

Newcastle Art Gallery

A transformational next chapter



Newcastle Art Gallery has been at the heart of our city's arts and cultural history for over 68 years.

The expansion project will more than double the exhibition space to showcase our city's collection and our artists' most groundbreaking concepts. This expansion will cement Newcastle Art Gallery's position as one of Australia's leading cultural facilities and significantly increase visitation to the city.

The project is also delivering a new café and retail shop, multi-purpose and educational program spaces, and a secure international standard loading dock which enables us to bring incredible art from around the world to your doorstep here in Newcastle.

While Newcastle Art Gallery is being reimaged, we are delivering ambitious offsite and digital programming for the community. Visit naq.org.au for more information on our offsite programs or to sign up for our eNewsletter.

The vision being brought to life

Our team is so excited to see the design vision for the new spaces come to life on site. One example is the central atrium which is coming along nicely!



Above: Artist impression, Central atrium ceiling



Above: Construction of central atrium,
Photo by Matthew Carbone

We are in the final stage of construction. Next, we will enter a period of commissioning the building so that we can welcome back our collection ahead of the Gallery's reopening in September. For the latest updates and project information please visit newcastle.nsw.gov.au/works

What is happening on site?

Construction is progressing well, with the exterior of the building nearing completion.

Attention is now shifting to the inside, where we are finalising linings and commissioning essential services to meet the high standards expected for our renowned collection.

While work continues inside, we are getting started on work to refresh the public spaces surrounding the Gallery. We will be renewing paving, seating and lighting, as well as planting beautiful garden areas to greet you at the entrance.

This work will require the occasional closure of Laman Street, with detours for cars and pedestrians clearly signmarked. Please follow the directions on signage or given by crews working in the area.

Don't worry! Newcastle Library will remain open so you can still access their amazing resources and spaces while we are working nearby.

A look inside...

While work commences on the public spaces outside the Gallery, the team has been busy finalising construction of the building itself. Below are some images giving a sneak peek at what has been going on inside.



Above: Construction images by Matthew Carbone

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