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THE EVENT DECK

Located over the single level Exhibition Hall, the Event Deck provides the Precinct with a defining outdoor event space. This offers a mix of uses whilst ensuring an East West visual connection from Pyrmont/ Ultimo to the city is created, with managed accessibility for public and patrons.

In summary:

The Event Deck offers:

- A new managed public facility for all the people of Sydney to meet, to gather, to play sports or just relax and enjoy the park and city vistas;
- An area that offers Sydney a fully flexible space that can be programmed to support the great events at Darling Harbour that Sydney is famous for;
- Over 5,500m² of public accessible open space (with 20kPa design loading capability) as a multi function area that can be dressed to suit a range of public realm or event activities;
- Loading and service access to The Event Deck via the upper level loading dock, with capacity for major events;
- Controlled access from the west via The Quarry Street Link and from the east via The Stairs, The Boulevard and Tumbalong Park;
- Lift and escalator access;
- Provision for temporary structures to provide flexible covered spaces for standalone events or expansion of events within the ICC Exhibition;
- Temporary structures limited to a maximum of 10.5m to ensure visual consistency with the ICC Exhibition;
- Temporary structures will be subject to further design investigation, in coordination with the operator, during detailed design. At a minimum they are expected to respect the architectural quality of the ICC Exhibition building;
- An 'Oxygen Lounge' dry bar and amenity area to the east with opportunity for use with exhibition function; and
- An experience as an unfolding sequence of movements from the public domain, through clearly articulated entry conditions to the pre-function and exhibition components.



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THE THEATRE

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BUILT FORM

Set opposite the Chinese Garden of Friendship and associated square, The Theatre is positioned adjacent to Pier Street, and acts as an important marker at the southern threshold of Darling Central. The bold form carved with a large opening which reveal the active public spaces within and together with potential dynamic digital displays and special effects lighting presents the venue as the most dynamic of all reflective of its dramatic program.

Given its pivotal location and proximity to the expanded Tumbalong Park, this venue presents the perfect backdrop for photo opportunities, with its presentation reinforcing its theatrical nature, whilst maintaining a strong relationship to the north south Boulevard and the east west red carpet drop off.

During the day a layering of the facade geometry in the foreground and the expression of the internal spaces provides a dynamic front to Tumbalong Place and Tumbalong Park. At night the building lights up from within and takes on another dimension identifying with vibrancy, colour and activity associated with the theatrical use.

The architectural composition of the building consists of heavy base integrated with the podium forms throughout the western side of the site. This make reference to the adjacent ICC Exhibition to help a consistent reading at the ground plane.

Above this base a gently folding roof element encloses and protects The Theatre form and its break out spaces. This form peels back to expose the opening that is the pre-function space which allows views into The Theatre, and from inside back onto the parkland.

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BUILDING FINISHES

The building has a strong three dimensional form sheathed in an expanded anodised metal screen that gives depth to the form during the day through a play of light and shade. This system wraps across the roof line and sides of the built form, ensuring the complex is read as a single element from all dimensions including the adjacent expressway and Pyrmont precinct.

A highly transparent façade that appears carved from the primary form faces onto The Chinese Garden of Friendship Square offering a strong connection of the activity within. The main entry responds to the adjacent ICC Exhibition awning and grand staircase with a similarly balanced stair, escalators and entry roof, identifying Tumbalong Place as a key connector for the precinct. A dynamic and vibrant space, The Theatre offers a wide variety of activities to satisfy the program and its success will be confirmed through the ease in which these modes are adapted within the space.

A base palette of robust neutral materials and colours to the entry and pre-function spaces provide the ideal blank canvas in which scene setting can occur with the use of a strong colour palette related to an entertainment focus.

For sporting and plenary activities, the intensity of the lighting and colour can be varied to create a brighter, clearer and more desirable experience.

For high level corporate events a more sober and sophisticated character can be achieved with subdued lighting.





The Theatre Perspective

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INTERNAL ARRANGEMENT

For drawings relating to The Theatre, please refer to the following Architectural Drawings:

TH_AR_D_200000 to TH_AR_D_208000

TH_AR_D_410000 , TH_AR_D_420000,

TH_AR_D_500000

A breakdown of the functions are provided on each of the floor levels as follows:

Level 00, AHD RL 2.5

- Car park entries and exits
- Side stage and Back stage provision
- Production spaces
- Production Loading Dock off Darling Drive
- Ticket Box Office
- Merchandise Sales
- Retail
- VIP Entry
- Back of house provision
- Back of house storage
- In-house loading dock
- Retail loading dock
- Venue management and staff facilities
- VIP facilities
- Catering facilities
- Access to Tumbalong Place

Level 01, AHD RL 7.9

- Venue management facilities
- Back of house storage
- Main plant room

Level 02, AHD RL 12.4

- Lower main foyer concourse with theatre access
- Primary arrival
- Venue Management and staff facilities
- Production spaces
- Public food and beverage outlets
- Merchandise Sales
- Public toilets
- Access to Tumbalong Place and The Boulevard

Level 03, AHD RL 19.9

- Mid level concourse with theatre access
- Public food and beverage outlets
- Merchandise Sales
- Public toilets
- Main plant room

Level 04, AHD RL 25.9

- Corporate facilities
- Back of house provision

Level 05, AHD RL 30.4

- Upper concourse with theatre access
- Public food and beverage outlets
- Merchandise sales
- Public toilets

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IN SUMMARY:

The design solution for The Theatre delivers a venue that:

- Provides the centre piece of the new live entertainment Precinct in Sydney;
- Creates a photo shot building that is contemporary, strong and embraces entertainment;
- Creates a red carpet experience that will enable all major Australian “events” to be televised live;
- Embraces Tumbalong Park, promoting public domain activity around the skirt of the Theatre;
- Provides for events such as night markets and outdoor performances, blurring the boundary between the built form of the Theatre, Tumbalong Place and Tumbalong Park and the Event Deck;
- Establishes a destination and urban landmark for the city which is a multi-functional events space with the option to transform into multiple events settings;
- Provides flexibility so that the auditorium can be arranged in concert mode, either fully seated or with a flat floor ‘Mosh Pit’, hosting major shows for up to 8,000 people. Consideration will be undertaken during Design Development to increase this;
- Ensures a set up to cater for conference operation when in plenary mode. Future prestige events such as the Logies Awards and other red carpet events will be held here, given the plenary arrangement seats 4,000 and 6,000;
- Has retractable seating which allows the flexibility to showcase sporting events such as basketball;
- Provides corporate function areas, with kitchen service, of around 1,000m²;
- Incorporates sophisticated lighting systems that can create the type of atmosphere appropriate to the programme;
- Links directly to the ICC Exhibition and further north the ICC through the main pedestrian link at AHD RL 12.0;
- Can operate as a stand-alone facility or fully integrated with the adjacent ICC Exhibition and ICC;
- Is designed around a clipped bowl arrangement, offering a compact seating arrangement with optimum sightlines;
- Where all the pre-function spaces and corporate facilities command impressive views of Tumbalong Place;
- Provides east–west connection through the precinct via the introduction of Tumbalong Place; and
- Attracts clientele from both a business and leisure perspective.

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RETAIL OUTLETS

The Darling Harbour Live proposal recognises the importance of amenity required to support a facility such as the ICC Sydney.

To support the size and scale of the Precinct and the quantum of visitors anticipated to the site requires a number of food and beverage facilities to be provided.

Food and beverage outlets have been located throughout the ICC Sydney to provide a level of service and amenity throughout the development, whilst ensuring retail is not the primary public interface with the Facility.

The outlets are typically located off the main public access and address areas of The Boulevard, Tumbalong Place and Harbourside Place. They propose a mixture of traditional fixed food, beverage and bar offerings, as well as flexibility to theme and adapt the use based on the type of event being held or community activity with a 'plug and play' opportunity.

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THE ICC CONVENTION

The ICC Café is located on the ground level of the eastern lobby area and faces onto the harbour and across the Darling Harbour Bowl. The space is integrated with the lobby and may be used as either a public café or as part of an event within the Facility. Back of house access is available to the kitchen area.

The ICC Technology Café is a WiFi lounge also located on the ground floor, in the north west, within the lobby space. This area is a casual meeting space for delegates and users of the facility and back of house access is also available to the kitchen area.

The ICC Restaurant is located in the north east corner on level RL 10.9. This provides magnificent views into the forecourt area and further into Darling Harbour. Access is internal, through the ICC lifts and escalators, with a focus on use by delegates.

Facing onto and accessed from the public realm, is a retail strip of 37m, divided into individual outlets or let as a single entity. Back of house access is provided through to the ICC loading dock and waste management areas.

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THE ICC EXHIBITION

Along the eastern edge, adjacent The Boulevard at ground level is an approximately 28m long zone where permanent or temporary retail can be installed on an event by event basis.

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THE THEATRE

A large single or multiple tenancy retail space is provided in The Theatre directly fronting The Boulevard. It has back of house access to dedicated loading docks and waste management.

In addition, the southern edge of Tumbalong Place, built into The Theatre, is a 5 m deep and 33 m long retail pencil bar programmed to provide an internal/external, informal bar in Tumbalong Place providing day-to-day activation to the space.



Retail along The Boulevard in front of the Exhibition Centre

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LOADING

The loading docks to all of the Core Facilities will be designed in accordance with Australian Standard AS 2890.2 – Parking Facilities Part 2: Off -street commercial vehicle facilities.

The key objective is to ensure loading dock areas allow for parking and containment of loading vehicles within the building footprints, taking layover storage of trucks off Darling Drive including accommodating concurrent operation of sufficient loading/unloading positions during major single and concurrent events. Further details with regard to the loading and vehicle provisions across the project are included in the Traffic Report prepared by Hyder Consulting.

19.1

ICC CONVENTION

Direct at-grade access to the loading dock facilities to the ICC, are proposed from the southbound lane of Darling Drive. A slip lane of approximately 40m in length is located adjacent to the southbound lane of Darling Drive, prior to the access point for the ICC loading dock facility. This slip lane will allow the designated containment and queuing of two 19.0m articulated vehicles.

The loading dock facility is sufficiently large to allow the turning movements of a 19.0m articulated vehicle into the loading dock bays without encroaching onto the public highway, or onto the other loading bays. The ICC loading dock facility will accommodate three 19.0m articulated vehicles and four 8.8m medium size vehicles, at any one time.

The Facilities Operator will develop and maintain a Traffic Management Plan for the strategic management of the vehicle arrivals and departures for day to day deliveries, major events and single concurrent events for the ICC loading facilities.

The management plan will permit the containment of three 19.0m vehicles and four 8.8m vehicles within the loading dock facility at any one time. An off-site holding area for waiting vehicles will be assessed to allow a bump in/bump out system to operate.

The loading dock traffic management plan for the ICC will be developed in consideration of the holistic operation, of all loading docks within the Core Facilities.

19.2

ICC EXHIBITION

Loading dock facilities to the ICC Exhibition Centre are proposed in two locations, being on the first level (RL 6.0m) and upper level (RL21.5m).

Lower Level Loading

Access to the lower level loading dock is proposed via a slip lane southbound on Darling Drive. The slip lane is approximately 130m in length, extending up to the start of the loading dock access ramp. This will provide a traffic management system, allowing the queuing and containment of vehicles in a designated lane, outside of the main public road. Further vehicle queue containment of 130m is provided within the new loading dock access ramp and circulation lane, prior to vehicle arrival at the eastern loading dock facility.

The loading dock facilities on this level are accessed via a one way, clockwise lane that circulates the ICC Exhibition Centre, connecting to a large loading dock facility on the eastern side of the building. The one way circulation roadway will remove conflict of vehicles, allowing for a more efficient operation of the first level loading dock facility.

This area will cater for the maximum containment of eighteen 19.0m vehicles, at any one time, for loading and unloading within the identified loading bays, with additional allowed for in the adjacent entry paths. Presenting vehicles shall wait for access to an unoccupied loading bay or for loading/unloading to take place outside of an identified bay. There will be sufficient space within the loading dock to allow moving vehicles to pass stationary vehicles that are loading / unloading.

Egress from this loading dock facility is proposed via the circulation lane, which exits south of the ICC Exhibition Centre onto Darling Drive.

As the loading facilities are located below the Pre-Function spaces and Terraced Landscape to the East of the ICC Exhibition, acoustic impacts and light spill are minimised, vastly improving on the existing situation.

Upper Level Loading

Further loading dock facilities are provided for the ICC Exhibition Centre on the upper level through a new access ramp structure constructed above Darling Drive.

Access to the upper level loading dock is proposed from the same slip lane off the southbound Darling Drive laneway, as for the lower level loading dock. Another ramp structure located on the western side, will link the lower level loading dock ramp, with the upper level loading dock. Consequently, this provides a similar traffic management system, allowing vehicles to queue in a designated queue lane, approximately 130m in length, outside of the main public road.

The upper loading dock facility for the ICC Exhibition Centre will cater for the containment of thirteen 19.0m articulated vehicles at any one time.

Egress from the upper level Exhibition Centre loading dock facility, is proposed via a one way ramp connecting the upper level to the southbound lane of Darling Drive. Vehicles exiting the upper level loading dock will not circulate around the ICC Exhibition Centre building given a separate exit point is proposed along Darling Drive. This will assist with the operation of concurrent loadings on both the first and upper levels of the ICC Exhibition Centre.

The Upper level loading facilities are screened to control acoustic impacts and light spill to the neighbouring areas including, Pyrmont/ Ultimo and the Western Distributor.

The Facilities Operator will develop and maintain a Traffic Management Plan for the strategic management of the vehicle arrivals and departures for day to day deliveries, for major events and single concurrent events for both ICC Exhibition Centre loading facilities.

The management plan will permit the containment of eighteen 19.0m vehicles and thirteen 19.0m vehicles within the lower and upper levels of the ICC Exhibition Centre, respectively. An off-site holding area for waiting vehicles will be assessed to allow a bump in/bump out system to operate.

The loading dock Traffic Management Plan for the ICC Exhibition Centre will also be developed in consideration of the holistic operation, of all loading docks within the Core Facilities.