

LOCAL JOBS & EARLY WORKS FOR GEELONG ARTS CENTRE \$128M LITTLE MALOP ST REDEVELOPMENT

Victorian Government investment in the Geelong Arts Centre Little Malop St. Redevelopment is laying the foundations for local economic recovery.

The project has commenced ahead of schedule with early works and is delivering jobs for the community and supporting local suppliers at the time it is needed most.

Managing contractor Lendlease is implementing its 'Geelong First' commitment that prioritises investment in Geelong businesses, supporting local jobs, focussing on skills and innovation, and providing social value through employment opportunities.

The Redevelopment is already providing a timely boost to the local economy with eight tender packages awarded to Geelong area businesses to date employing 44 people on the project.

Eight other Victorian companies involved with the project have committed to employ Geelong residents and engage with local suppliers. Ten suppliers and subcontractors have also committed to hiring at least one apprentice.

Overall, the redevelopment will boost the local economy by generating more than 600 local jobs during construction.

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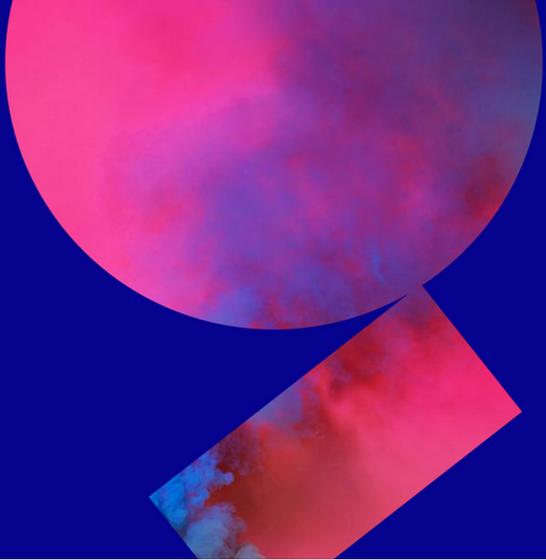
On site work has begun with the demolition of the old Barwon Health building and the removal of interiors and fittings inside the centre. Hoardings and safe access routes are in place around the site and care is being taken to minimise disruptions to nearby businesses.

Through this process the project team has donated more than 15 tonnes of salvaged items and materials to local community organisations.

Items include white-good appliances, furniture, kitchen benches, and other materials such as the large roll of red carpet donated to Herne Hill Primary for their Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony.

Early works will be complete in mid-2021 with project completion expected in 2023.

For further information regarding Geelong Arts Centre's Little Malop Street Redevelopment, visit geelongartscentre.org.au



["This is part of what makes Geelong a great place to work, live and visit, adding to the vibrancy and diversity of the region, attracting visitors from near and far to experience the wide range of excellent cultural product, services and experiences on offer."]

Quote attributable to Joel McGuinness

["The Little Malop Street Redevelopment has commenced ahead of schedule, bringing immediate jobs and opportunities to Geelong and setting the city up for economic recovery and success.

"When complete this project will offer new creative spaces, new services and greater accessibility to top-quality experiences for all ages."]

Quote attributable to Minister for Creative Industries Danny Pearson

["This project will create important opportunities for local trades, businesses, apprentices and others who will play a key role in delivering this outstanding cultural and civic asset for our growing and diverse regional community.

"Through adopting sustainable practices, the project is also befitting our community more broadly – now and for the future."]

Quote attributable to the Member for Geelong Christine Cousens.

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