



Case Study

Melbourne Arts Centre Refurb
Melbourne, Victoria

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Melbourne Arts Centre At a glance:

CLIENT:
Melbourne Arts Centre

SCOPE OVERVIEW:
Bathroom refurbishment (x2),
boardroom AV/joinery installation

COMPLETED:
2026



Project Details:

Melbourne Arts Centre engaged Axess Commercial Interiors to deliver a targeted refurbishment of two existing bathrooms and the installation of a complete AV and joinery solution in a key boardroom/meeting space.

What the client wanted to achieve

- Transform dated amenities into premium, design-forward spaces that reflect the Arts Centre's brand identity and commitment to quality
- Create a memorable visitor and staff experience within the refurbished bathrooms
- Deliver a professional, functional boardroom environment capable of supporting high-level presentations and executive meetings
- Ensure all works were completed with minimal disruption to ongoing venue operations

Design and functional requirements

- Feature botanical wallcovering across full bathroom walls, floor to ceiling
- Premium brushed brass tapware, fixtures, and accessories throughout
- White penny-round mosaic floor tiling for a refined, considered finish
- Large-format display screen with integrated timber credenza in the boardroom
- Rich suede-effect wall panelling and coordinated ceiling treatment in the meeting space



The Challenge

Working within an iconic, operational venue

Delivering a refurbishment within Melbourne Arts Centre presented unique considerations. The venue operates continuously across its various spaces, requiring Axess to plan and sequence all works to avoid disruption to staff, visiting artists, and the public. Scheduling, access coordination, and communication were as critical as the quality of the finish itself.

Design complexity

The centrepiece of the bathroom refurbishment – a dramatic large-scale botanical wallcovering featuring intricate flora, leopards, monkeys, and exotic birds on a deep dark ground – demanded a high level of installation skill. Achieving precise pattern alignment across full-height walls, including across internal corners, required meticulous pre-measurement, careful material sequencing, and experienced installation.

Cohesion across multiple spaces

While each space had its own design brief, the overall project required a consistent level of finish quality and attention to detail across three distinct environments – two bathrooms and a boardroom – each with different functional requirements and aesthetic directions.

Through quality craftsmanship and efficient delivery, we provided a premium fitout, that maximises value and long-term performance of the space.

The Axess Approach

Planning and coordination

Axess conducted a detailed pre-commencement site assessment to map existing services, wall conditions, and plumbing configurations. This informed the refurbishment sequence and material selections, ensuring no surprises during delivery.

Design collaboration

Working closely with the Melbourne Arts Centre team, Axess contributed to the selection and coordination of finishes, wallcovering, tapware, and accessories to ensure each space read as a complete, intentional design outcome rather than a collection of individual trade items.

Scheduling and communication

Works were staged and sequenced to maintain continuous access to adjacent areas of the facility. Regular progress updates were provided to the Arts Centre's nominated contact throughout the project, ensuring visibility and confidence at every stage.

Finish standards

The botanical wallcovering was treated as a specialist installation task, with additional allowance built into the material order for pattern matching and wastage management. Axess's commitment to finish quality was applied equally across every element – from the wallcovering seams to the tapware alignment to the credenza integration in the boardroom.

- Tailored Project Solutions
- Quality Craftsmanship
- Seamless End-to-End Service
- Experienced and Trusted Team

Key Solutions Delivered

Bathroom refurbishment

- **Feature wallcovering installation:** Full floor-to-ceiling installation of a dramatic botanical wallcovering across two walls and an internal corner, with precise pattern alignment maintained throughout. The design – featuring leopards, monkeys, parrots, butterflies, and oversized florals on a deep dark background – transforms the amenities into a genuinely memorable space.
- **Vanity and tapware:** Undermount white basin set into a custom benchtop, with a square brushed brass mixer tap as the centrepiece. Brass finishes carried through to the wall sconce, paper holder, and dual amber glass soap dispensers for a fully coordinated result.
- **Mirror and lighting:** Full-width illuminated mirror with integrated top lighting, complemented by a brushed brass wall sconce providing warm ambient light within the space.
- **Floor tiling:** White penny-round mosaic floor tiles providing a clean, refined contrast to the dramatic wallcovering above.
- **Ceiling and paint:** Deep charcoal/black ceiling treatment completing the immersive, design-led atmosphere.

Boardroom AV and joinery installation

- **Large-format display screen:** Wall-mounted centrally against a rich terracotta/rust suede-effect feature wall, creating a bold and functional presentation focal point. [confirm screen size]
- **Custom credenza:** Timber veneer credenza unit installed beneath the screen, providing integrated storage and a clean, professional base for the AV installation.
- **Boardroom aesthetic:** Coordinated wall panelling in a rich terracotta suede effect, timber veneer ceiling, glass partition wall with brass framing, and upholstered charcoal meeting chairs – cohering into a distinctive, high-quality meeting environment.



Project Outcomes

The completed works delivered three transformed spaces that significantly elevate the experience of staff, clients, and visitors within Melbourne Arts Centre.

Bathrooms

The refurbished amenities are immediately and genuinely impressive – spaces that communicate investment, creativity, and attention to detail in equal measure. The botanical wallcovering installation in particular is a standout piece of craftsmanship that draws comment from visitors and reflects well on the Arts Centre’s standard of presentation.

Boardroom

The AV and joinery installation delivers a polished, professional meeting environment well-suited to executive gatherings, client presentations, and high-level discussions. The cohesion of the wall treatment, and screen integration creates a space that feels considered and complete.



The Melbourne Arts Centre project demonstrates the standard of finish Axess Commercial Interiors consistently delivers.

Working within one of Australia’s most respected cultural institutions, Axess managed specialist installation, trade coordination, and a live-venue operational environment – delivering three transformed spaces that are impressive, cohesive, and built to the standard the Arts Centre’s reputation demands.

For businesses seeking a fitout partner with the capability, discipline, and finish quality to deliver in high-profile environments, this project is a compelling demonstration of the Axess difference.





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