. Arts Centre Melbourne and the NGV will remain open for business throughout, and you can keep attending their exhibitions and events.

In order to do all the works, we will need to clear the area, which means plants, trees, landscaping and paved outdoor areas behind the Theatres Building and towards Hamer Hall will be removed.

When the project is complete, the new public parklands will have significantly more plants, trees and landscaping for Victorians to enjoy.

Several public arts sculptures around the Theatres Building will need to be removed or carefully wrapped up to keep them safe. You will still be able to enjoy the sculptures that are being removed, as we are planning for them to have temporary homes at other public locations.

To keep Arts Centre Melbourne open to the public throughout the project, utilities will be moved temporarily above ground. These works will begin in mid 2022.

To help us better understand the current noise levels of the project area, we will be doing acoustic monitoring. The monitoring will involve the use of both hand-held devices and noise monitoring equipment placed in different locations. This data will help us keep noise impacts to a minimum throughout the project.

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There'll be changes to access at different times in and around Sturt Street. We'll have traffic management in place to make it safe for drivers and pedestrians, and information will be shared closer to the time.

Staying up to date

The Southbank area is one of the most densely populated in Australia, with residential towers next to where works will take place. We have been talking to residents and other local stakeholders, and we will share information with nearby residents about project works and when more disruptive works are expected.

We will also have more information for the broader community to hear about the progress of this exciting project.

A website and social media accounts are being created and we'll share the links as soon as they are available.

The best way to stay up to date on the project and any developments is by signing up to email updates.

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Project timeline

2022

The Fox: NGV Contemporary design announced

Early works start



2023

Major upgrades to the Theatres Building commence

CUB building, 77 Southbank (site of The Fox: NGV Contemporary) demolished

Major construction begins



2024-2027

Major upgrades to the Theatres Building continue

Construction of The Fox: NGV Contemporary

Works on the public parkland



2028

Project complete

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In the spirit of reconciliation, Development Victoria respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Victoria. We recognise their continuing cultural heritage and connection to land, and pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.

