

# W WESLEY PLACE

## The facts at a glance

**The decision to move to Wesley Place was made by Synod Standing Committee as far back as 2013, with firm commitments made the following year.**

**Wesley Place was at that time, and continues to be, a good news story for all involved.**

- Wesley Place has been constructed by Charter Hall on land owned by the Uniting Church, based on a 125-year ground lease arrangement.
- The Uniting Church will occupy the lower four floors of office space in the 130 Lonsdale St office tower. Most of the remaining floors will be occupied by major corporate tenants, including Australian Super, Cbus and Telstra Super.
- The heritage-listed Wesley Church and buildings have, as part of the development, undergone a \$20 million restoration, with the ground lease providing a sinking fund to maintain the buildings for the next 125 years.
- Returns on the investment of the proceeds of the sale of 130 Little Collins St will cover the rental on the Uniting Church floors of Wesley Place for decades to come.
- Wesley Place provides the opportunity for all elements of the Uniting Church to come together under one roof – Synod Ministries and Operations, Uniting VicTas, Uniting AgeWell, U Ethical and even the Wesley congregation.
- There will be 417 staff working across the four UCA floors, including just over 80 staff in Synod Ministries and Operations.
- Total building occupancy of 130 Lonsdale St will be 5000.
- Construction has taken three years, with an average of 400 construction workers on site. During construction, a traineeship program was offered in conjunction with Uniting, with several formerly-unemployed young people going on to find work in the construction industry.
- When completed, Wesley Place will incorporate three office buildings – the new 130 Lonsdale tower, the refurbished (existing) 150 Lonsdale office complex, which will house the Melbourne offices of the Australian Federal Police, and the yet-to-be-built 140 Lonsdale, on the site of a former carpark at the rear of 150 Lonsdale St. Of course, between all these are the heritage Wesley Church, Caretakers Cottage, Schoolhouse, Manse and Nicholas Hall.

Wesley Place has been built to honour the history of the site, to create an open and welcoming environment for the people of Melbourne, including green spaces, community hub and amenities. This underscores the Uniting Church's role as working with the communities in which we worship.



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