Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation

Permanent partial Sturt Street closure 12 January 2023

To help facilitate the delivery of the $1.7 billion Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation, we need to close Sturt Street between City Road and Southbank Boulevard permanently.

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 expansive 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.

Partial closure of Sturt Street

You may have noticed that Sturt Street has been closed under temporary traffic management for the past few weeks.

The section of Sturt Street between City Road and Kavanagh Street, also known as the slip lane, is closing permanently on 12 January 2023 to allow construction work to continue on the northern end of the project, 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. Closing this section will allow for construction of the new The Fox: NGV Contemporary.

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.

- 18,000 square metre expansive urban gardens
- 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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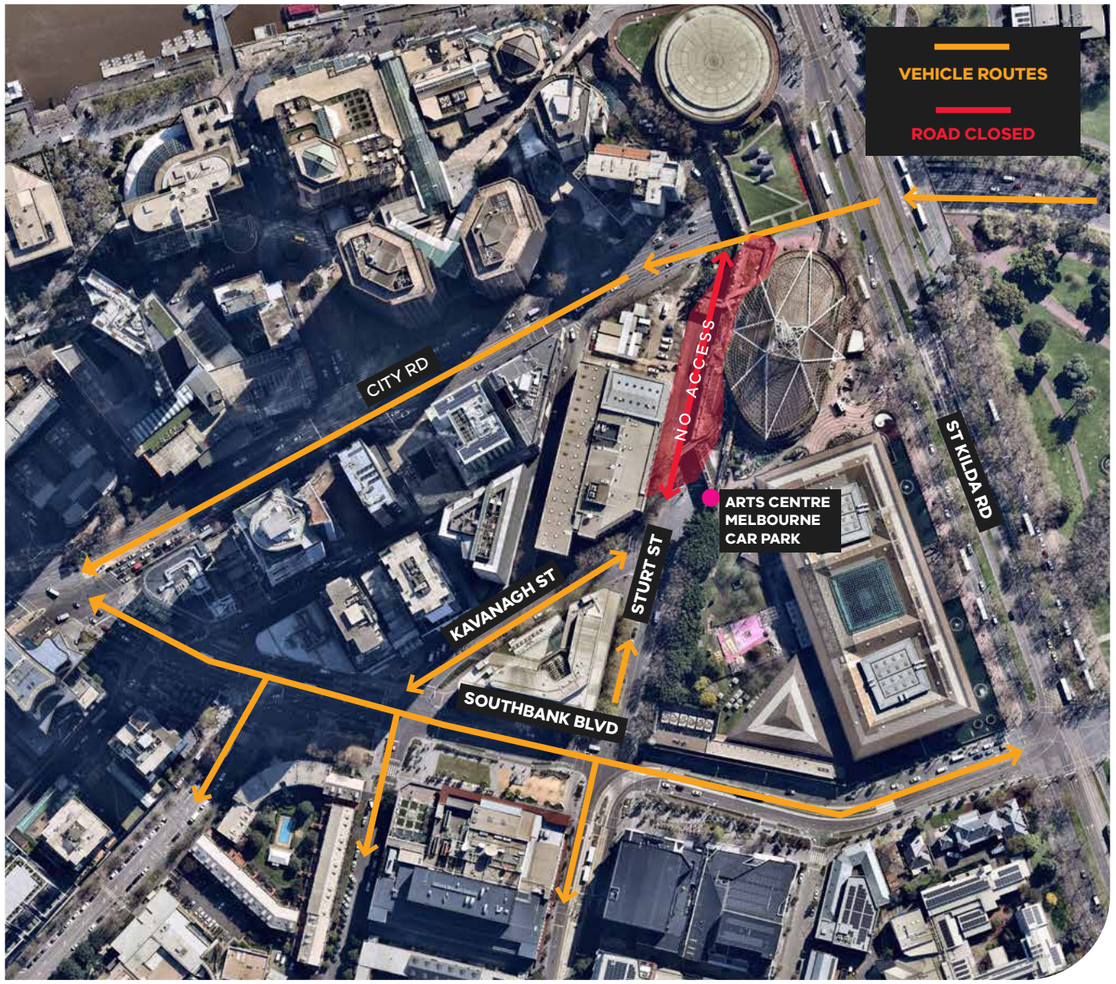
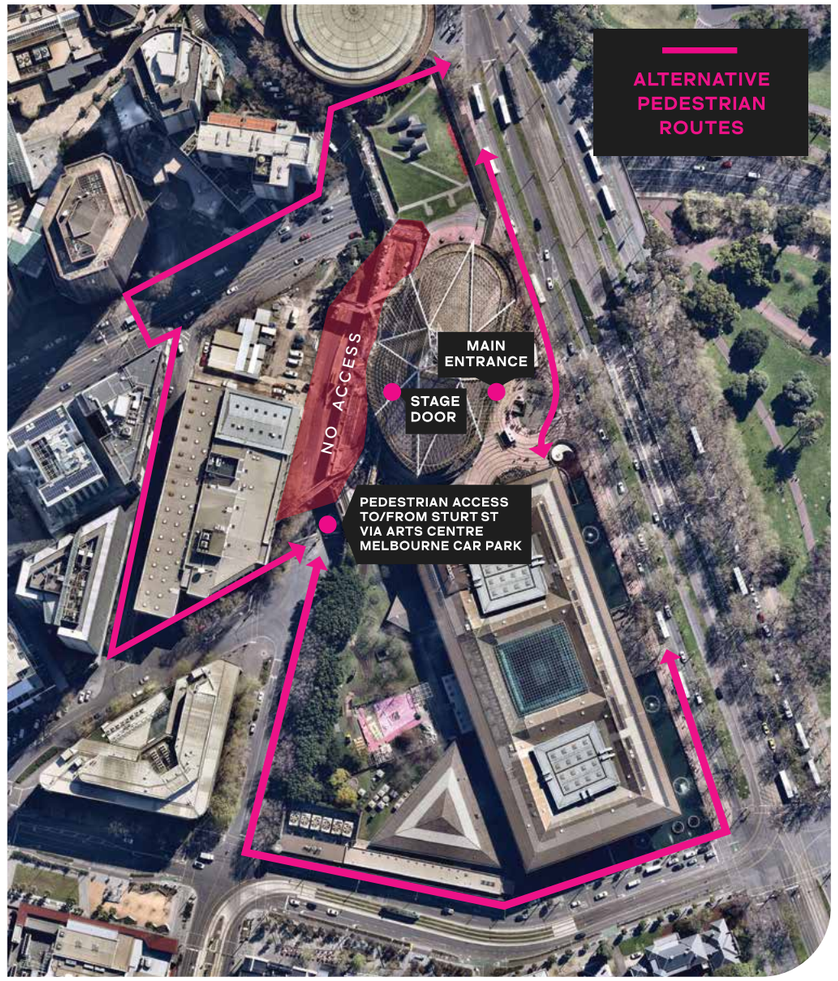
VEHICLE MAP

How vehicles can travel through the area when Sturt Street closes between City Road and Kavanagh Street.



PEDESTRIAN MAP

How pedestrians can travel through the area when Sturt Street closes between City Road and Kavanagh Street.



Sturt Street closure planning and consultation timeframe

NOV 2020	AUG 2021	AUG/SEPT 2021	NOV 2021	NOV/DEC 2021	MAR 2022	JULY 2022	JAN 2023	MID 2023
Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation funding announced.	**Special Controls Overlay Master Plan for Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation developed** in consultation with Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), City of Melbourne, Heritage Victoria, and the Department of Transport	**Stakeholder and community consultation**	**Submission to Minister for Planning** for introduction of a Special Control Overlay that will allow for planning the delivery of the Melbourne Arts Precinct Transformation	**DELWP public consultation**	**Planning approval**	**Early works commence**	**Partial Sturt Street road closure** (City Road to Kavanagh Street)	**Additional section of Sturt Street road closure** (City Road to Southbank Boulevard)

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FAQs

How will this impact Fanning Street and Kavanagh Street?

Vehicles travelling along City Road will be able to turn left into Fanning Street to access Kavanagh Street or continue to Southbank Boulevard.

Traffic modelling has shown that each of the intersections has capacity to handle increased traffic and there will be no impacts on the surrounding road network.

It is anticipated that most of the vehicles accessing Fanning Street will be turning left to enter the car parks at Arts Centre Melbourne and the Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre.

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 will be taking steps to ensure that pedestrian and driver safety is maintained in these streets.

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

Yes. Access to the car parks is being maintained throughout works.

When Sturt Street is closed permanently, access to the car parks will be via Kavanagh Street. Left and right turns from Sturt Street into and out of the car parks will no longer be possible.

Is the Arts Centre Melbourne Loading Dock still in use?

Yes, arrangements have been made to ensure vehicles can still access the Arts Centre Melbourne Loading Dock for deliveries.

Can pedestrians still get around this area?

Pedestrians will be able to access St Kilda Road by crossing over Sturt Street and using the Arts Centre car park and pedestrian walkways through the Theatres Building.

Pedestrians can also access St Kilda Road via Southbank Boulevard or by using the ballet link bridge. This bridge connects pedestrians from Kavanagh Street to Arts Centre Melbourne's Barre backyard.

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

Emergency access will be always maintained for surrounding buildings.

When you say permanent, what does that mean?

Sturt Street will not reopen. It is being closed permanently in stages so that we can build a new open space with pedestrian connections and improved access into and through the arts precinct between St Kilda Road, Southbank, Southgate and beyond.

This section of 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.

For more information

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