

Welcome to The Capitol

This Visual Story is designed to help anyone who may find a step-by-step visual and written access guide useful when coming to The Capitol.

It is in an easy-to-read format and uses pictures to show you how to access The Capitol building, what to expect upon arrival and what you might experience in the different spaces.

We value diversity and are committed to providing a safe and welcoming space for all visitors.

Before You Visit

The Capitol is located opposite Melbourne Town Hall, at 113 Swanston Street in the CBD of Melbourne, via Capitol Arcade.

You can travel to The Capitol on public transport.

Trains

The Capitol is a five-minute walk from:

- Flinders Street Train Station
- Melbourne Central Station

Trams

You can also access several trams including:

- **Routes 11, 12, 48, 109** - Stop 6: Town Hall & Collins St
- **Routes 1, 3, 5, 6, 16, 64, 67, 72** - Stop 11: Collins St & Swanston St

Parking

Some metered and/or timed parking spaces are located along Russell, Exhibition and surrounding streets. There are also several nearby car parks, including Federation Square car park.

Arrival

The Capitol has one entrance located on Swanston Street via Capitol Arcade.



Arriving at the Lift Entrance

The lift access entrance is located halfway through the Capitol Arcade (between the jeweler and the dry cleaner) on the right-hand side.



The lift will take you up to The Capitol's Foyer level where the theatre is located.



From the Foyer, a separate lift provides access to the Theatre's accessible entrance (level 1), the Salon (level 2) and the Lounge (level 3) located inside The Capitol building.



You can also access The Capitol from the front of the arcade up the stairs on the right-hand side.



Arriving After Parking

There are several accessible parking spaces on Little Collins and the surrounding streets. Parking is also available at several nearby car parks, including Fed Square car park, which has accessible car spaces on each level.

Inside The Capitol

Inside The Capitol, there is a large foyer area which includes the candy bar, a lift to the other levels, and the toilets.



Inside Cinema Nova, there are different signs to help you find your way around the space.

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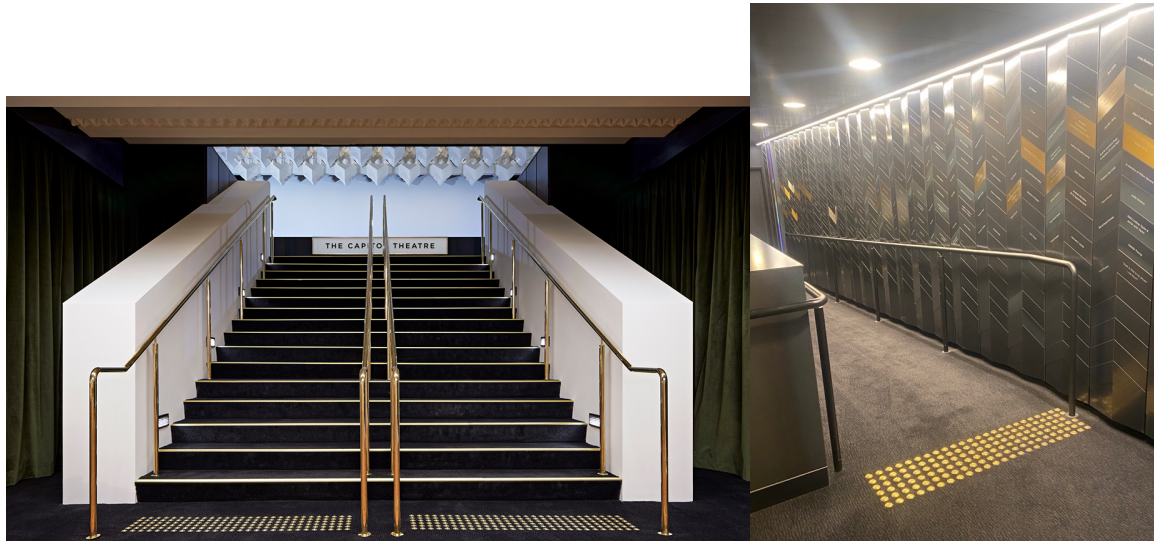
MQFF Volunteers and Staff

You can always ask an MQFF volunteer or staff member for help. MQFF volunteers will be wearing blue T-Shirts like the image below. All MQFF volunteers and staff wear a lanyard with MQFF branding around their neck. They may also be wearing a mask.



Getting around The Capitol

Inside The Capitol there are ramps, lifts and stairs with handrails.



The Capitol Theatre has eight accessible spaces, accompanied by eight companion seats. Four of these spaces are accessible from the Foyer level. The remaining four spaces are accessible from the Salon level (Level 2) via the lift.

You can also ask a MQFF Volunteer if you need any help finding your way around.

What Will You Find Inside The Capitol?

The Theatre

There is one main theatre located inside The Capitol on level 1.



There are two entrances into the theatre, either via the staircase or the lift. The staircase into the Theatre is located in the main foyer.



The lift is in the foyer, up the ramp on the left-hand side and takes you to the Salon on level 2 for the accessible entrance. From here, you will be able to access the theatre's accessible seating options through both the right and left side of the Salon space, each with automated doors (you'll need to press the button).



The Salon

The Salon is located on level 2 and is accessible via the lift and an internal staircase.



The Lounge

The lounge is located on level 3 and is accessible via the lift or the internal staircase.



The Capitol Amenities and Venue Information

Toilets

At The Capitol, there are unisex and wheelchair accessible toilets on the Foyer level. These facilities also include a baby change area.

There are automatic hand dryers in the toilets. These can be noisy. There are signs around the space or you can ask an MQFF volunteer or staff member for directions.



Food and Drink

If you're looking for something to eat or drink, the candy bar serves snacks, coffee and drinks. It is located in the main Foyer.



The candy bar will be open before the screening of each MQFF screening at The Capitol.

The candy bar will be open during the MQFF Festival period. The candy bar is located near the front entrance of the building, directly opposite the right-hand side of the lift entrance.

Sensory Space

There is a designated quiet space if you need to step away for a bit or take a break from the cinema. You can find this area in the Salon, located on level 2.



Please be aware this space can still feel loud when people are gathered in the foyer. However, once everyone has entered the cinema space, it is a more quiet and private space.