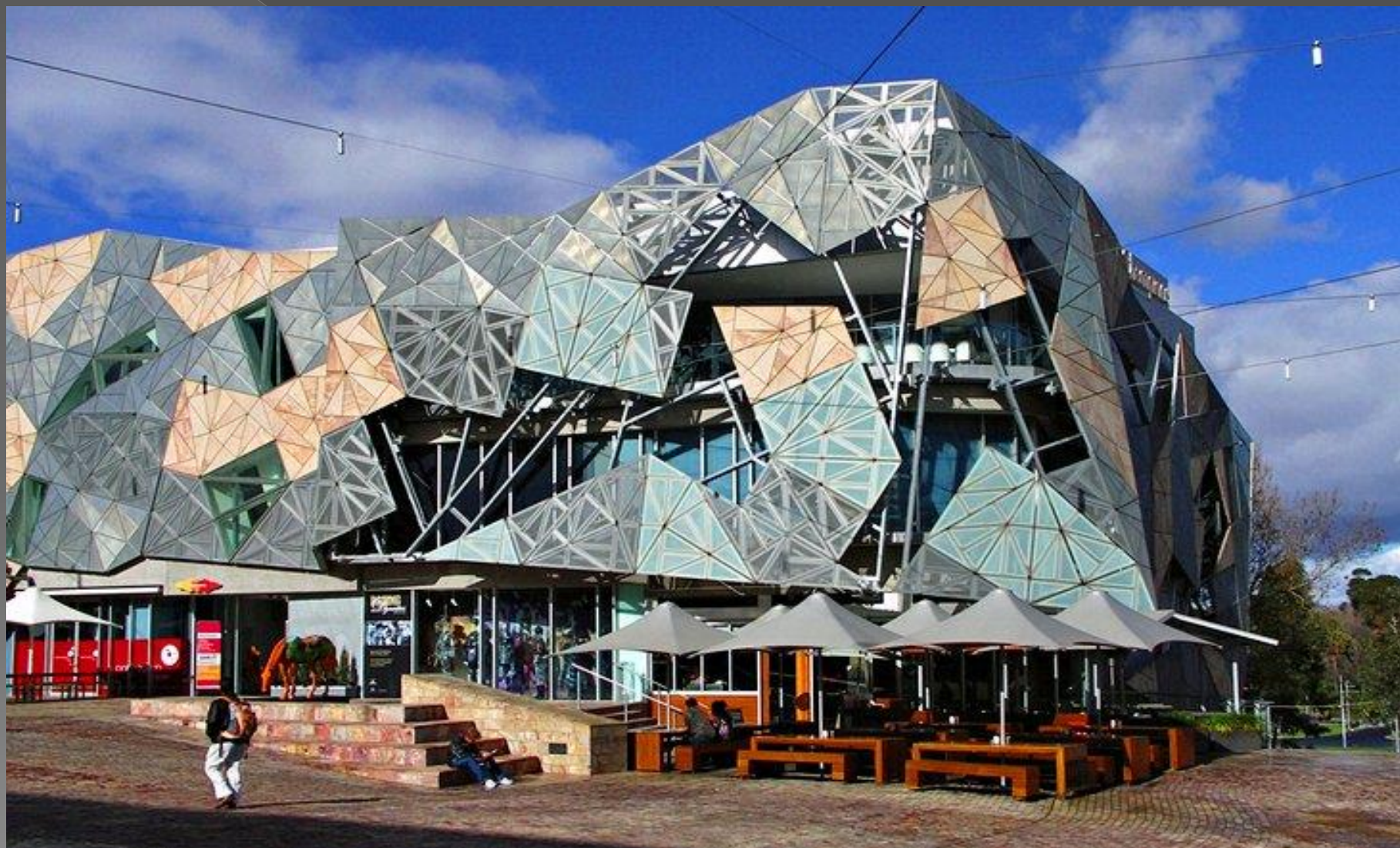


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1. FEDERATION SQUARE



*When Federation Square opened in 2002 to commemorate 100 years of federation, it divided Melburnians. There were those who loved it and those who hated it. Either way, it has become an integral part of the city and a great place for tourists to start their sightseeing. Located opposite Flinders Street Station, a major public transport hub, the building's ultra-modern design of open and closed spaces contrasts with the surrounding Victorian architecture. With more than 2,000 events annually, you can always find entertainment in the central outdoor performance space and intimate indoor venues. Federation Square also houses the **Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia**, dedicated to Australian art, and the **Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI)**. More commonly called "Fed Square," it is also one of the largest free Wi-Fi sites in Australia.*



Federation Square is a venue for arts, culture and public events on the edge of the [CBD](#) of [Melbourne](#). It covers an area of 3.2 ha (7.9 acres) at the intersection of [Flinders Street](#) and [Swanston Street](#) built above busy railway lines and across the road from [Flinders Street station](#). It incorporates major cultural institutions such as the [Ian Potter Centre](#) and [ACMI](#) and [Koornang Heritage Trust](#) as well as cafes and bars in a series of buildings centred around a large paved square, and a glass walled atrium. The corner is occupied by a glass walled pavilion that provides access to the underground Melbourne Visitor Centre.



2. ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS



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Melbourne Gardens was founded in 1846 when land was reserved on the south side of the Yarra River for a new botanic garden. It extends across 36 hectares (89 acres)^[2] that slope to the river with trees, garden beds, lakes and lawns. It displays almost 50,000 individual plants representing 8,500 different species. These are displayed in 30 living plant collections.



ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria is home to the State Botanical Collection which is housed in the [National Herbarium of Victoria](#), including 1.5 million preserved plants, algae and fungi, and Australia's most comprehensive botanical library.^[5]



3. MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND AND THE NATIONAL SPORTS MUSEUM



MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND

The **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)**, also known simply as "**The G**",^[4] is an Australian sports stadium located in [Yarra Park](#), [Melbourne](#), [Victoria](#). Home to the [Melbourne Cricket Club](#), it is the [10th-largest stadium in the world](#), the largest in Australia, the largest in the Southern Hemisphere, [the largest cricket ground by capacity](#), and has the tallest light towers of any sporting venue. The MCG is within walking distance of the [city centre](#) and is served by the [Richmond railway station](#), [Richmond](#), and the [Jolimont railway station](#), [East Melbourne](#). It is part of the [Melbourne Sports and Entertainment Precinct](#).



MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND

It served as the centrepiece stadium of the 1956 Summer Olympics, the 2006 Commonwealth Games and two Cricket World Cups: 1992 and 2015. It is also famous for its role in the development of international cricket; it was the venue for both the first [Test](#) match and the first [One Day International](#), played between [Australia](#) and [England](#) in 1877 and 1971 respectively



NATIONAL SPORTS MUSEUM



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The **National Sports Museum** is a [museum](#) dedicated to [Australian sport](#) and is located within the [Melbourne Cricket Ground](#) in [Melbourne, Australia](#). There are exhibits for sports such as [cricket](#), [Australian rules football](#), the [Summer](#) and [Winter Olympic Games](#), [tennis](#), [rugby league](#), [rugby union](#), [soccer](#), [basketball](#), [boxing](#) and [netball](#). The Australian Sports Hall of Fame is also located within the museum along with the [Australian Racing Museum](#) and the Melbourne Cricket Club museum



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The adjoining MCC Museum features exhibitions relating to the history of the Melbourne Cricket Club. On 6 October 2010, the Australian Racing Museum was absorbed into the National Sports Museum, which has now resulted in Horse Racing standing alongside other prominent Australian sports.

