

Eye-catching panels lift SAM facade

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Eye-catching panels were being placed on the outside of the new Shepparton Art Museum this week — marking another milestone in the building's construction.

Greater Shepparton City Council infrastructure director Phil Hoare said the north-facing panels of metallic mid-grey punched metal were the start of the structure's external finish.

Mr Hoare said the building's four sides would eventually comprise L-shaped plates of different heights and metallic finishes: low-sheen zinc to the southern approach; matt soft-charcoal above the Wyndham St entry to the building; metallic mid-grey facing north to the park; and rich ochre-red corten steel facing the lake and river plain to the west.

Mr Hoare said the four facades should be completed during the next few months. He said it was an exciting moment in the construction of the \$47 million five-storey building, which is on track to be completed by the end of the year.

"This is the step that marks a major milestone for external works and is important for the construction program, as it allows the interior fit-out to be completed," Mr Hoare said.

He said the initial panels on the north facade offered a glimpse of the finished look of the building at the northern end of Victoria Park Lake.

Looking good: Work has started on the facade of the new SAM building at the northern end of Shepparton's Victoria Park Lake, with the first of four different giant metallic panels being put in place.



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