
HERITAGE PERMIT

GRANTED UNDER SECTION 102 OF THE
HERITAGE ACT 2017

Permit No: P41291

Applicant:



NAME OF PLACE/OBJECT:

ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING AND CARLTON
GARDENS (WORLD HERITAGE PLACE)

HERITAGE REGISTER NUMBER:

H1501

LOCATION OF PLACE/OBJECT:

NICHOLSON STREET CARLTON AND VICTORIA
STREET AND RATHDOWNE STREET AND CARLTON
STREET CARLTON, MELBOURNE CITY

THE PERMIT ALLOWS: The temporary installation of a pink inflatable plastic 'balloon' in the eastern transept with ambient music and performance events for Now or Never 2025, generally in accordance with the following documents:

- Heritage impact statement (Conservation Studios, dated 11 July 2025)
- Site plans Matria, Now or Never (dated 10 July 2025)
- Site plans Museum Victoria, Museum Spaces (no date)
- Technical Data Sheet – Alkathene LDH215
- Product Data Sheet Pyrostab ET 198
- Structural Review, BG&E (dated 11 July 2025)

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY TO THIS PERMIT:

GENERAL

1. The permission granted for this permit is valid only for the 2025 City of Melbourne Now or Never music festival events at Condition 4 and for the submission of post-event reporting required under Conditions 8 – 12. The period of validity of the permit will expire on 23 August 2026.
2. Should further minor changes in accordance with the intent and approach of the endorsed documentation become necessary, correspondence and supporting documentation must be prepared and lodged in accordance with the permit condition for endorsement by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria. If the Executive Director considers that the changes are not minor, an amendment to the permit or a new application will be required.
3. Approved works or activities are to be planned and carried out in a manner which prevents damage to the registered place/object. However, if other previously hidden original or inaccessible details of the object or place are uncovered, any works that may affect such items must immediately cease. The Executive Director, Heritage Victoria must be notified of the details immediately to enable Heritage Victoria representatives to inspect and record the items, and for discussion to take place on the possible retention of the items, or the issue of a modified approval.

EVENTS

4. The following are the 2025 City of Melbourne Now or Never music festival events held in the Royal Exhibition Building between Thursday 21 August 2025 and Sunday 24 August 2025. The permit application did not propose the use of haze and as such this permit does not approve the use of haze as part of these events. During these events vibration levels must be monitored in accordance with Museums Victoria 'Vibration Monitoring Protocol'. The vibration limit of 2.0mm/s must not be exceeded. The events when monitoring must take place are:

21 August 2025 (8.30pm – 9.30pm)

Alex Zhang Hungtai x MATRIA

22 August 2025 (8.30pm – 9.30pm)

rRoxymore x MATRIA

23 August 2025 (8.30pm – 9.30pm)

Amber McCartney x Shapednoise x MATRIA

PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF EVENTS

5. Prior to the commencement of the events identified at condition 4, the engagement of Conservation Studios must be approved in writing by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria. Once their appointment is approved, Conservation Studios must advise and assist as necessary and provide relevant conservation advice. In particular Conservation Studios must help fulfil conditions 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

DURING EVENTS

6. A representative from Conservation Studios must be present at each of the events identified at condition 4 to monitor vibration levels either in accordance with Museums Victoria's 'Vibration Monitoring Protocol', or using the vibration monitoring system installed under heritage permit exemption P39845.
7. Should damage occur at any time during the event, the event must cease immediately and not resume. Staff and the public must vacate the venue and no further events can take place. If there is a safety risk to the heritage place, users or the public, stabilisation of the area may be carried out provided no further damage is caused to significant fabric. The Executive Director, Heritage Victoria must be notified prior to any further works or activities occurring.

AT CONCLUSION OF EVENTS

8. Within ten business days of completion of the music events identified in condition 4, a report prepared by Conservation Studios must be submitted to the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria. The report must contain evidence of live monitoring data and demonstrate that the vibration limit of 2mm/s was not exceeded at any of the events at condition 4.
9. Within 20 business days of completion of the music events at condition 4, a condition report by Conservation Studios must be submitted to the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria. Once approved the condition report will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The conditions report must include but not be limited to:
 - Identification of any new losses of plaster or paint caused by vibrations at the events at condition 4. The assessment of new loss should be based on the 'REB Interior Condition

Report', Conservation Studio (dated 20 June 2022)

- Recommendations on any immediate make safe actions required to avoid further loss or damage.

10. Recommendations in the condition report endorsed by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria under condition 9 must be implemented within 45 business days of endorsement.
11. Within three months of completion of the events identified at condition 4 (by Monday 24 November 2025), a 'Temporary Events Management Plan' must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria. The plan must be prepared in consultation with Conservation Studios.
12. Within three months of the approval of the 'Temporary Events Management Plan' required at condition 11, the owner must apply for a s.92(3) permit application to include the Temporary Events Management Plan in the place specific permit exemptions.
13. The Executive Director, Heritage Victoria must be informed when the approved works have been completed.
14. The works approved by this permit must be carried out in their entirety unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Executive Director, Heritage Victoria.

NOTE THAT PERMISSION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR INSPECTIONS OF THE PLACE OR OBJECT TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING THE CARRYING OUT OF WORKS, AND WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF NOTIFICATION OF THEIR COMPLETION.

TAKE NOTICE THAT ANY NATURAL PERSON WHO CARRIES OUT WORKS OR ACTIVITIES NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PERMIT OR CONDITIONS IS GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE TO A PENALTY OF 120 PENALTY UNITS (\$23,710.80 FROM 1 JULY 2024) OR IN THE CASE OF A BODY CORPORATE 600 PENALTY UNITS (\$118,554 FROM 1 JULY 2024) UNDER s104 THE HERITAGE ACT 2017.

WORKS UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT A PERMIT OR PERMIT EXEMPTION CAN INCUR A FINE OF UP TO 4800 PENALTY UNITS (\$948,432 FROM 1 JULY 2024) FOR A NATURAL PERSON OR 5 YEARS IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH AND UP TO 9600 PENALTY UNITS (\$1,896,864 FROM 1 JULY 2024) IN THE CASE OF A BODY CORPORATE UNDER SECTION 87 OF THE HERITAGE ACT 2017.

THE ATTENTION OF THE OWNER AND/OR APPLICANT IS DRAWN TO THE NEED TO OBTAIN ALL OTHER RELEVANT PERMITS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS.

Date Issued:

11 August 2025

**Signed by the Executive Director, Heritage
Victoria**



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Steven Avery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

Steven Avery
Executive Director
Heritage Victoria