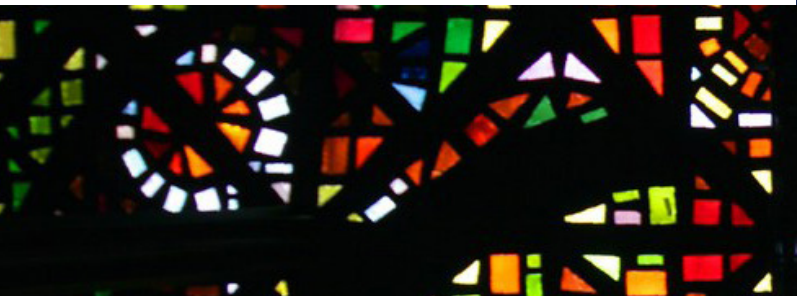




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The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV)

As one of Melbourne's most iconic destinations, the NGV International has been chosen to host the Special Summit Leaders' Dinner.

Pre-dinner drinks will be held in Federation Court, amongst dynamic art installations.

Dinner will be in the Great Hall, famous for its stunning stained cut glass by Australian artist Leonard French.



Facts

- > The NGV was founded in 1861 and is the oldest and most visited gallery in Australia, hosting a wide range of international and local artists in the NGV Collection and its year-round program of exhibitions, festivals and events.
- > The NGV currently comprises two architecturally renowned galleries in the Melbourne Arts Precinct, NGV International, which presents world-renowned international art exhibitions, and The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia, the world's first major gallery dedicated exclusively to Australian art and design.

- > Once completed, The Fox: NGV Contemporary, will be the organisation's third venue, dedicated to showcasing important works of contemporary art, design, fashion and architecture.
- > The NGV's permanent collection includes more than 75,000 works. The NGV Collection has come to span the history and development of Australian, First Nations and international art, design and architecture.
- > As it grows and evolves, the NGV Collection embraces and reflects diversity in cultural identities, artistic practices and geographies as it connects art and people.
- > The NGV Channel offers opportunities to stay connected and inspired www.ngv.vic.gov.au/channel/

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Government House Victoria

This historic building will host the Special Summit Leaders' Retreat.

Built between 1872 and 1876, during the economic boom of the Gold Rush, Government House Victoria characterises the high standard of design and craftsmanship of public buildings built during that period. It remains the largest residential building in Australia:

- > The Government House we have today was the third attempt by the Colonial Government at commissioning a design.
- > The Government House complex including outbuildings has about 240 rooms.
- > The gardens at Government House cover 11 hectares.
- > The main building is about 3,035 square metres
- > Most of the furniture was custom-made for the State Drawing Room around 1876, and the 19th century Steinway grand piano is still used.
- > The State Dining Room table is almost the length of a cricket pitch and seats up to 54 people.
- > The Governor's Standard is flown from the Government House tower, and at the front gates at Government House, when the Governor is in the State of Victoria. The Governor's Standard is also flown on the vehicle in which the Governor is travelling.



The Governor's Standard



- > The State Ballroom is longer than the one at Buckingham Palace.
- > Only ever used by the Monarch or the Monarch's representative, the State Chair in the Ballroom was made around 1859 and has been used by all of the State's Governors since Sir Henry Barkly.
- > Three original crystal chandeliers, by Oslers of Birmingham who supplied Buckingham Palace, are striking features of the Ballroom. Converted from gas to electricity, the chandeliers each have more than 1,000 pieces of crystal.
- > The Ballroom first acquired its distinctive blue colour scheme during redecoration works by Paterson Brothers in 1889, for the arrival of Lord and Lady Hopetoun.

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