

## The Cutaway

The Cutaway is being transformed by the NSW Government into one of Sydney's premier cultural facilities and an outstanding venue for events, exhibitions, festivals, and installations. FDC Construction has been engaged to carry out the fitout works, which will span three levels and offer new event, gallery, and education spaces

### Works update and upcoming works

Construction is continuing well, with general interior fitout works in the pre-function, function and event hall areas almost complete.

Upcoming works include:

- Installation of the final marble slab on the spiral staircase
- Weather-tight works on the skylights
- Completion of the skylights with installation of block-out blinds
- Nawi Cove paving cobblestone works
- Sandstone seating installation, in the forecourt area
- Back-of-House detail cleaning and furniture alignment
- Finalisation of acoustic panelling and decorative shell install.

### Architectural Trees Update

The sculptural timber trees surrounding existing concrete columns in the main event hall, are the most complex element of the fitout design.

Installation of the Australian Tasmanian Oak timber trunks is complete, with the top spruce leaves being progressively put in place.

Each sculptural tree comprises over 180 individual timber components that have been carefully connected to structural steel supports with acoustic panelling to provide acoustic absorption.



### Accessible Buggy Continues

Access to the ground-level lift at the Cutaway remains unavailable during fit-out works to ensure public safety. Alternative accessible routes are available, and a buggy is also operating for those who need additional support.

**Operating hours:** 7am to 6pm, daily.

**Route:** Cutaway entrance (Ground level) to/from Stargazer Lawn (Level 2).

**Request the buggy:** Call 0498 033 066 (allow up to 15 minutes during busy periods).

**Accessibility:** Fully accessible, with space for wheelchairs and prams.

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## Engaging with community

NAIDOC Week was a special moment for the project team, who came together for a full staff event at the Cutaway site. The morning began with a moving Welcome to Country by Jarmarni Tompkins, whose words resonated deeply with everyone present. The ceremony was followed by a relaxed breakfast, giving staff a chance to reflect, connect, and celebrate the significance of the week.

We also welcomed members of the local community for an intimate tour of the site. Representatives from the Millers Point Community Resident Action Group and the Walsh Bay Arts Precinct Association explored the main Event Hall and pre-function area, gaining a behind-the-scenes look at the progress and vision of the project. It was a great opportunity to share stories, answer questions, and strengthen ties with our neighbours.

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## Women in construction

In our latest Women in Construction feature, we sat down with Emma Thomy, Construction Manager at FDC, for a quick chat about her journey in the industry. Emma shared insights into her career path, and what drives her passion for building spaces that matter.

### What motivated you to work in construction?

Every project presents distinct challenges and opportunities, with the ultimate reward being the delivery of meaningful outcomes for clients and the transformation of spaces through both functional and architectural solutions.

### Why is the Cutaway project unique as a construction and fit out project?

The Cutaway is not a typical project - the blend of functional requirements alongside architectural elements is both complex and innovative. A main standout on the project is the 13 custom made and designed timber trees, which in some locations reach over 14 meters in height. The approach to their design and execution has been highly collaborative and technically demanding, involving close coordination between architects, engineers, and fabricators to ensure both structural integrity and aesthetic impact.

### If you could list three things that are important to you to apply in your work practice in the construction industry?

Collaboration, integrity, and adaptability are key to delivering successful outcomes for our stakeholders.

## Thank you for your patience and cooperation while we complete this work



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