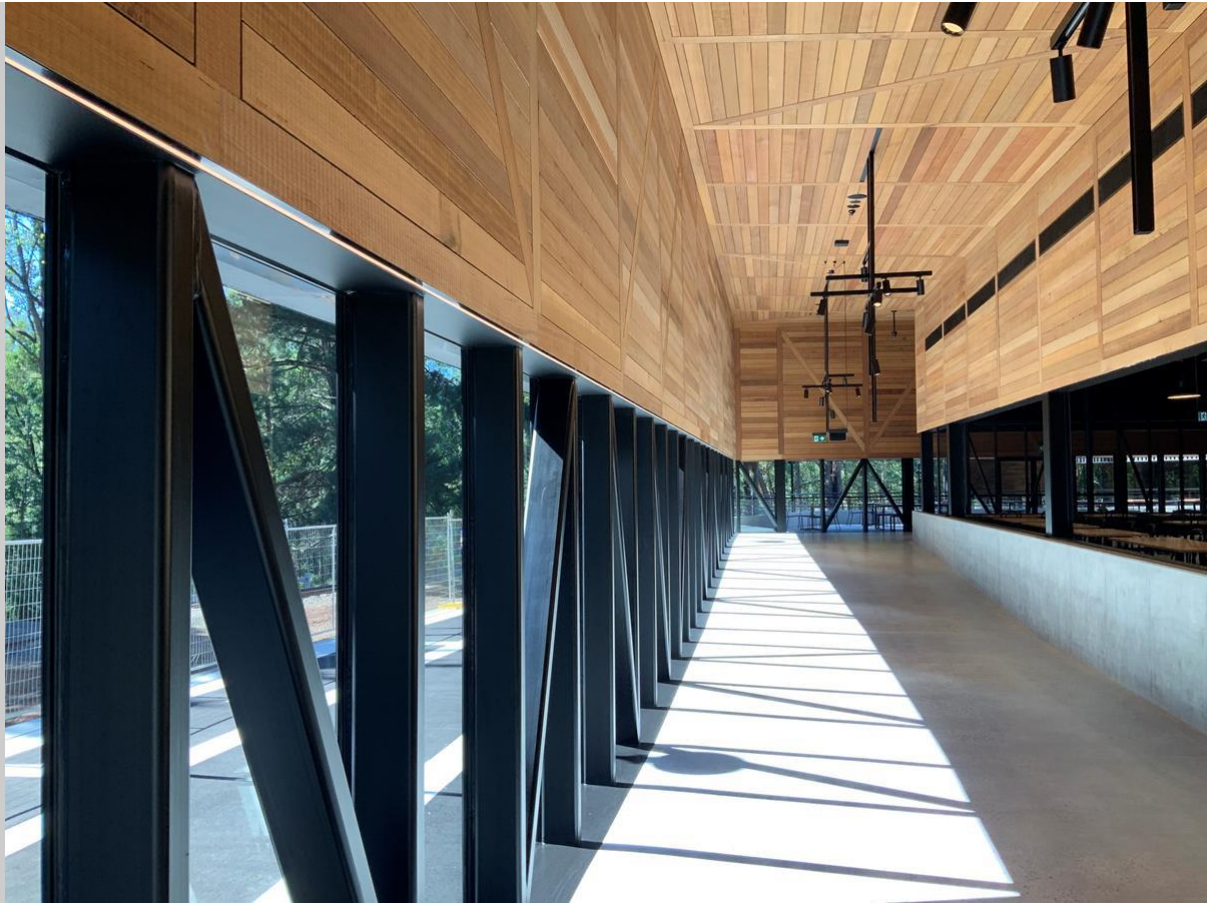




LAKESIDE VISITOR CENTRE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

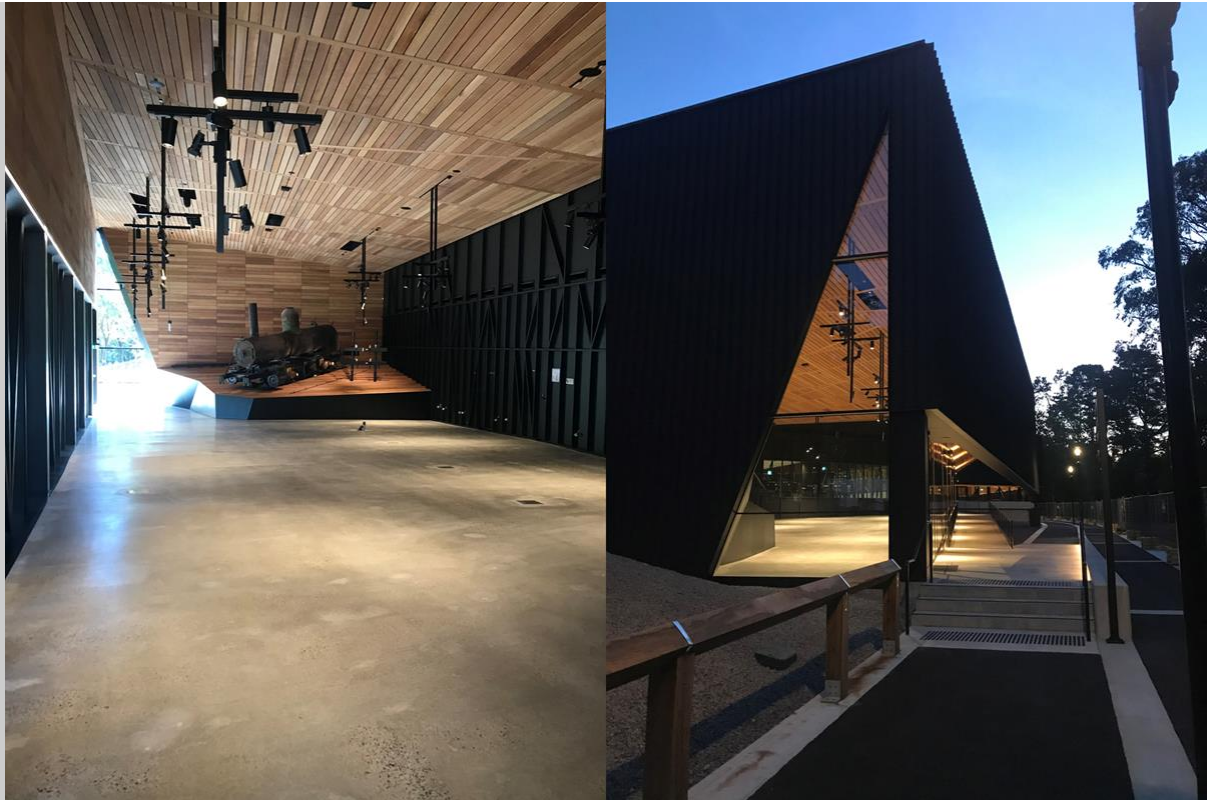
Despite the interruptions and uncertainty of the COVID-19 lockdowns, the Lakeside Visitor Centre Stage 1 construction works incorporating the main building, platform and rail side landscaping was completed as of the end of February 2021. Practical Completion for Stage 1 was achieved by Kane Constructions on February 24th, only two months after the original targeted completion date of December 2020, and the Occupancy Permit awarded just after.

Over the last couple of months, works have been primarily focused on internal finishing touches, with all trades finalising fit-off, commissioning, testing and cleaning. Unfortunately, with the finishing line in sight, on February 12th the snap five-day COVID-19 lockdown in Victoria placed all site operations on hold until Wednesday 17th February. Luckily this was a short period of interruption and following this, remaining floor finishes, painting and commissioning were all completed.



Site works also focused on:

- The remaining 3A locomotive platform and metalwork shroud.
- The Great Hall (pictured below) feature timber linings, paint coats, caulking, rail side landscape grading and a final builders clean to all areas.
- Fire services were completed and commissioned.
- The main building lighting and rough-in of interpretations lighting were also completed.
- Furniture, fixtures and equipment fit-out including remaining hardware, external handrails and bin store gates, café benchtop equipment and defibrillator cages.
- Remaining wayfinding signage has been installed and given final inspection.
- Commissioning works have all since been successfully completed and reviewed by consultants for the production and handover of operation and maintenance manuals.
- Witness testing and ETRB training with staff was conducted by Kane Constructions and subcontractors for electrical, security, hydraulic, mechanical and audio visual services, kitchen and specialist equipment.



External works included:

- The new platform structural works, with asphalt pour were finalised late 2020 and tactiles installed in April 2021. As a result we welcomed the first test train into Platform #3 on 30 April this year.
- Surrounding landscaping including mineral mulch, light poles, bollards, landscape furniture, fittings and equipment and grading has been completed along the platform edge.
- Stage 1 pathways were completed with surrounding mineral mulch now all in place.
- Outstanding works including delayed planting works to suit seasonal planting timelines, were completed early in the new year.

While the final touches are placed on the centre, the fit-out of the interpretations and display items will be progressing over the next month, with completion due in late May / early June.

Looking Down The Track

The centre is now looking incredible, inside and out. With the final Stage 2 landscaping, vehicle parking and pedestrian access works set to commence in May to nicely finish off the project, our aim is to deliver the full, final vision later in 2021.

The ETRB will be aiming to open the Lakeside Visitor Centre to the public earlier, targeting September, while the final external landscaping touches are completed in November 2021.

We look forward to sharing this new world class centre with all in the near future.



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