

# **NIFVS Building Bridges Forum - Aborigines Advancement League Access Key (2 Watt Street, Thornbury, VIC 3071)**

## **About this Access Key**

An Access Key gives all the information you need to know about the building, location and the accessibility requirements it meets.

The Northern Integrated Family Violence Services Team (NIFVS) has developed this Access Key to be provided to guests, speakers, stall holders and staff participating at the **Building Bridges Forum** on Thursday 24 July 2025.

If you have any questions or want to chat about your access needs, please contact:

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## Acknowledgment of Country

The Northern Integrated Family Violence Services acknowledges Victorian Aboriginal people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we provide our services – the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation – and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

NIFVS acknowledges that Aboriginal sovereignty was never ceded and expresses hope for justice and reconciliation.

## Where is the venue?

The **Aborigines Advancement League** is located at **2 Watt Street, Thornbury, VIC 3071**.

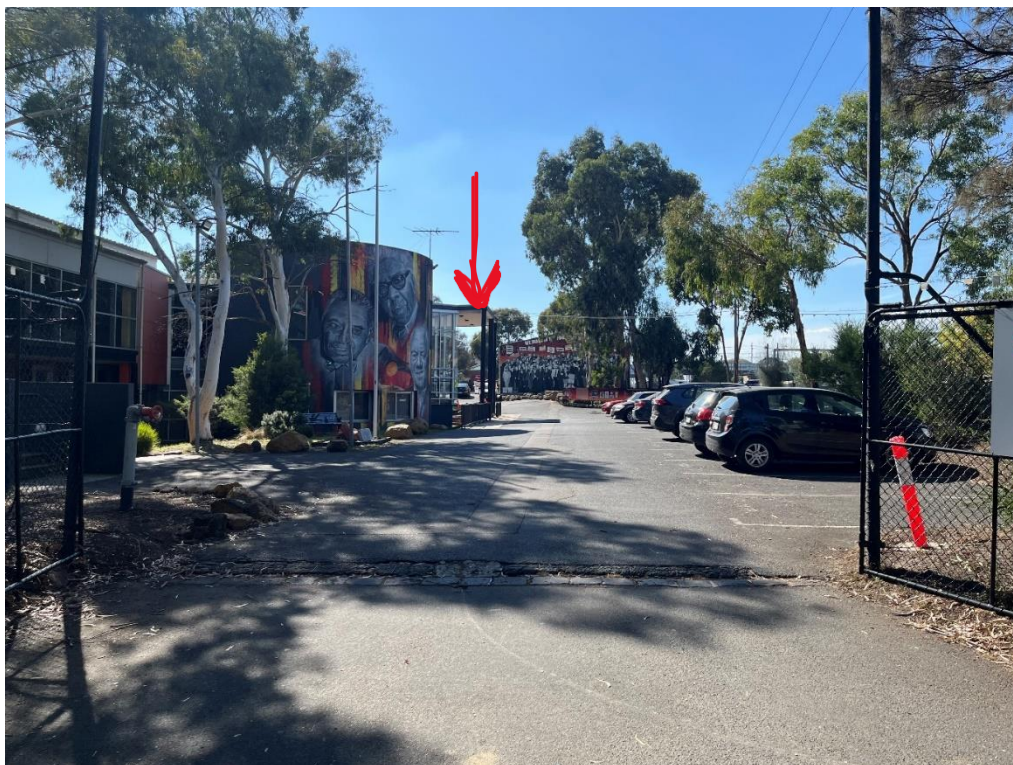
You can view the location on Google Maps via [this link](#).

## Entering the building

**Note:** Smoking is not permitted in the proximity of the building entrance and inside the building.

The venue has multiple indoor spaces and a big outdoor space. The Building Bridges Forum is taking place in the Main Hall.

This is the entrance of the Aborigines Advancement League (photo 1):



The red arrow indicates the entrance to the building.

This is the entrance to the building (photo 2):

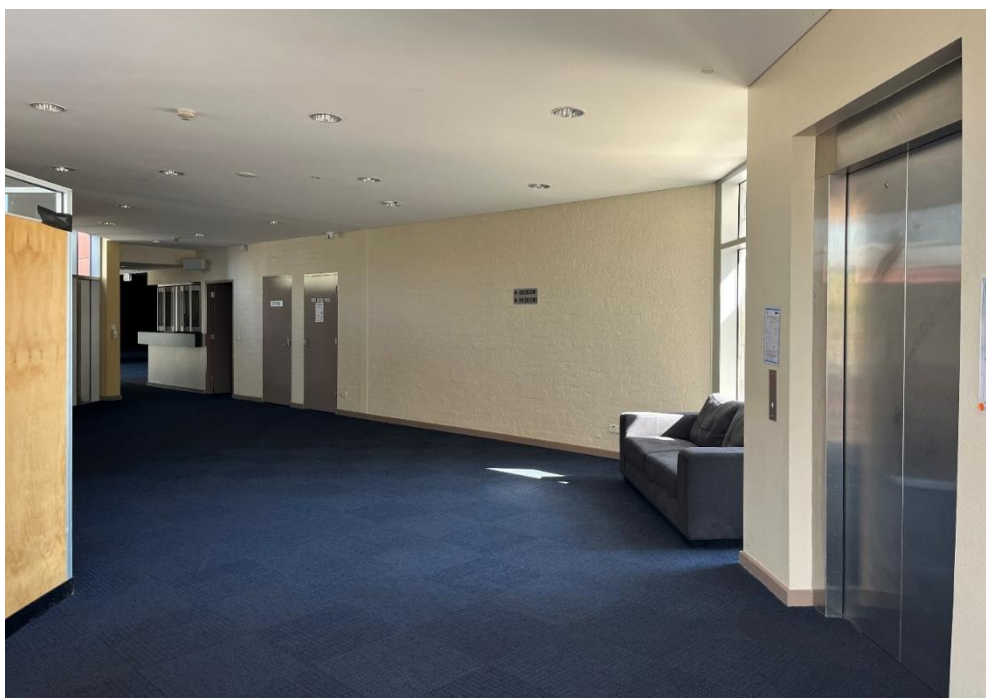


The entrance is accessible via few steps or a ramp.

Once entered the building, there is an elevator on the right-hand side (see red arrow) that can be used to access the Main Hall (on Level 1).

Alternatively, the Main Hall can be accessed via 2 flights of stairs located on the left-hand side of the building entrance (see yellow arrow).

This is the space before entering the Main Hall, where the **registration station** will be set up (photo 3):





This is the Main Hall (photo 4 and 5):



## How do I get to the venue/office?

### Car

The venue is located closest to both High Street and St Georges Road.

The venue has a big carpark available (about 100 spaces) for guests, speakers, stall holders and staff members to park.

The entrance to the carpark is located right next to the main entrance of the venue (see photo 1).

This is the entrance to the carpark (photo 6)



There is a lot of both limited and unlimited hour street parking available on Watt Street, as well Clapham Street.

## **Bus**

The bus route 510, 553 and 552 stop nearby the venue.

The 510 (Essendon Station to Ivanhoe Station) stop "Clapham Street/Normanby Avenue" is 3-5 minutes walk to the venue.

The 553 (Preston – Reservoir) and 552 (North East Reservoir – Northcote Plaza) stop "High Street/Miller Street" is 7-10 minutes walk to the venue.

## **Train**

Thornbury Train Station is located 2 minutes walk from/to the venue. It is an accessible stop of the trainline **Flinder Street Station – Mernda**.

## **Trams**

Tram route 86 (Bundoora RMIT – Waterfront City Docklands) - Tram stop 39 Gooch St/High St is located 2 minutes walk from/to the venue.

Tram route 11 (West Preston – Victoria Harbour Docklands) – Tram stop 25 Miller St/St Georges Rd is located 7 minutes walk from/to the venue.

## **Bike**

It is possible to reach the venue by riding on the St Georges Road bike path. There are bike racks located outside the venue.

## **Inside the venue**

The main hall is an open space with blue carpet floor and white ceiling and walls. There is a lot of natural light, as well as warm lights that will be on during the forum (**see photos 4 and 5 above**).

A sound system will be used during the event to amplify speakers' voice during the panel discussions.

Round tables and chairs (sitting from 8 to 10 people each) will be set up until after the reflection activity. During the networking activity, the space will be opened up to allow participants to connect with services and colleagues. Services will be set up at the back of the room with rectangular tables.

There is a kitchen at the back of the main hall that will be utilised for catering purposes.

## Quiet Space

A quiet space is available for participants to utilise during the forum. The quiet space is located in the board room, underneath the main hall at ground level, where the entrance to the building is.

This is the entrance of the quiet space (photo 7):



Participants are also welcome to utilise the outdoor space (if weather allows it) that has native trees and space available to sit.

## Hygiene Facilities

Bathrooms are located on the left-hand side before entering the main hall. The sign says "Djillawah", meaning bathrooms in Wurundjeri language.

There are male, female, all gender and accessible facilities.

This is the entrance of the hygiene facilities (photo 8):

