

Sydney Modern Project

Art Gallery of
New South Wales
Expansion



PROJECT UPDATE | DECEMBER 2020

The NSW Government is undertaking an expansion of the Art Gallery of NSW, known as the Sydney Modern Project. The \$344 million project will almost double current exhibition space and is the largest government and philanthropic venture of its kind to be achieved to date in the arts in Australia, with the NSW Government proudly contributing \$244 million together with \$100 million raised by the Art Gallery of NSW from private donors.

The project includes a new stand-alone building, located to the north of the existing Gallery, a public art garden, and the adaptive reuse of a decommissioned WWII oil tank. Construction is scheduled for completion in 2022 and the Gallery remains open during this time.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Construction works by Richard Crookes Constructions (RCC) over recent months have



Construction progress on site - View of Lower Level 2

seen the development of the structural elements of the new building, including lift cores. The structural slab for Lower Level 3 is now complete. Elsewhere, perimeter walls between Lower Levels 2 and 3 are being poured, and formwork decks for the Lower Level 2 suspended slabs erected.

As the structure rises, the temporary rock anchors (also known as 'whalers') fixed to the foundation piles are being progressively distressed and removed.

New graphics featuring artworks from the Art Gallery of NSW collection have been installed on the recently completed hoarding located on Lincoln Crescent, Woolloomooloo.

A year of construction ... in less than a minute

We're marking a major milestone for the Sydney Modern Project with one year of construction completed. Despite 2020 presenting some unprecedented challenges, Richard Crookes Constructions has made great progress and building continues on schedule. Some of the key milestones include completion of bulk demolition, excavation and piling works, high voltage electrical diversions, establishment of two tower cranes, and entering the 'build phase' of the project with the concrete foundations, formwork and structural steel starting to take shape.

To give you a glimpse of the work going on behind the hoarding, here's the first year of construction captured by timelapse video.

Watch it here!

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Aerial of construction progress (Image supplied by the Art Gallery of NSW)

UPCOMING WORKS

The next three months will see:

- Continuation of the building's structural elements, with the forming and pouring of concrete slabs, walls and lift cores.
- Delivery and erection of structural steel will continue.
- Construction of the contoured 'rammed' earth wall located on Lower Level 2.
- Stormwater connection works near the stairs at the northern end of Lincoln Crescent, subject to City of Sydney Council permits.

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

COVID-19

The project team continues to practice physical distancing and hygiene measures to remain compliant with the latest health advice.

Due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, temporary on-site facilities for workers have been expanded to the northern end of Lincoln Crescent, to safely cater for the number of people expected to be working on-site over

the coming months. The area will be reinstated and restored to its previous condition when the facilities have been dismantled.

As of 16 May 2020, the hours of construction are as follows:

- Monday to Friday – 7am to 6pm
- Saturday – 7am to 6pm
- Sunday and Public holidays – work to be undertaken as needed and required.

These hours align with the approved State Significant Development Application for the project and the Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Workdays) Order 2020. The Order allows construction sites in NSW to operate on weekends and Public holidays. Construction works spread across more days of the week makes it easier for workers to abide by physical distancing rules to keep infrastructure projects progressing.

In line with the Order, high impact activities such as rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving, or similar activities will continue to be restricted to the work hours stipulated in the project approval: 9am to 12pm, and 2pm to 5pm, Monday to Friday; and 9am to 12pm, Saturday.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

The public stairs are temporarily closed between the:

- Ausgrid zone substation and the project site
- Gallery and Cowper Wharf Road.

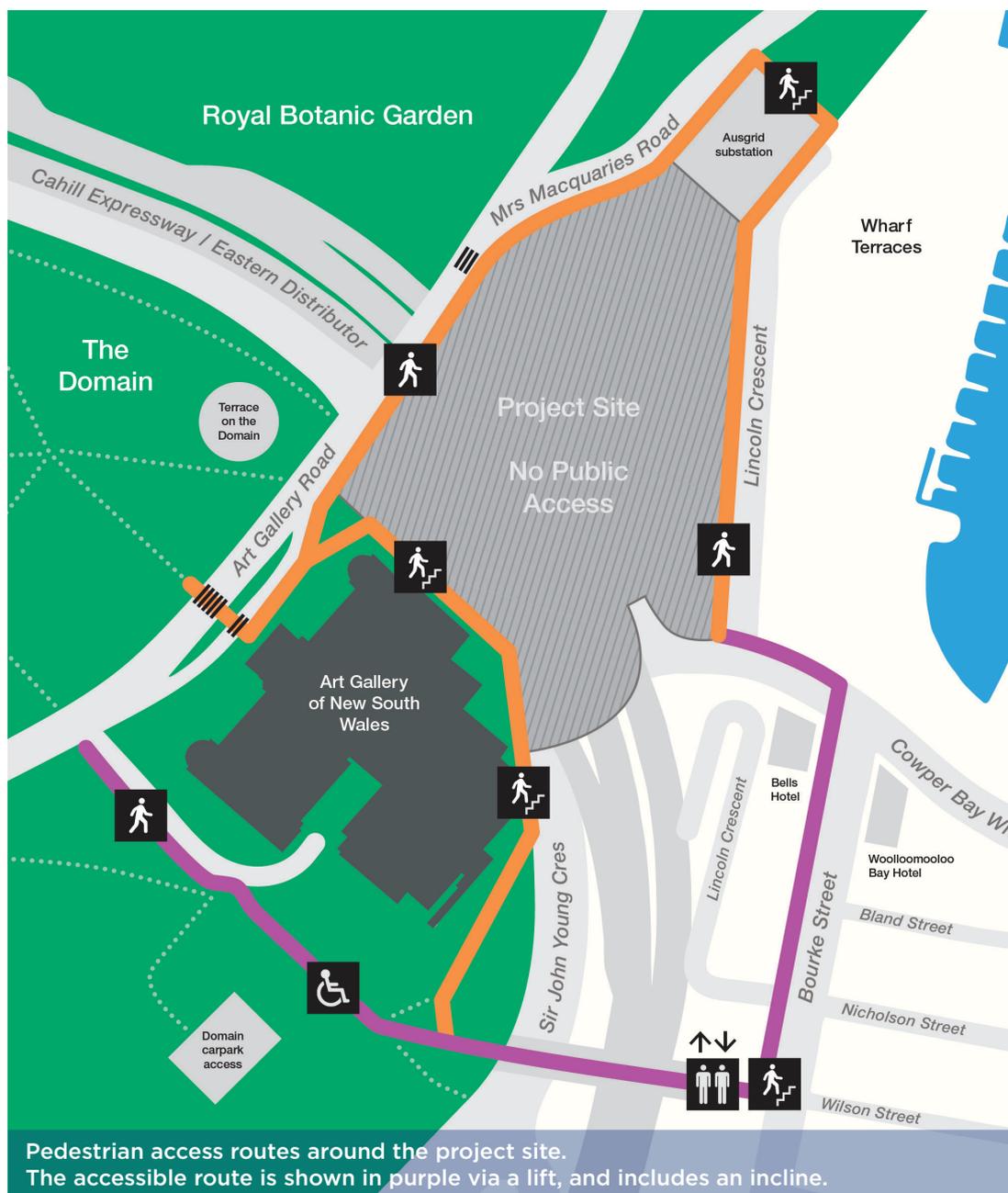
The stairs between the Ausgrid zone substation and the project site are scheduled to reopen to the public early in 2021. This is pending City of Sydney Council endorsement of the proposed site stormwater connection and associated works being completed.

During this time, pedestrian access between Woolloomooloo and the Royal Botanic Gardens

is available via the existing public stairs north of the Ausgrid zone substation.

The public stairs located between the Gallery and the project site, at the intersection of Cowper Wharf Road closed on 30 November 2020. Reconstruction and upgrade works of these stairs will take place to be compliant with the Building Code of Australia and Disability Discrimination Act.

Please note the accessible route to/from Woolloomooloo via the lift (or stairs) on Bourke Street near Wilson Street is unaffected by construction and remains open.



CHRISTMAS SHUTDOWN

RCC's project site office will close from Thursday 24 December 2020 and reopen on Monday 4 January 2021. During this time, some priority on-site activities will occur (except for Public holidays and weekends) with the impact on nearby properties expected to be minimal. Appropriate RCC site supervision will be in place.

Should any on-site issues arise during this time, please contact the project enquiry line on 1800 717 705.

The Sydney Modern Project team wishes you and your family a happy, safe and healthy festive season.

We thank you for your interest in the project and patience as work continues to create an expanded public gallery for everyone to enjoy.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The project website includes various Frequently Asked Questions about the project.

Read more: artgallery.nsw.gov.au/smp/faq

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We are committed to keeping the community informed as the project progresses. For more information, to register your interest in the project or to provide feedback, contact us via the details listed below, or alternatively you can visit the website for the latest updates.

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