

Neighbourhood Gathering, Season 2 2025

Hosted by Arts House

Access Guide



Image credit: Katy Roubin

Image description: A crowd of people congregated in the foyer at Arts House, next to the doors to the Main Hall. In the background, people walk down the stairs, passing Peter Waples-Crowe's artworks *Queer on Country*.

Updates to this document

Please note, this event includes a rehearsal excerpt of a new work and changes are being made by artists until opening. We will endeavour to provide the latest access information across key stages of planning.

Arts House website will contain the most up to date version of this document and all ticket holders will be notified of any revisions made 1 day prior to the event.

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Where

Arts House
521 Queensberry Street
North Melbourne VIC

When

Thursday 17 July, 2025
10:30am to 12pm
Duration: 90 minutes

Access Services



Audio Describer Guides available for meet and assist and one-on-one describer guide service.



Assistance Animal are welcome.



This event is fully wheelchair accessible.

Neighbourhood Gathering Co-Hosts



Lamine Sonko
Artist, Co-Host



Jonathan Craig
Freelance writer and accessibility
consultant, Co-Host



Naomi Velaphi
Head of Programming,
Arts House

Approximately 16 other members of Arts House staff will also be in attendance.



Olivia
Creative
Program
Lead



Louana
Creative
Producer



Varsha
Creative
Producer



Tish
Associate
Producer



Jake
Marketing
Manager



Adam
Front of House
Manager



Monique
Ticketing
Supervisor



Katy
Audience
Engagement
Coordinator



Brian
Business
Manager



Bas
Business
Administrator



Trudy
Business
Support Officer



Jordyn
Business
Support Officer



Tony
Production
Manager



Bart
Technical
Coordinator



Taran
Venue
Technician



Artemis
Access Advisor

Running Order

- 10.20am Doors Open & light refreshments available from Asylum Seeker Resource Centre Catering
- 10:30am Event commences
- (5 mins) Introduction by Naomi Velaphi
- (10 mins) Musical performance by Lamine Sonko and Anita Quayle
- (60 mins) Program overview and hosts discussion, Arts House staff introduction
- 11:45am Hosted discussion concludes, morning tea continues and time for casual conversation amongst attendees, hosts and staff
- 12:00pm Event concludes

Sensory Elements

Sound

Soft background music will be playing in the venue foyer as people arrive and depart.

The musical performance will involve a kora and a cello. The sound will be amplified using microphones.

This event is conversational, and the co-hosts will use microphones.

Lighting

The Neighbourhood Gathering conversation will be standard interior building lighting with no flashing or moving lights.

Physical

The venue has heating and air conditioning. The rooms maintain an ambient temperature.

Smell

The Neighbourhood Gathering will have an assortment of vegetarian catering available in the space from Asylum Seeker Resource Centre that will include the smell of spices, fruit and other ingredients. Vegan and GF options available.

Full list:

- Feta and spinach triangles
- (Vegan, GF) Tunisian spiced rolls
- Bengali Vegetable Samosa
- Oven Baked Danishes
- (Vegan, GF) Palestinian Carrot & Orange Blossom Tart
- Chocolate chip cookies.

Visual

The speakers will sit in a row of chairs facing the attendees, marked out by a rug. Behind the speakers, there will be a large screen playing a slideshow of images from our Season 2, 2025 program.

Attendees can sit at round tables or stand.

Audience Experience

Entry to space

This event will take place in the Main Hall. Front of House staff will guide you to this space from the foyer.

Door to The Main Hall

The Main Hall is located off the Arts House foyer on the ground floor. It has large double doors that open outwards.



Image: Large wooden brown doors that are closed.

Shocks or surprises

There are no shocks or surprises.

Audience experience

The Neighbourhood Gathering involves optional light social interaction with other members of the public and Arts House staff.

Social expectations

This event is family friendly – children and babies are welcome in our space.

Audience members are welcome to come and go as they please, be themselves, make noise, stim, and respond to the event for its duration.

There will be a variety of seating options at the Neighbourhood Gathering. There is no allocated seating – you are welcome to sit or stand anywhere you like in the room.

Other

Content Warnings

There are no content warnings.

General Notes

The session begins with an Acknowledgement of Country.

The Venue



Image: North Melbourne Town Hall features giant red letters that say ARTS HOUSE out the front of it.

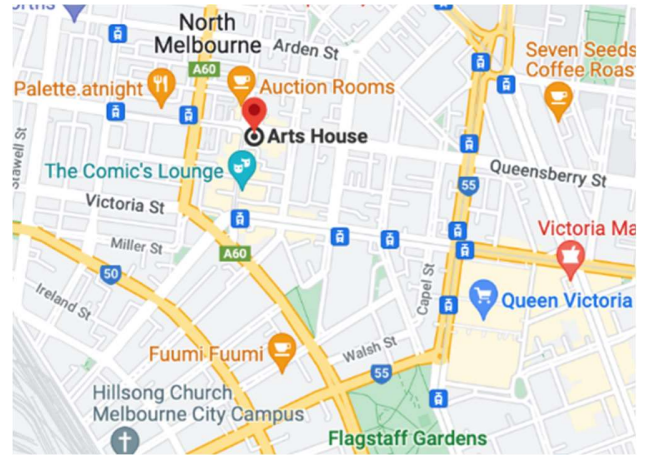


Image: a map of Arts House and its surrounding area. [LINK TO MAP](#)

Front Entrance



Accessible Entrances



There are two Accessible Entrances. The first is on Errol St next to the Post Office.



Image: Errol Street entrance next to the Post office with wheelchair accessible ramp or two steps with grab rails.



Image: View of door entrance.

The second Accessible Entrance is towards the end of George Johnson Lane.



Image: View of George Johnson Lane from Errol St. The laneway passes through an archway with a brick wall at the end.

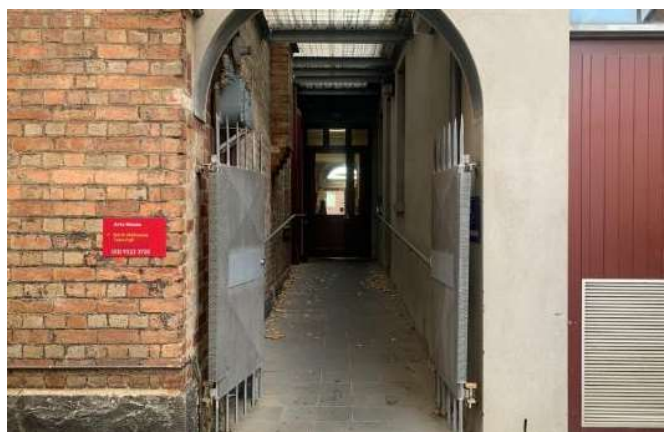


Image: view of the ramp leading from George Johnson Lane to the automated door which opens into the Arts House foyer.

Reception

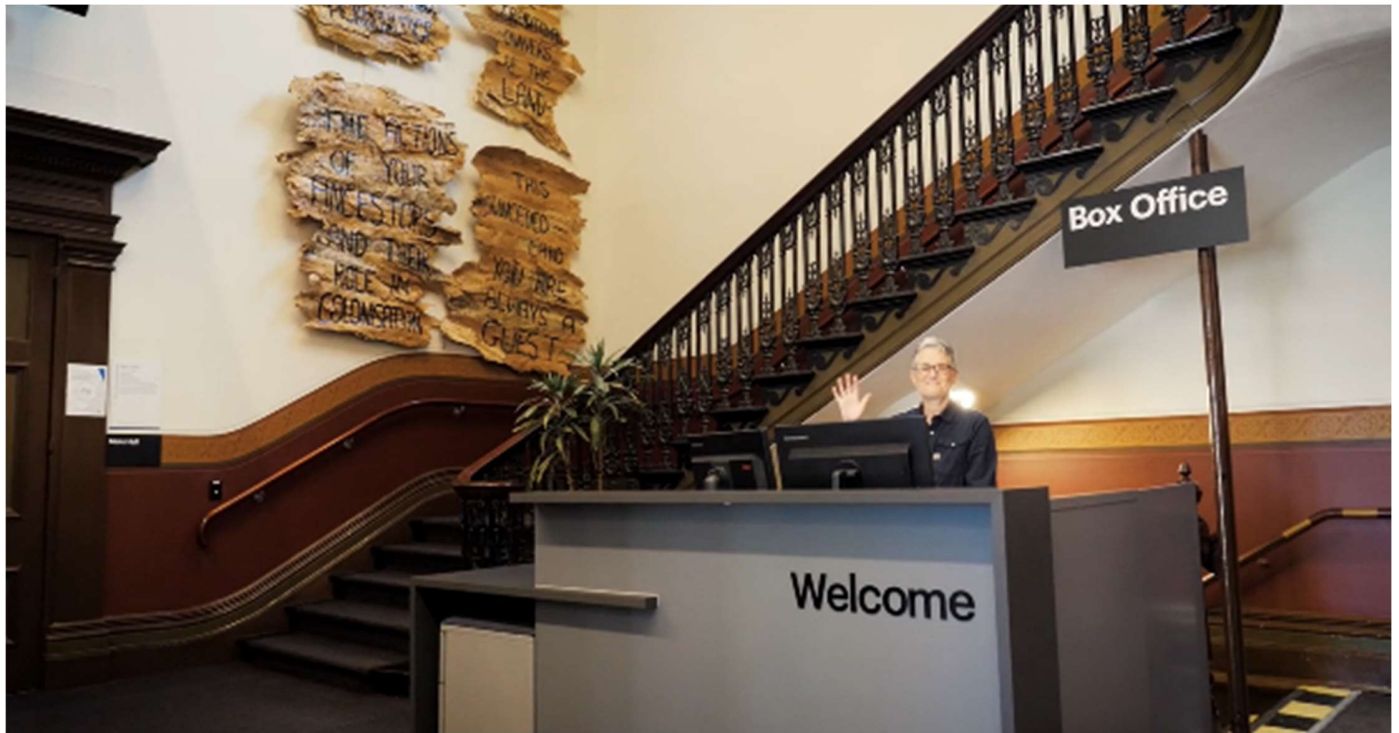


Image: The reception desk, showing one of our Arts House staff waving and smiling. To the left of the reception desk is the main stair case, showcasing some art work on the walls. Reception is located in the foyer at reception under the stairwell.

Ushers



Image: Three Ushers standing in front of artwork on the wall, wearing their Arts House shirts.

Ushers will be wearing black with an Arts House Logo on the left hand shoulder

Quiet Space



Arts House Quiet Space is located on Ground Level and is nearby reception and opposite the accessible bathrooms. It includes a range of seating options including soft furnishings, dimmable lights, sensory and stim objects. It is open during venue opening hours and events as a quiet space, prayer or parenting space.



Image: Quiet space with lights dimmed



Image: Quiet space kitchenette and book shelf

Bathrooms

All bathrooms have Dyson hand dryers with sensor activation. There is an accessible bathroom that is single use on ground level opposite the Quiet Space. There is another accessible bathroom upstairs – this is accessible via lift or stairs.

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Transport

Tram

Route 57 (High Floor trams only)

Stop 12, North Melbourne Town Hall.

Please note, this is not a wheelchair accessible tram

[GETTING TO ARTS HOUSE VIDEO LINK](#)

Train

Arts House is 1.1km from

North Melbourne Train Station,

approximately 16 minute walk

[North Melbourne Station Information](#)

1.2km from Flagstaff Station,

approximately 15 minute walk

[Flagstaff Station Information](#)

Bus

Bus number: 216

Parking

There is limited paid on-street parking on Queensberry Street and Errol Street.

There are two accessible on street car parking spaces on Queensberry Street (150m to our accessible Errol Street entrance) for holders of a Parking Permit for Disabled people.

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COVID Safety

If you have a cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath or flu-like symptoms, you must not attend our venue or programs in person.

To minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, we advise all patrons, artists and staff to:

- Practise physical distancing where possible
- Practise good hygiene by washing and or sanitising your hands often
- Wear a mask as directed by Victorian Government guidelines

Throughout the venue you will find:

- hand sanitiser stations available
- masks available (ask one of our staff for assistance)
- increased signage to direct patron movement and avoid crowd congestion

We also ensure that spaces are well ventilated.

Staying COVID-safe remains important. We must all follow these steps:

- Follow the Victorian Government's measures on how to stay safe.
- Wear face masks where required or when you cannot safely socially distance.
- Practise COVID-safe hygiene protocols.
- Test for COVID