

Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub

Fact Sheet - Arts and cultural components of the Hub

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What will the arts and cultural components of the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub be?

There will be five dedicated arts components in the new facility.

The Main Gallery:

This will be the home for Banyule's Art Collection as well as quarterly exhibitions curated by Banyule's Art Curator. It will be designed to meet museum accreditation standards with regards to air management and security and thus be able to host touring exhibitions. It is situated in a prominent position adjacent to the main entrance of the new building.

Community Access Gallery:

Overlooking the main foyer and with a strong connection to the library's collaboration space, the Community Access Gallery will be a flexible space designed to meet the needs of Banyule's many artistic and cultural organisations. It will be used primarily for community exhibitions and will also have the capacity to host demonstrations, workshops and artist talks.

Arts Studio and Workshop:

Literally suspended in space over the main foyer, the arts studio is both a feature of the architecture as well as an active making space hosting; artist in residence programs, professional development activities for artists, art classes and more – with a direct connection to the library's 'makers space' the studio will be the vibrant, creative heart of the new facility.

Informal Theatrette:

The informal Theatrette is another space designed to be flexible and meet a range of needs for both the library and the performing arts community. It will be an acoustically dynamic space which will support a range of

experiences, including, but not limited to author's talks, small musical ensemble, spoken word, children's and comedy performances. It also features an operable wall which creates an indoor / outdoor connection to the landscaped outdoor courtyard.

Arts Storage:

The Banyule Art Collection will be housed for the first time in a purpose built and designed facility which is climate controlled and provides the storage equipment and space to ensure the security and longevity of one of Banyule's major cultural assets. Being housed in the same venue as its primary exhibition venue also significantly reduces transportation and handling hazards.

Additionally to these dedicated spaces, the entire facility will be designed to support programmatic and operational crossover between arts, library and community spaces; a place that is welcoming, culturally dynamic and supportive of creativity.

There is a total of 443 m² of space dedicated to the arts component of this project.

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Why is Hatch Contemporary Arts moving to the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub?

14 Ivanhoe Parade was planned to be a transitional space for Banyule's contemporary arts community, meeting the immediate needs for an exhibition and arts development space whilst the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub was developed. The spaces in the new building will be purpose built, flexible and allow for the appropriate display of Banyule's art collection as well as other diverse opportunities for arts presentations and cultural conversations.

What arts and cultural activities will be supported?

Exhibitions, cultural and historical displays, comedy, films, markets, musical performances, arts workshops and demonstrations, community forums, conferences, artist residencies and more! The Banyule arts and cultural communities will be engaged to ensure the hub is a dynamic, creative and inclusive facility which supports the needs of artists and represents and welcomes the diverse cultural community.

What about the performing arts?

The new facility will provide some opportunities for rehearsal and presentations for small choirs, individual performers and small performance ensembles. It will not have the capacity to support full theatre productions or large choirs or musical groups. There will, however, be a direct connection to The Centre Ivanhoe which may in the future provide opportunities for larger performing organisations to present performances.

Will there be any public art?

The landscaped courtyard and main foyer areas of the new facility provide great opportunities for the development of public art. These opportunities will be investigated during the detailed design process to ensure that any public art developments are properly integrated to support the themes and experiences of the Hub.

What will happen to 14 Ivanhoe Parade?

14 Ivanhoe Parade is home to Hatch Contemporary Arts Space and the University of the Third Age Banyule.

After consulting with the community, Council resolved at a Council Meeting on 20 July 2015 to delay the sale of 14 Ivanhoe Parade until detailed designs were prepared for the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub.

It was further resolved that no tenant would be moved out from the 14 Ivanhoe Parade building until the Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub was built.

Is there more information available?

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