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Elder – Take a Seat

Frequently asked questions

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Q: What is included in the refurbishment of Elder Hall?

A: This upgrade of Elder Hall's Main Hall is the last phase of a staged refurbishment, which has already provided theatre lighting and sound engineering to the Main Hall, teaching spaces refurbishment at Lower Ground Floor and external heritage restoration of the facades.

The final upgrade of the Main Hall in Elder Hall will incorporate:

- Replacement of the seating, including 421 Main Hall seats, 217 Gallery seats and 14 access and carer spaces
- New aisle lighting
- New seat numbering to match new seating layout
- Sanding and polishing the timber floors
- Replacing carpet runners to steps including brass step nosings
- Installing quick release mechanisms to front row seating to permit ease of stage extension for larger performances
- Safety modifications to Mezzanine balustrade, consisting of clear safety glass to balustrading to meet 2022 safety standards.

Q: Will the layout be the same as the current seating?

A: The seats will be replaced into the same seating format and there will be additional accessible spaces for wheelchairs. There is some minor adjustment to numbers in rows, but from a visual perspective there will not be a significant change.

Q: How many seats are there in Elder Hall?

A: There will be 421 ground seats, 217 gallery seats and 14 accessible spaces.

Q: What will the seats look like?

A: The goal is for the new seats to be in line with a traditional performance space and complimentary to the heritage structure and integrity of the building. The current seating is not original or heritage listed and will be replaced with a 'theatrical red' fabric seat. The seating will look similar (although not identical) to those in this image:



Q: How will you ensure the acoustic integrity of Elder Hall is maintained?

A: A Sound Engineer is engaged before and after all works are undertaken in Elder Hall to ensure the integrity of the sound is maintained.

Q: What is the total cost of the refurbishment?

A: The project costs are greater than \$1M.

Q: How will donations be used?

A: 100% of all donations will be directed towards the refurbishment.

Q: When will the refurbishment take place?

A: The seats will be replaced in the summer of 2022/23.

Q: How long will the refurbishment take?

A: We will allow 12 weeks, during this time no events or concerts will be held.

Q: How many words can I have on my plaque?

A: The plaque wording is limited to 50 text characters.

Q: Can I include symbols or change the wording on my plaque?

A: No. The plaque wording is limited to 50 text characters.

Q: Will there be an opportunity for donors to see their plaques?

A: Yes, we are planning to hold an event for all donors to the Take a Seat campaign once the refurbishment is complete.

Q: How long will the plaques remain on the seats?

A: Plaques will remain in place for a minimum of 10 years.

Q: What areas are the Premium and A Reserve seats located?

A: There is a 3D model on the [Take a Seat website](#) which outlines the layout of the seats in which the plaques will be placed.

Q: Can I choose a specific seat when I make my gift?

A: No, donors can choose a seat from the section/s of Premium and A Reserve only. Plaques will then be placed at random on the backs of the seats when installed.

Please note there is a limit of one seat per submission via the online forms available on the [Take a Seat website](#). For multiple seats or further information, please call [+61 8 8313 4574](tel:+61883134574) or email development@adelaide.edu.au.