



**STATE LIBRARY
VICTORIA**
What's your story?

Venue hire

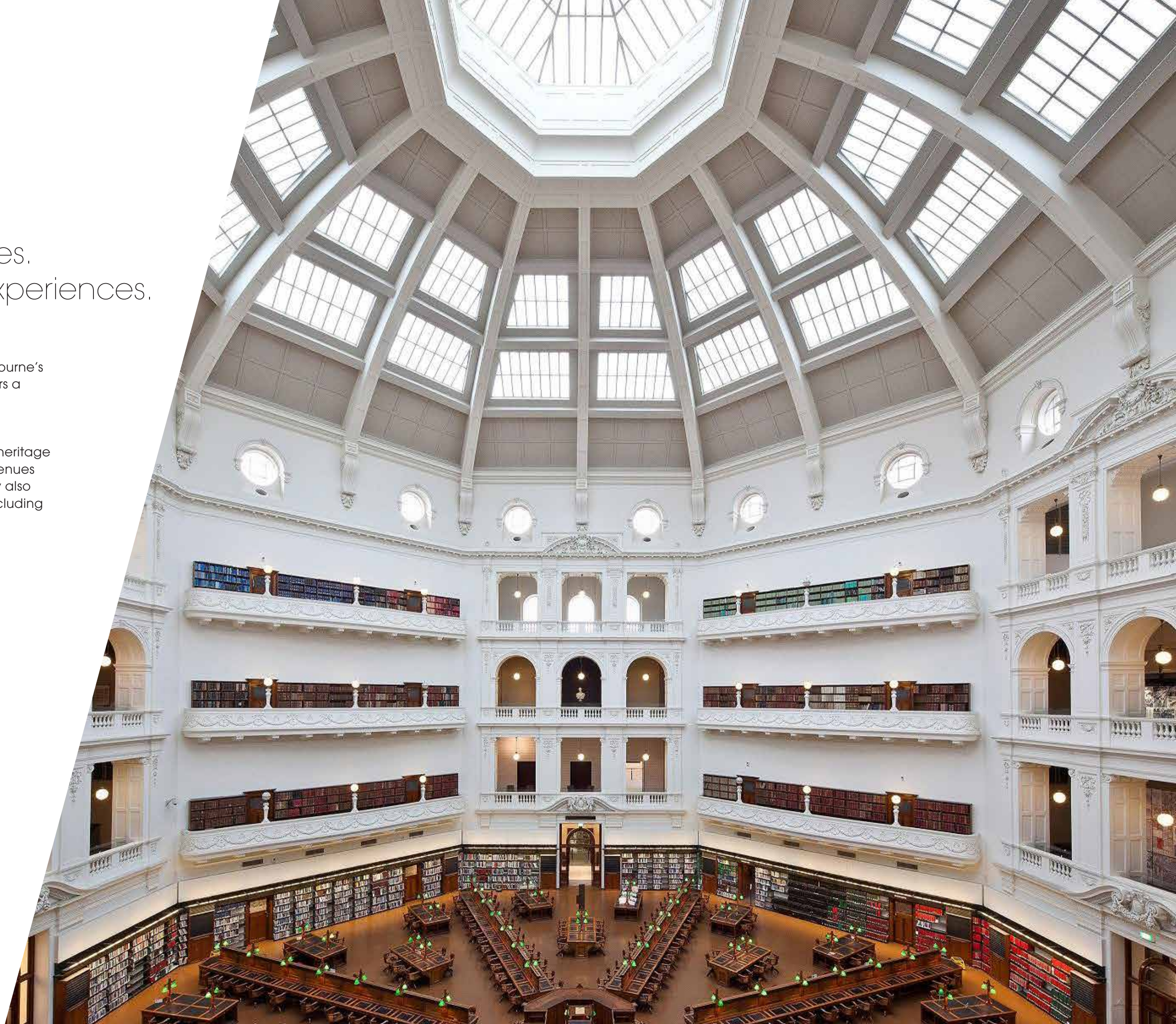
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State Library Victoria is one of Melbourne's most distinctive landmarks and offers a unique venue for your next function or conference.

Boasting magnificent 19th-century heritage galleries, spacious contemporary venues and Conference Centre, the Library also provides the full suite of services, including catering, security and support staff.

Whether you are organising a conference, workshop, sit-down dinner or wedding, the Library's Venue team will make your event a memorable occasion.



Cowen Gallery



This spectacular 19th-century gallery creates an atmosphere of prestige and exclusivity.

Surrounded by original paintings and sculptures in a truly palatial setting, your guests are sure to be impressed by this venue.

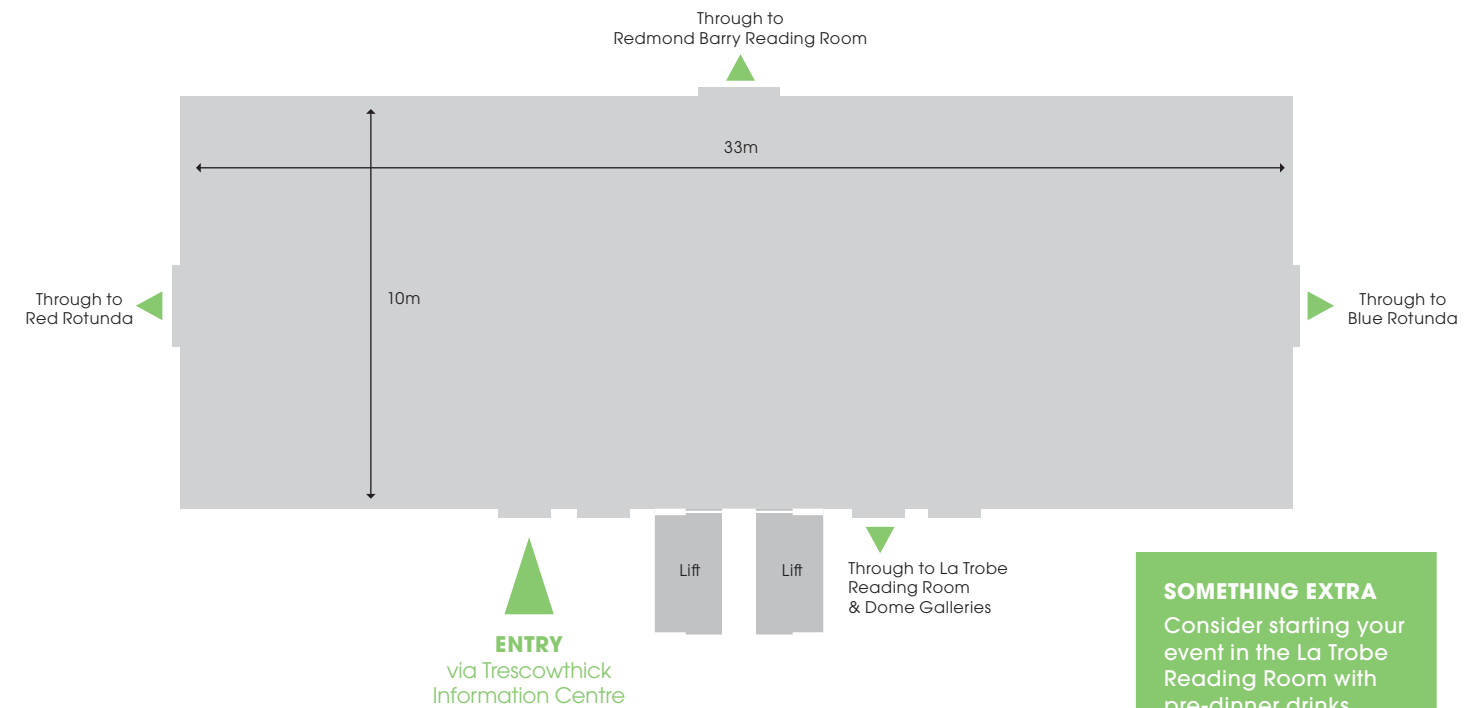
Features

- 19th-century heritage interior
- Exhibiting more than 100 artworks from the Library's collection
- 6.4m-high ceilings
- Versatile space
- Timber parquet floors

Specifications

Capacity: 346 Cocktail
220 Banquet
120 Theatre

Floor area: 330m²



Red Rotunda



This elegant gallery features 19th-century portraits of well-known Victorians, including William Buckley and Governor La Trobe. Named for its plush red walls, the Red Rotunda is a stunning backdrop for an intimate and memorable cocktail party or glamorous sit-down dinner.

Features

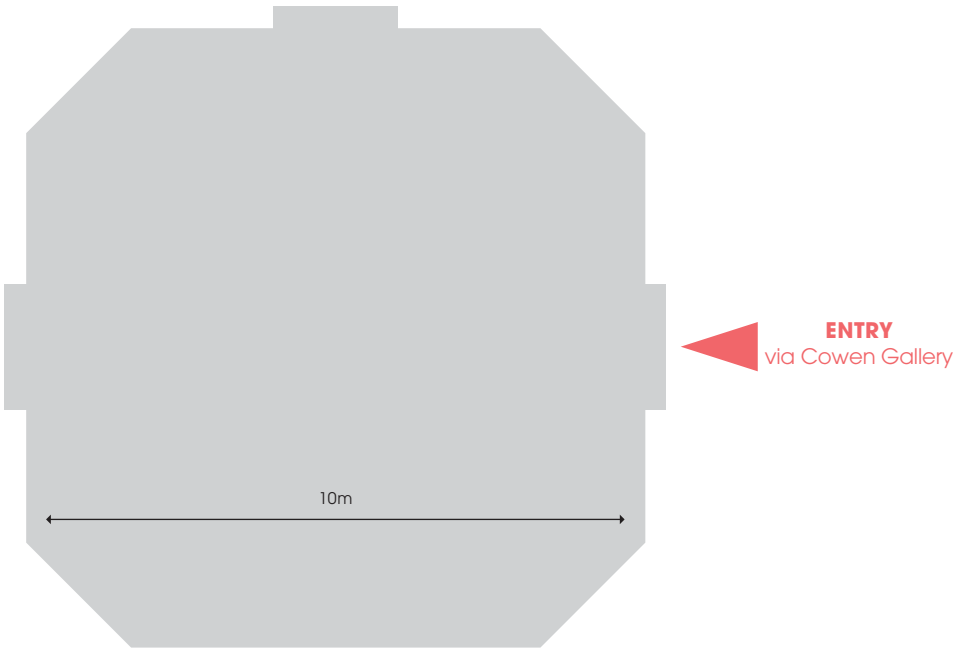
- Intimate and versatile space
- 19th-century artworks featuring significant Victorian figures
- Timber parquet floors

Specifications

Capacity: 90 Cocktail
60 Banquet
70 Theatre

Floor area: 135m²

SOMETHING EXTRA
Consider including a personalised talk from one of our exhibition curators to enhance your event experience.



La Trobe Reading Room

The Library's most spectacular architectural feature, the dome, makes an impressive centrepiece for a special event.

Meticulously restored to its former glory, the La Trobe Reading Room features custom-built desks of Queensland silky oak timber, heritage chairs and traditional green reading lamps.

The La Trobe Reading Room is suitable for pre- or post-event cocktails for up to 520 guests. It is also the perfect photo setting, outside of the Library's opening hours.

Features

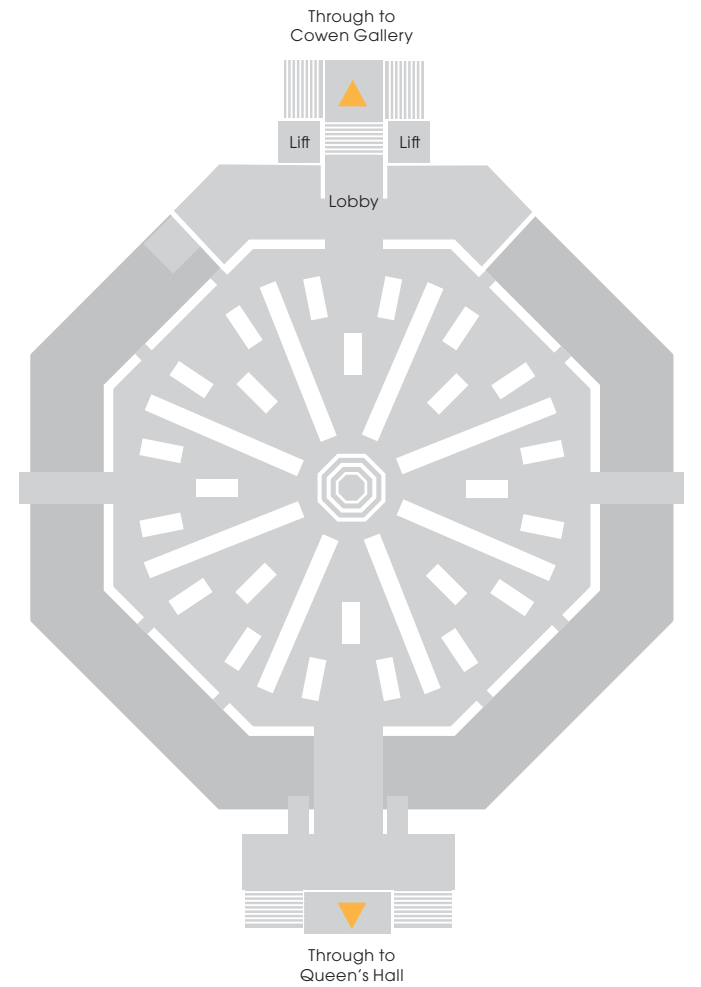
- Glass-panelled skylights
- Opened in 1913, restored in 2003
- Stunning 35m high domed octagonal ceiling
- Grand 1000m² space
- Heritage furniture and interior features
- Spectacular panopticon central dais
- Ideal for large-scale events

Specifications

Capacity: 520 Cocktail

SOMETHING EXTRA

Consider hosting a roving breakfast or dessert as part of your special event.



Experimedia

Experimedia is a unique Melbourne event space that reflects three centuries of architecture including the original bluestone library wall from the 1850s. Spacious and versatile, the venue features a 6m x 4.5m media wall and fully integrated audiovisual equipment. Experimedia makes a stunning surrounding for client entertaining, celebrations, presentations and conferences.

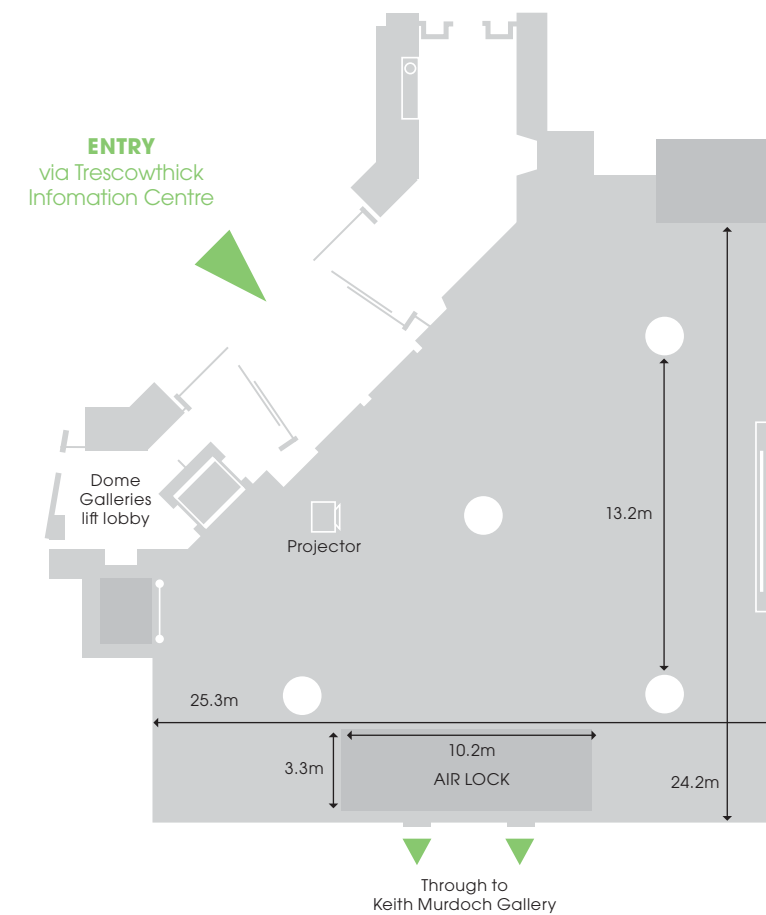
Features

- Dedicated event technician
- 6m x 4.5m media wall
- Fully integrated audiovisual equipment
- Microphone network
- Spacious and versatile

Specifications

Capacity: 350 Cocktail
150 Banquet
200 Theatre

Floor area: 495m²



The Courtyard

The Courtyard is an exciting modern venue within our landmark building. This light-filled atrium offers designer fittings and furnishings, with fabric designs by Aboriginal artist Minnie Pwerle. The Courtyard's versatile layout features a 19th-century bluestone wall, natural light and has capacity for up to 350 guests. Perfect for your next conference, product launch, expo or cocktail function.

Features

- Spacious and versatile
- Unique blend of heritage and contemporary design
- Flexible layout
- Natural light

Specifications

Capacity: 350 Cocktail
200 Banquet
250 Theatre
130 Cabaret

Floor area: 495m²



SOMETHING EXTRA

The Courtyard complements our Conference Centre as a break-out catering area for your guests.



Conferences



Whether you are organising a major conference or a short meeting, State Library Victoria caters for every professional need in a range of contemporary spaces.

Host a lecture in the Village Roadshow Theatre, a meeting in one of our light-filled seminar rooms, or host concurrent workshops with exclusive use of the entire Conference Centre, including dedicated entry.

The Courtyard complements our Conference Centre as a break-out catering area for your guests. We offer versatile spaces, excellent audiovisual equipment and onsite catering in one convenient location.



Village Roadshow Theatrette

The theatrette has capacity for 200 people and features fully integrated multimedia equipment, all with remote panel control. Perfect for lectures, film screenings, meetings and conferences.

Features

- High-brightness, full high-definition (1920px x 1080px) video/data projector
- 300-inch diagonal widescreen projection
- Lectern
- 7.1 surround sound
- Extensive microphone network
- Remote system control
- High-definition DVD/Blu-ray/CD
- Spotlights
- Internet access
- Laptop (PC)
- Remote mouse with laser pointer
- Hearing loop
- Disability access to the stage
- Tiered seating

Seminar rooms

Situated on the upper level of the Conference Centre, our light-filled seminar rooms are fitted out with the latest equipment so that you have everything you need to run meetings, symposiums and workshops.

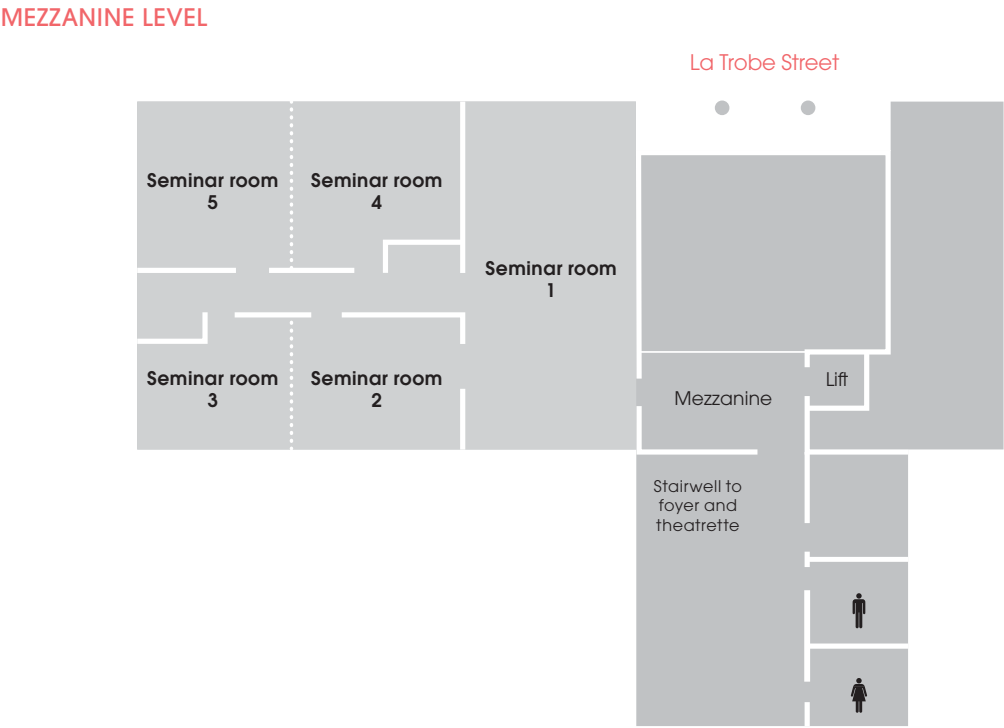
Features

- Integrated audiovisual equipment
- Lectern
- Microphone
- Internet access
- Laptop
- Projectors
- Plasma screen
- Flip charts
- Electronic whiteboards

Specifications

Capacity: 60 Theatre
24 U-shape
36 Cabaret

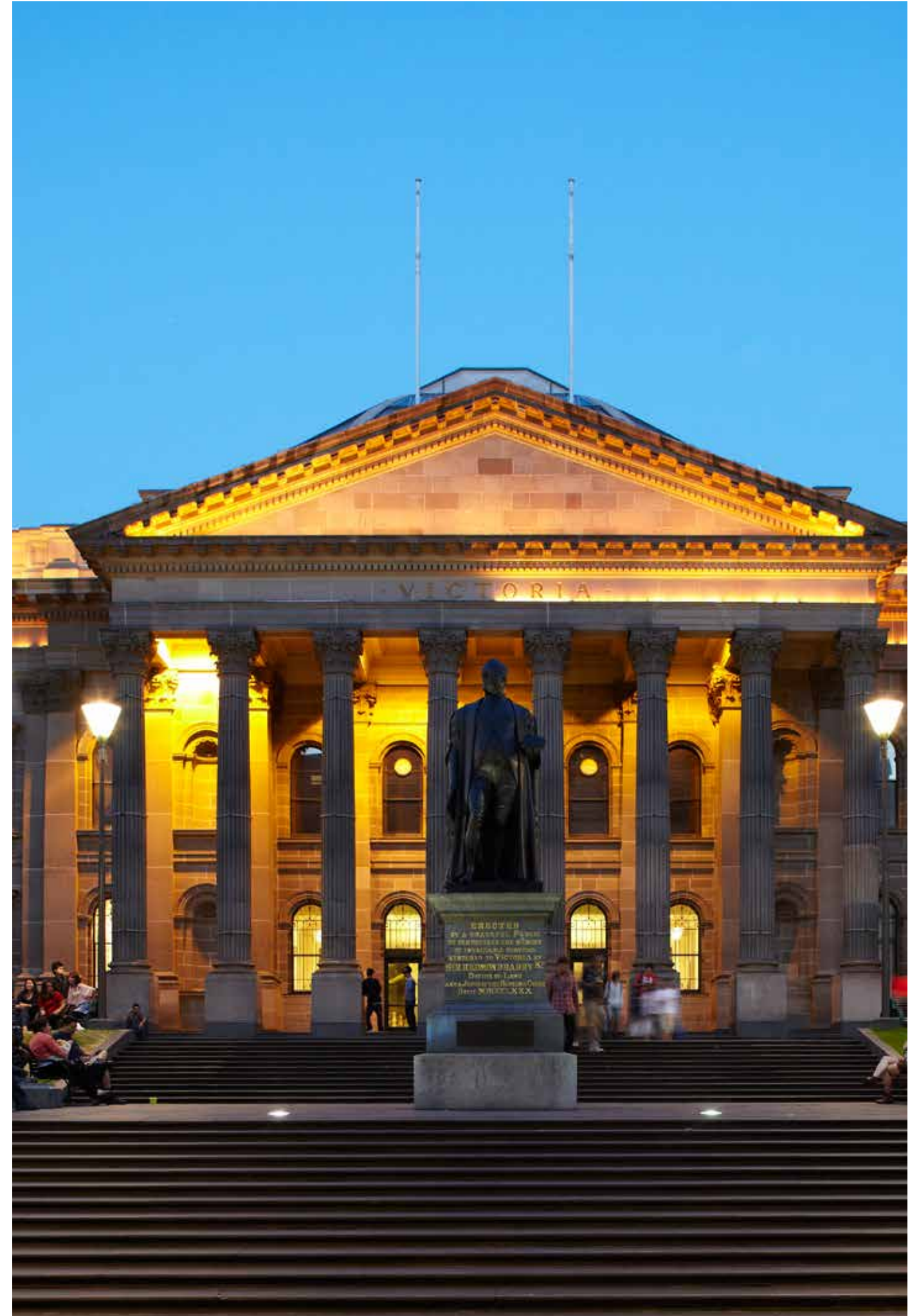
Floor area: 20m² to 86m²



Forecourt

An event or promotion held on the Library's forecourt will provide priceless public exposure for your organisation. One of the most heavily trafficked locations in Melbourne, the Library's forecourt is a hub of activity and a popular meeting place, guaranteeing a massive captive audience for your organisation's message.

There are countless ways to utilise the forecourt from free giveaways and sales promotions to product launches, sponsored events or branded signage.



Weddings

The State Library is a stunning setting to host a wedding. Offering a convenient city location, iconic heritage architecture and versatile spaces, a wedding in the Library promises to be unforgettable.

From the intimacy of the portrait gallery in the Red Rotunda to the soaring La Trobe Reading Room, the breathtaking spaces in the Library will provide incomparable ambience.

Whether seeking a venue for your ceremony or reception, wedding photography or a hen's event, we can tailor the perfect option to create the ultimate wedding experience.

Several distinctive spaces are available, with capacity for up to 520 guests. We have packages available for ceremonies, cocktail receptions and full banquets that include venue, furniture and settings, sound systems and access to Library spaces for photography.

For inquiries, contact our expert wedding coordinators at weddings@slv.vic.gov.au or on 8664 7327.



Catering

The Venue team works closely with our catering partner, food&desire, to provide seamless event delivery and unforgettable experiences.



food&desire consistently delivers highest quality food, wines and service. This includes the complete fine dining experience for every event, from dinners, cocktail parties and special occasions to product launches, exhibitions and conferences.



You can choose from specially designed menus for morning or afternoon tea, breakfast, lunch and dinner, or cocktails. Alternatively, for an occasion that requires a little more detail, our team and food&desire will work closely with you to design the perfect menu.



New spaces

Isabella Fraser Room

Available from spring 2018

This beautiful new heritage gallery can be transformed into a sophisticated dining room, perfect for weddings, corporate events, business breakfasts and more.

The magnificent space boasts glorious high ceilings, parquet floors and large windows looking over La Trobe Street.

Designed to accommodate 200 guests, the Isabella Fraser Room is located next to the new world-class exhibition space, the Victoria Gallery, providing an opportunity to create bespoke curator led-experiences for guests.

Features

- Spectacular high ceilings and ornate moulded cornices
- Large windows offering spectacular natural light
- Spacious and versatile
- Accessible through a separate entrance from La Trobe Street

Specifications

Capacity: 200 Cocktail
130 Banquet (150 without dance floor / stage)
200 Theatre

Floor Area: 306m²



Ian Potter Queen's Hall

Available from summer 2019

Ian Potter Queen's Hall is one of Melbourne's most beautiful 19th-century interiors. Opened in 1856 as the original Library reading room, it is now being fully refurbished as part of the Library's Vision 2020 redevelopment. Once reopened it will be a premier event space, able to accommodate a range of event formats and themes, and host up to 500 guests. Entry is via a dedicated lift or sweeping marble staircases adorned by historic wall murals.

Features

- Grand marble staircase entry
- Restored skylights for natural light
- Original 1860s decorative paint scheme with a modern twist
- Timber floorboards and acoustic treatments
- Audiovisual capabilities

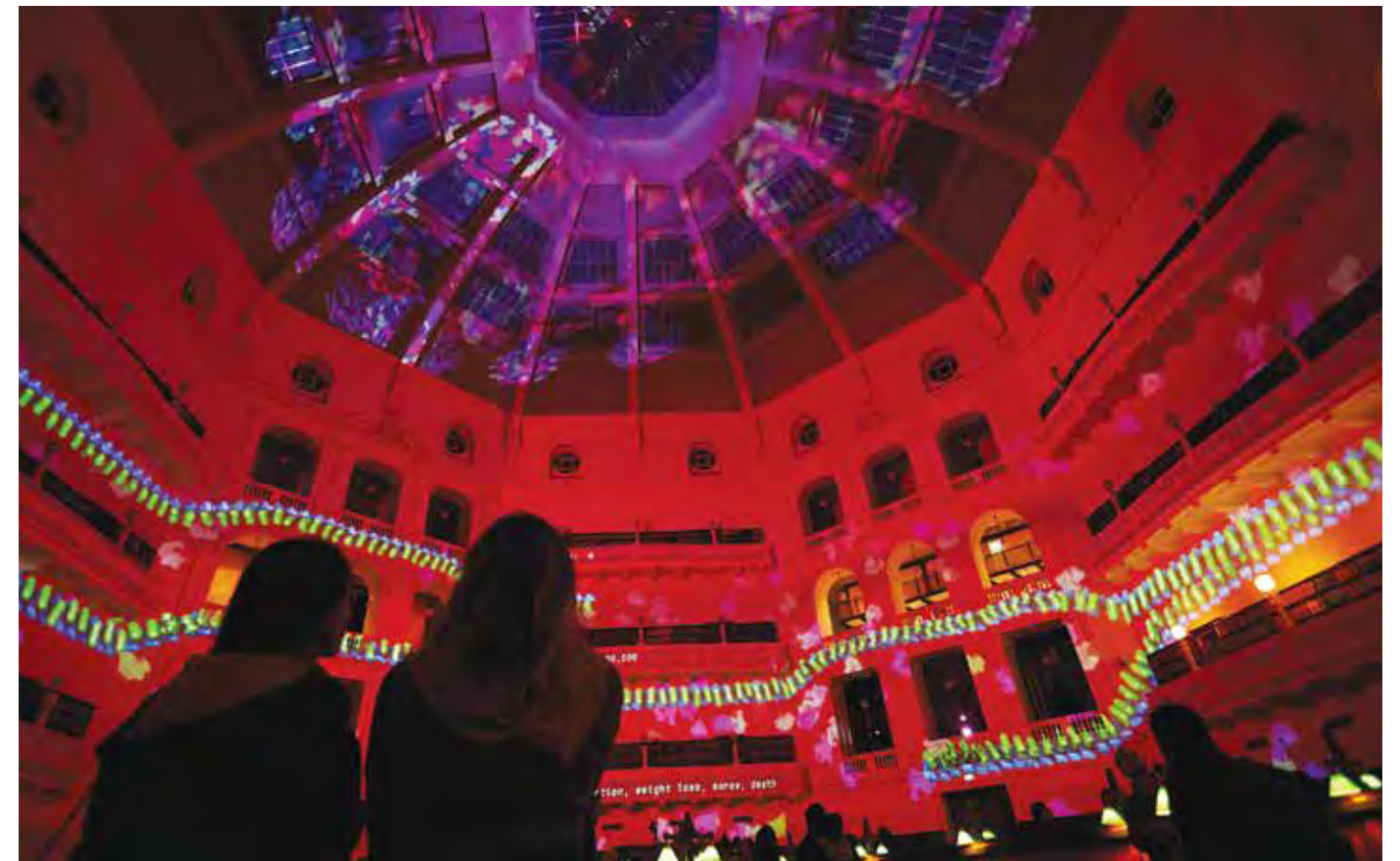
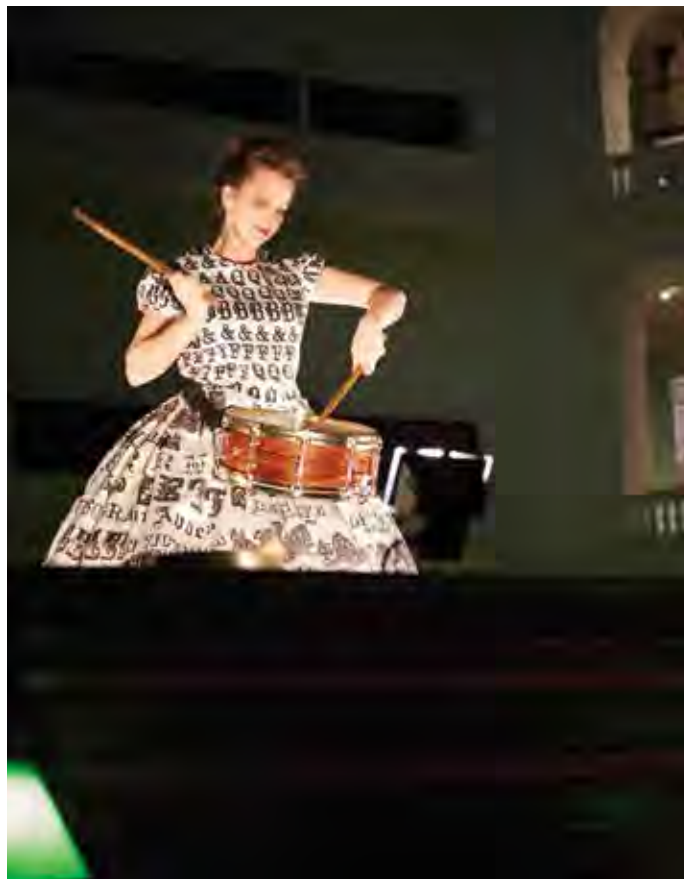
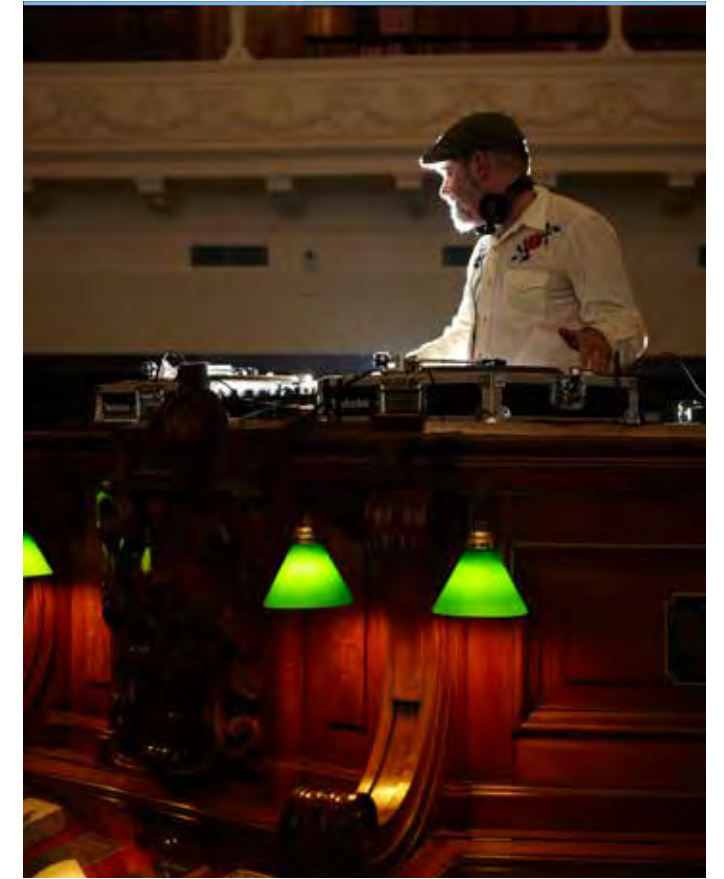
Specifications

Capacity: 500 Cocktail
290 Banquet

Floor Area: 775m²



Unique experiences



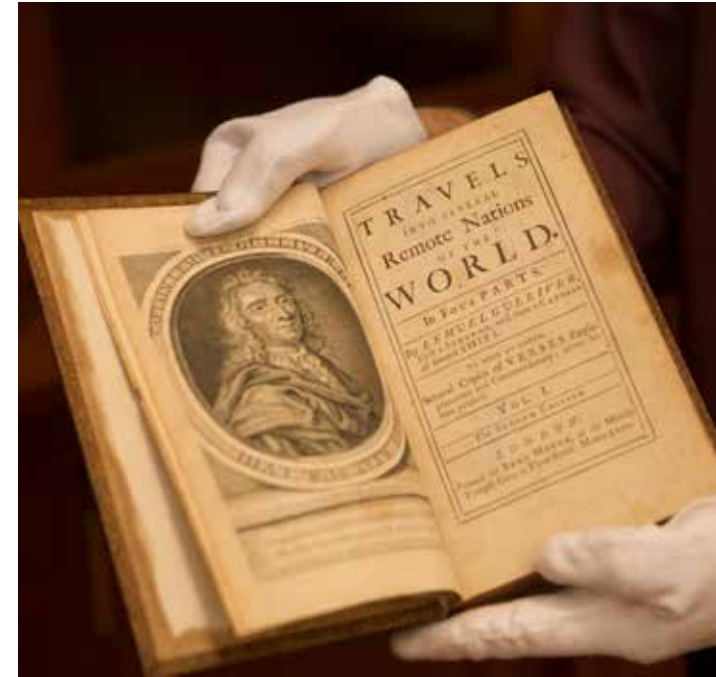
Cultural experiences

There are many special experiences you can share with your guests during your event. Come behind the scenes, see an exhibition, meet experts, take a tour and immerse yourself in a world of art, books, history and culture.

Choose from one of these experiences:

- an exclusive exhibition viewing
- a personalised tour of heritage spaces
- a curator-led tour of an exhibition or artworks
- a viewing of rare items from the Library's collection.

Whatever your interest, the Venue team can design an experience to delight and inspire your guests.



Below image: State Library Victoria, White Night Melbourne 2014



Venue uses

Host an intimate dinner in our stunning 19th-century gallery, plan a party for our majestic hall, hold a lecture in a contemporary theatrette or a workshop in our seminar rooms.

These tables highlight the most popular uses of each venue at State Library Victoria. Please contact our Venue team to discuss your requirements and we can customise an event for you.

	Meeting	Lecture	Workshop	Launch	Cocktail	Dinner	Wedding ceremony / Reception	Trade show	Photography	Festival
Cowen Gallery		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Isabella Fraser Room	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Red Rotunda	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
La Trobe Reading Room					✓		✓		✓	
Experimedia		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
The Courtyard		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Village Roadshow Theatrette	✓	✓		✓						✓
Seminar room 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓		
Seminar rooms 2-5	✓	✓								
Forecourt				✓					✓	✓

Venue capacities

VENUE	FLOOR AREA m ²	THEATRE capacity	COCKTAIL capacity	BANQUET capacity
Cowen Gallery	330	120	346	220
Red Rotunda	136	70	90	60
La Trobe Reading Room	1002	–	520	–
Experimedia	495	200	350	150
The Courtyard	495	250	350	200
Isabella Fraser Room	306	200	200	130*
Village Roadshow Theatrette	N/A	200	–	–
Seminar room 1	86	60	26	36
Seminar room 2	32	15	12	–
Seminar room 3*	20	10	8	–
Seminar rooms 2 and 3	52	30	16	12
Seminar room 4	35	25	14	–
Seminar room 5	27	15	10	–
Seminar rooms 4 and 5	62	40	22	18
Conference Centre foyer**	103	–	90	–
Forecourt	1000			

* Seminar room 3 is only available for hire in conjunction with other venues.
** The Conference Centre foyer is included in the hire of the theatrette. The foyer accommodates approximately 90 people for catering purposes. Break-out space for more than 100 people requires the additional hire of the Courtyard.
***150 without dance floor / stage

Venue rates, inclusions and extras

All-inclusive rates

Our professional Venue team ensures that your event runs smoothly.

Inclusions

Our standard venue hire service is designed to maximise value. It includes:

- **Staffing**
Venue staff can set up and pack down, provide basic technical support, direct guests as required, and assume responsibility in the case of an emergency
- **Furniture and equipment**
All standard equipment, such as data projectors and screens, laptop, flipcharts, whiteboards and markers, tables and chairs, lecterns and microphones, is included in the venue hire
- **Security**
The Library has onsite security 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- **Bump-in and set-up time**
All venue bookings include time for setting up and packing down events at no cost to you.

Special additions

We offer a range of other services, at an additional charge, that will help you stage the perfect event:

- **Event technical support services**
If you will be using specialised or multiple forms of digital media, we can provide you with an event technician for the duration of your event
- **Audio and video recording**
Our event technician will record your event and provide you with an edited version
- **Video conferencing**
Basic video-conferencing equipment can be arranged
- **Guided tours and exhibition curator talks**
Personalised tours of our wonderful heritage spaces and galleries are available on request.

Special rates

We also provide a range of discounted rates:

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP	LOYALTY RATE	COMMUNITY RATE
Corporate Members enjoy benefits including complimentary and discounted venue hire. Inquire for more details.	You will receive a 10% discount when five or more bookings are secured as part of a single Venue Hire Agreement for the Conference Centre.	If you are a not-for-profit organisation you may be eligible for a 20% discount on the Conference Centre.

To obtain a venue hire quote and discuss prices contact us on **03 8664 7291** or email **venuehire@slv.vic.gov.au**.

Corporate membership

As one of Australia’s top cultural destinations, the Library is synonymous with heritage and learning. Become a corporate member of State Library Victoria and align your organisation with one of Australia’s premier cultural institutions. Enjoy special rates for the Library’s grand event spaces, invitations to exclusive cultural experiences and networking opportunities with prominent thought leaders.

To become a corporate member contact Partnerships Manager **Elisabeth Kerdelhué** on **03 8664 7591** or **ekerdelhue@slv.vic.gov.au**.



Location

Located in the heart of Melbourne, the Library is well served by all forms of public transport and a wide choice of parking.

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ENTRY 1

328 Swanston Street

ENTRY 3

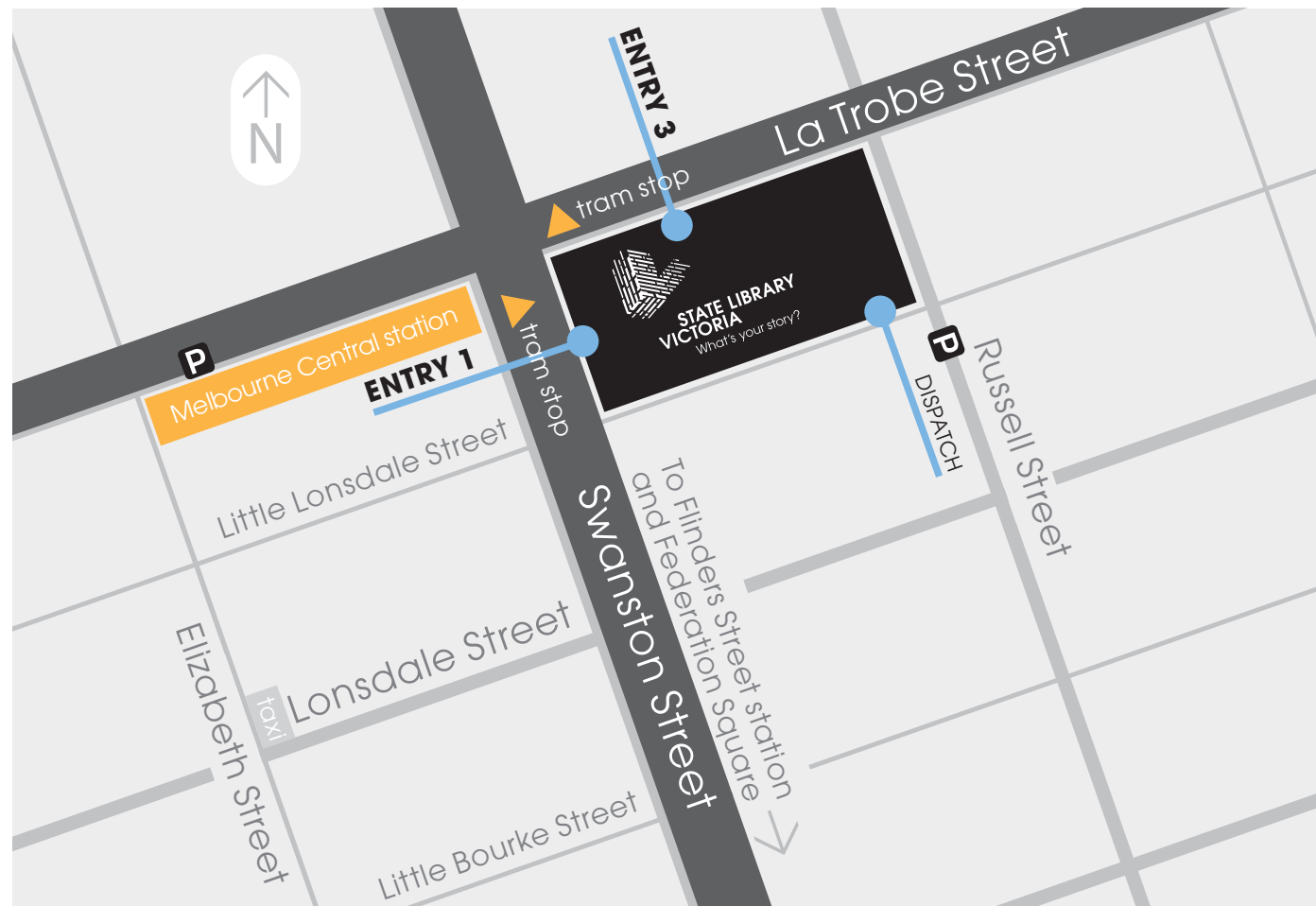
179 La Trobe Street

Transportation

Train station: **Melbourne Central**

Tram stop: **Cnr Swanston and La Trobe streets**

Melbourne Airport: approximately 20 km



Contact us

Please contact us to arrange a personalised tour of our venue spaces, book a venue or request further information.

Venue team

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Accessibility information

State Library venues are wheelchair accessible. When booking for events, please advise in advance if you require sign language translation or a hearing loop. Audio-descriptive exhibition tours can also be booked. Some lectures and other events are recorded; please inquire for details. Limited disability parking is available in Little Lonsdale and La Trobe streets.

Accessibility inquiries

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