

Darwin Civic Centre



Vertical Construction Progresses as Core Advances to Level 3

Works at the Darwin Civic Centre development site have continued with strong momentum through January, marking an important step in the project's vertical progression.

A key milestone this month has been the successful completion of two Lubeca core jumps, advancing the building core from Level 1 to Level 3. This achievement establishes a stable platform for ongoing vertical construction and enables the next phase of suspended slab, column and wall works.

Concrete works remain a major focus, with the first suspended slab pour to Level 2 completed during the month. Scaffolding, formwork and reinforcement activities have continued across Level 2, alongside ongoing forming and pouring of in situ walls throughout the site.

Inground services works have progressed across the site, together with excavation and placement of ramp footings and preparation of the southern ground floor slab.

The DCOH team continues to work closely with City of Darwin to coordinate services, external works and approvals, ensuring construction sequencing remains aligned with project priorities.

Milestones on site so far include:

- Lubeca core jumps completed from Level 1 to Level 2 and Level 2 to Level 3
- Completion of the first suspended slab pour to Level 2
- Ongoing scaffolding and formwork work to Level 2 suspended slab
- Continued forming, reinforcement and pouring of in situ walls
- Excavation and placement of ramp footings
- Preparation works underway for the southern ground floor slab
- Inground services installation continuing across the site
- Over 48,000 hours worked on site to date

Safety, Skills and Local Participation

Safety remains a priority on site, supported by regular inspections, proactive hazard management and ongoing toolbox talks.

Lubeca system operations continue to provide valuable upskilling opportunities for local crews, supporting safe and efficient vertical construction.

Local participation outcomes to date include:

- Over 48,000 hours worked on site
- Engagement of Indigenous workers, apprentices and trainees

Upcoming milestones

Activities planned for the coming month include:

- Further Lubeca core jumps beyond Level 3
- Continued scaffolding, formwork, reinforcement, and post-tensioning works to Level 2
- Additional Level 2 slab pours
- Forming and pouring of columns to Level 2
- Completion of the southern ground floor slab and associated services
- Ongoing in situ wall construction

Project background

As Darwin continues to grow and evolve, the Civic Centre redevelopment will transform the existing complex into a welcoming, accessible and sustainable community hub in the heart of Civic Park.

Delivered in partnership with DCOH, the project will protect and celebrate the Tree of Knowledge (Galamarrma) while delivering a modern Civic Centre featuring a new City Library, community meeting and function spaces, public parking and a connected civic plaza linking Civic Park, Cavenagh Street and the CBD.

Traffic Management

Please be advised that Traffic Guidance Scheme (TGS) for the Darwin Civic Centre construction site has been updated with the introduction of Gate 3 (Refer to map of following page).

This will not impact access/ egress onto Harry Chan Avenue for the neighbouring properties and helps us to manage disruptions to the flow of traffic, more efficiently.

Traffic management measures remain in place to ensure the safety of pedestrians and road users around the site. Temporary fencing, controlled access points and clearly signed pedestrian diversions continue along Harry Chan Avenue and the Esplanade.

Traffic controllers monitor movements daily, with construction activities coordinated to minimise disruption where possible. Additional controls will be implemented as construction progresses through further vertical stages.

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