

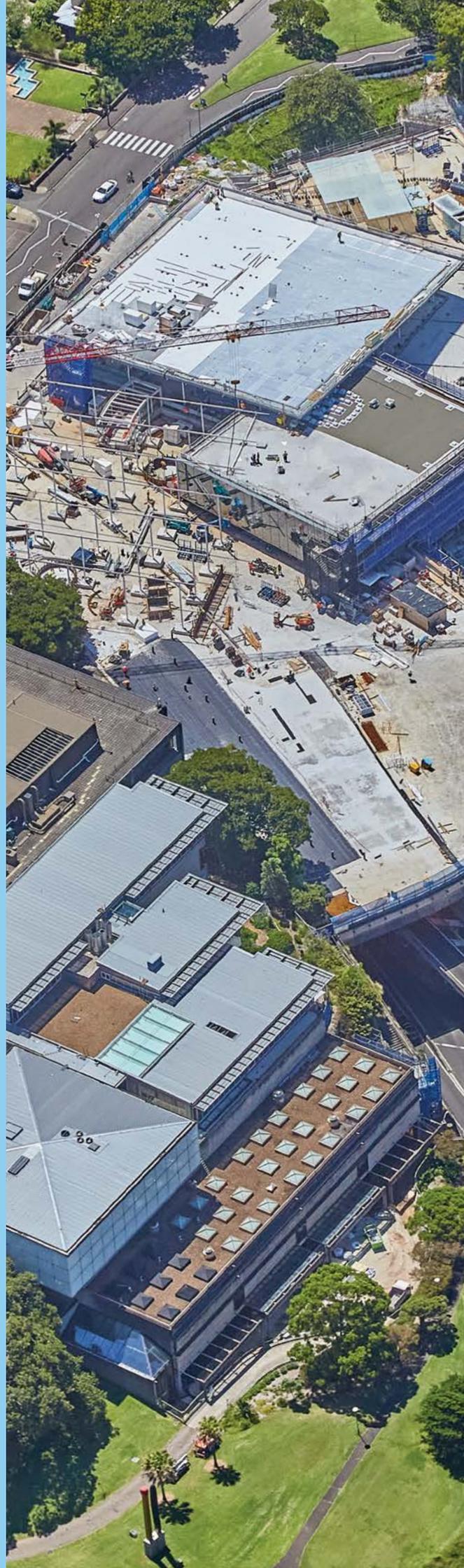
Project Update April 2022

Sydney Modern Project

Art Gallery of NSW Expansion



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Project update

The NSW Government is undertaking a \$344 million expansion of the Art Gallery of New South Wales, known as the Sydney Modern Project.



Overlooking the construction site

The project will almost double current exhibition space and is the largest government and philanthropic arts partnership of its kind to be achieved in Australia to date. The NSW Government has proudly contributed \$244 million together with \$100 million raised by the Art Gallery from private donors.

The project includes a new building, located to the north of the existing Art Gallery, a public art garden, and the adaptive reuse of a decommissioned WWII oil tank.

The new building is designed by Kazuyo Sejima + Ryue Nishizawa / SANAA. Architectus is executive architect.

The project is being delivered by Infrastructure NSW on behalf of the NSW Government and the Art Gallery and built by Richard Crookes Constructions. Construction is scheduled for completion in 2022 and the Art Gallery remains open during this time.



Construction update

Entering the final year of construction on the Sydney Modern Project, on-site activity has intensified as internal fit-out and finishes works get underway.

In recent months, the following works have taken place:

- Continuation of the facade cladding and glazed facades on Lower Level 2, Lower Level 1, and Entry Level
- Completing the structural steel erection for the entry canopy, and installing glazing to the two terrace canopies
- Pouring of the internal topping slabs
- Construction of internal walls, installation of services and internal finishes proceeding to all levels
- Installation of external balustrade channels
- Insulation and waterproofing to roofs
- Continuation of the contoured rammed earth wall construction on Lower Level 1
- Completing the southern stormwater connection
- Commencing lift car installation
- Installing the pedestrian bridge connecting the external public lift and existing Eastern Distributor land bridge
- Completion of the water feature plant room, pouring of southern reflection pool substructure, and commencement of services trenches within the landscape works zone.

Covid-19

Safety is the number one priority for the Sydney Modern Project Team, and we are following all health advice for construction sites.

A comprehensive COVID-19 Safety Plan remains in place for the project.

Under the Guidelines introduced in February 2022, extended working hours are permitted on Saturdays and Sundays to make up for lost time associated with Covid.

When the current Guidelines end, regular consented construction hours will resume as follows:

- Monday – Friday: 7am – 6pm
- Saturdays: 8am – 3:30pm
- Sundays and public holidays: no construction work to be carried out

Upcoming works

Construction over the next three months will focus on:

- Finalising the remaining facade elements
- Dismantling of the tower crane within the main building site area
- Continued installation of services and internal walls, and progression of finishes, fit-out and joinery
- Installation of curved glass to the entry plaza canopy
- Installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof of the entrance pavilion as part of the project's 6-star Green Star rating from the Green Building Council of Australia
- Delivery and installation of the remaining vertical transportation elements including the lift cars and the commencement of external finishes
- Commencement of landscape planting and finishes within the existing Art Gallery building forecourt area
- Commencement of landscape works on the Domain side of the pedestrian crossing opposite the existing Art Gallery building to provide universal pedestrian access across Art Gallery Road when complete
- Installation of green roofs, including drainage layer, soil media, irrigation, planting and mulch
- Testing and commissioning of building systems.

Deliveries via both Art Gallery Road and Lincoln Crescent site gates will continue to support the works underway on-site.

Stairway to art

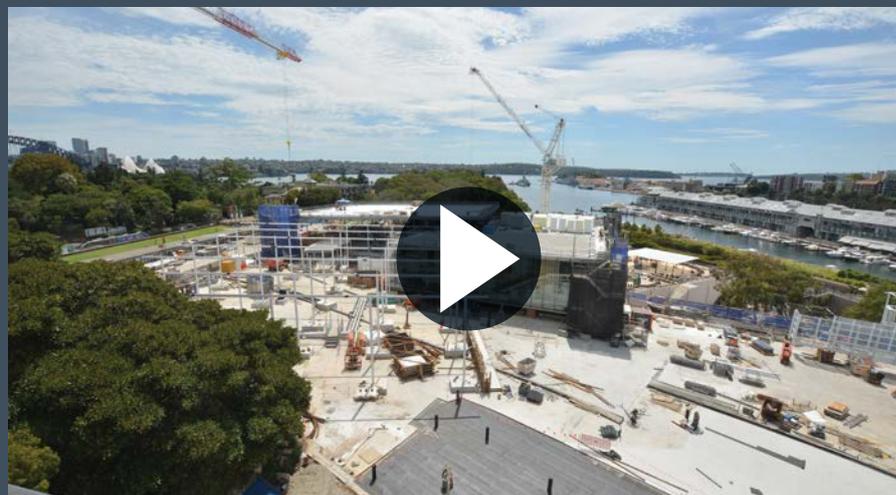
A couple of months ago the spiral steel staircase that links our new building with the oil tanks was craned into site from Lincoln Crescent, Woolloomooloo.



Scan the QR Code to view the video.

In a behind-the-scenes video, follow the journey of this immense 20-tonne architectural feature from fabrication to installation by Richard Crookes Constructions into a forest of 20th-century concrete pillars, deep inside the spectacular oil tank gallery.

This vast underground space, a former World War II fuel tank, is one of Sydney's hidden treasures and will be accessible to the public for the first time when the Art Gallery's expansion opens in late 2022.



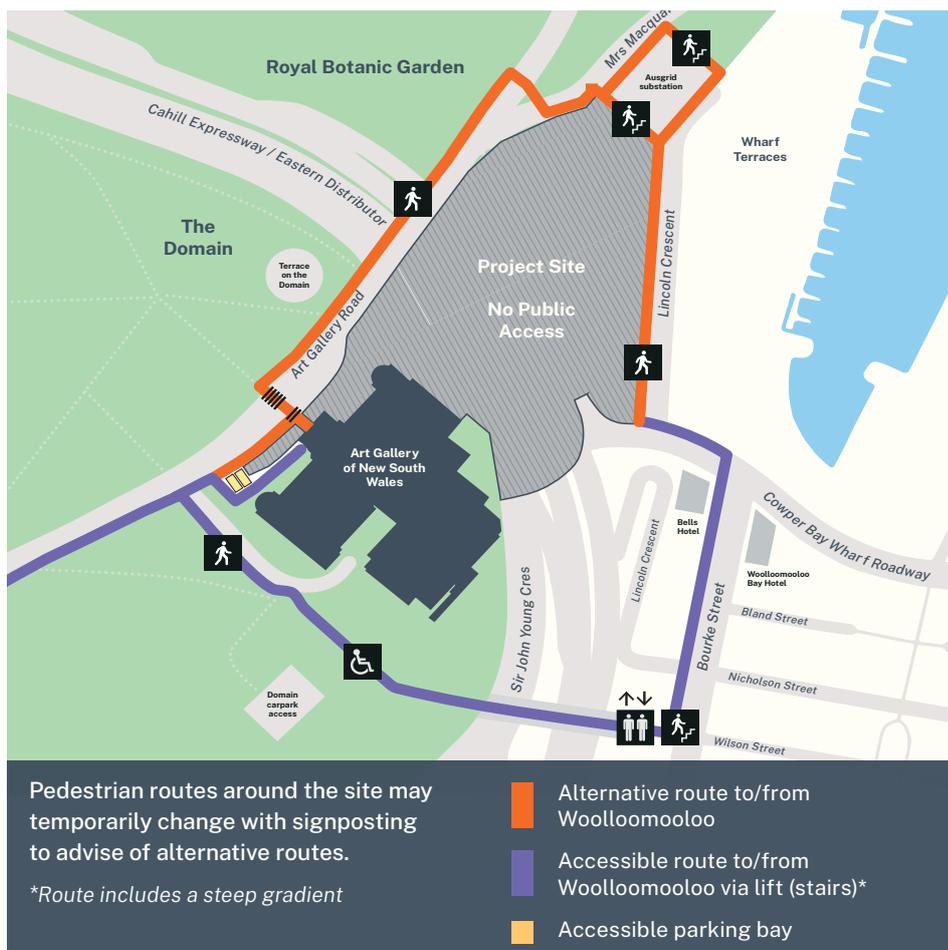
The stair was fabricated in Adelaide and trucked 1400km to our site.

Pedestrian and vehicle access

Access around the Sydney Modern Project site continues in line with the wayfinding map shown at right.

While all parking bays in front of the existing Gallery building have been removed as part of the landscaping works, two accessible parking bays, indicated in yellow, continue to be provided.

The Art Gallery Road footpath adjacent to the site is closed to pedestrians, however the Domain side footpath remains open. Pedestrian access to the Gallery remains open near the pedestrian crossing. An accessible ramp is located on the southern side of the Art Gallery.



Keeping you informed

We are committed to keeping the community informed as the project progresses. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us: 1800 717 705 | smp@richardcrookes.com.au | artgallery.nsw.gov.au/smp