

NT Art Gallery construction activity

Works continue on the Northern Territory Art Gallery with construction company Sitzler Pty Ltd due to carry out another after-hours concrete pour and preparations begin to commence the installation of the aluminium façade of the building.

Concrete pour

A large concrete pour is scheduled to occur on **20 March 2025** from **2:00 am**, weather permitting. The concrete pour may be delayed in the event of inclement weather.

There are a number of large concrete pours that need to occur outside of the standard hours of work.



The contractor will provide notice of these pours and will endeavour to reduce dust and noise impacts to stakeholders during these times.



Pre-cast panels installed

In February, the final pre-cast panels were delivered to site and installed to form the roof level of the gallery.

When completed, the gallery will sit 17 metres high to match the proportion and scale of the Supreme Court and Parliament House buildings.

A total of 486 of 533 pre-cast panels have been installed on site to create the 4 large internal art galleries with high ceilings as well as the foyer, verandah and internal spaces.

Left: Pre-cast panels being delivered to site at the NT Art Gallery.

Works to start on facade

This month, works will start on the building's façade, which uses darker earthy colours to set the building back in the landscape in contrast to the more dominant, light and formal court and parliament buildings.

Initially the concrete building will be coated with a white waterproof membrane before the external aluminum cladding is installed. Together these layers seal the building to protect the art works from moisture and humidity.



The waterproof membrane application will start in March 2025, while the aluminum cladding is expected to be installed between July and November 2025.

Large trucks will be delivering the aluminum cladding to site via the main gate on Smith Street over a five-month period under traffic management, with pedestrians to be diverted across the street for their safety when required.

The aluminum panels (*see example above*) have been manufactured in Australia and anodised with a dusky ochre colour to match the natural colours of the porcellanite stone seen in the cliffs of the Darwin coastline and the heritage buildings and pre-cyclone road kerbing within the precinct.



Porcellanite stone (*see image left*) has been used to line the entrance to the basement car park, with installation completed in December 2024. Local stonemason Finlay's Stone prepared and clad the basement entry using the porcellanite stone recycled from the site excavation of the gallery building.

For more information on the project go to: <https://infrastructure.nt.gov.au/project/civic-and-state-square-precinct>.

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