

Media Release

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NEXT CHAPTER FOR NEW CULTURAL ARTS PRECINCT

Victorians will soon benefit from a new cultural arts precinct in Melbourne's inner south.

Minister Suleyman joined the community at the In One Voice Festival in Elsternwick, announcing works will soon begin on the Jewish Arts Quarter.

The vibrant hub will create jobs, support local business and showcase the state's rich diversity.

It includes a performing arts theatre, exhibition spaces, co-working facilities, retail shops, cafes and public spaces.

It will also be the new home of the Jewish Museum of Australia.

The project is expected to generate \$65 million in investment during construction, create 210 construction jobs and 31 ongoing jobs, and bring more visitors to small businesses in the area.

Initial site-readiness works will include demolition of the existing structures at 7 Selwyn Street, Elsternwick.

Historic artworks by Karl Duldig will be conserved during redevelopment and incorporated into the new building.

Multicultural business precincts provide unique places where communities gather, shop, work and build cultural connections and friendships.

The Allan Labor Government provided a further \$2 million in funding through the *Victorian Budget 2023/24* to support the Jewish Arts Quarter development.

This is in addition to the government's previous \$5 million contribution towards the development.

For more information about Labor's support for multicultural business precincts, visit business.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Small Business and Employment Natalie Suleyman

"We're continuing to invest in the future of our vibrant multicultural precincts by backing projects that boost economic activity and opportunities for small business owners and celebrate local cultural diversity."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt

"Investing in the Jewish Arts Quarter means investing in the cultural diversity that makes Victoria unique – creating opportunities for artists, small businesses and communities to thrive."

Quote attributable to Jewish Arts Quarter Director Joe Tigel

"This funding enables the Jewish Arts Quarter to move confidently into the next phase – focused on early works, coordination and site readiness ahead of construction. It sends a clear signal that the project is ready for delivery."