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MCG, Melbourne
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6 Days
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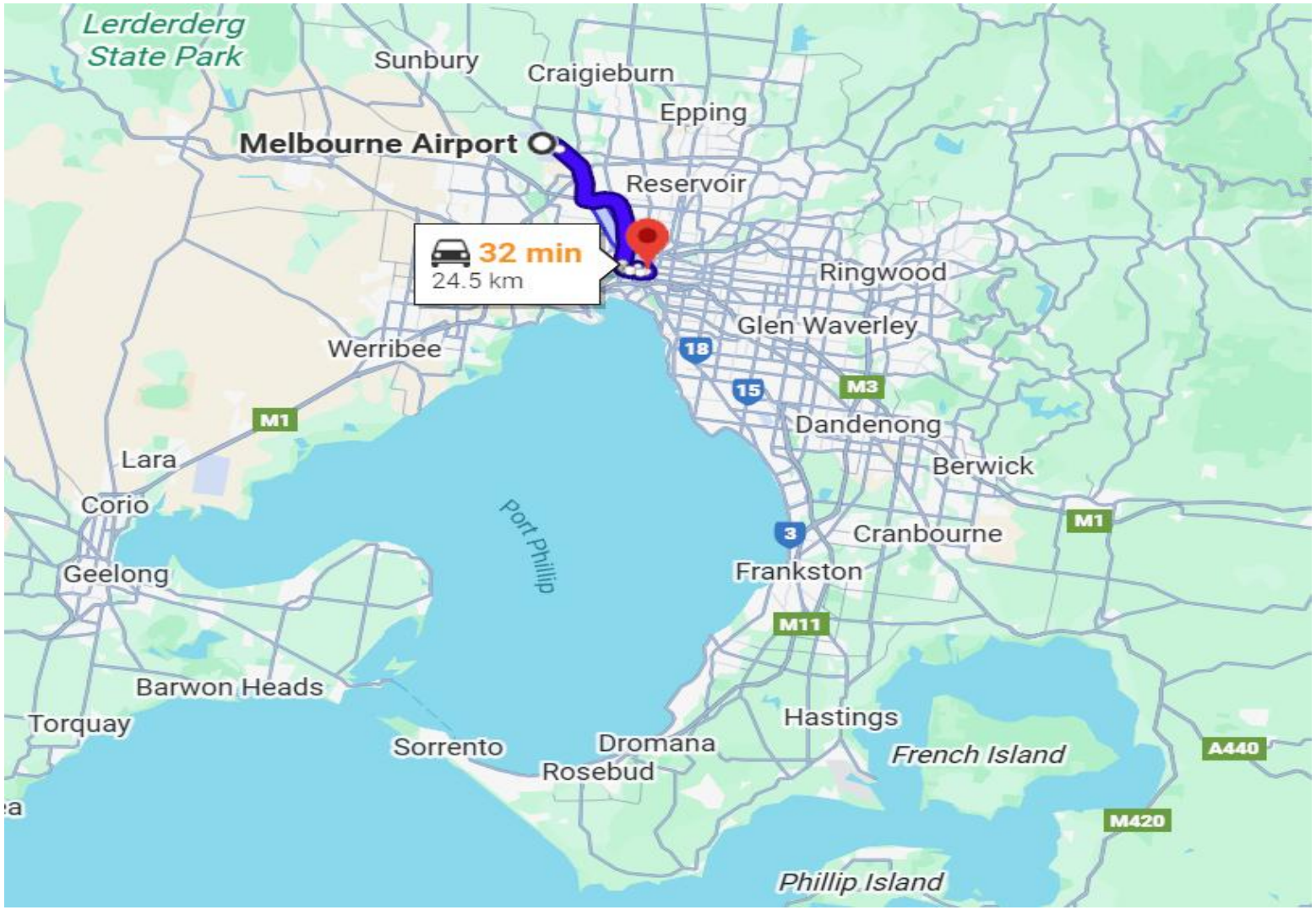
Delhi - Melbourne

Around Melbourne

Melbourne Airport

Melbourne, Victoria, Australia



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Tour Experience

The Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), also known locally as the 'G', is an Australian sports stadium located in Yarra Park, Melbourne, Victoria. Founded and managed by the Melbourne Cricket Club, it is the largest stadium in the Southern Hemisphere, the eleventh-largest stadium globally and the second-largest cricket stadium by capacity.

Since it was built in 1853, the MCG has undergone numerous renovations. It served as the main stadium for the 1956 Summer Olympics and the 2006 Commonwealth Games, as well as hosting two Cricket World Cup finals: 1992 and 2015.

Grandstand redevelopments and occupational health and safety legislation have limited the maximum seating capacity to approximately 95,000 with an additional 5,000 standing room capacity, bringing the total capacity to 100,024.

The MCG is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register and was included on the Australian National Heritage List in 2005. In 2003, journalist Greg Baum called it "a shrine, a citadel, a landmark, a totem" that "symbolises Melbourne to the world".

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Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)

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Statue of Lillee at the Melbourne Cricket Ground

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Dennis Keith Lillee, AM, MBE (born 18 July 1949) is a retired Australian cricketer rated as the "outstanding fast bowler of his generation". Lillee formed a new ball partnership with Jeff Thomson, which is recognized as one of the greatest bowling pairs of all time.

By the time of his retirement from international cricket in 1984 he had become the world record holder for most Test wickets with 355,

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MCG – List of Australian Captains and Test Centuries

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MCG – View of the stands

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MCG – Commentary Box and Record Holders

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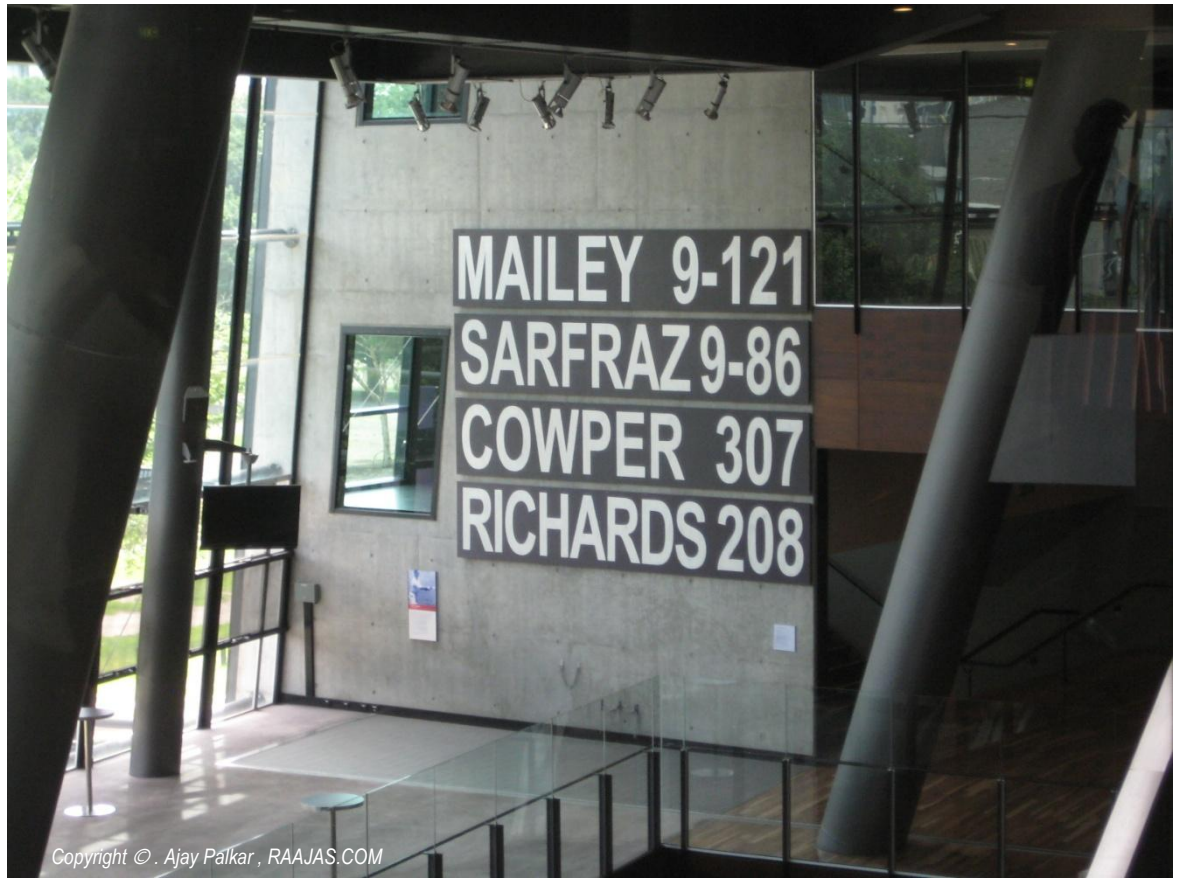

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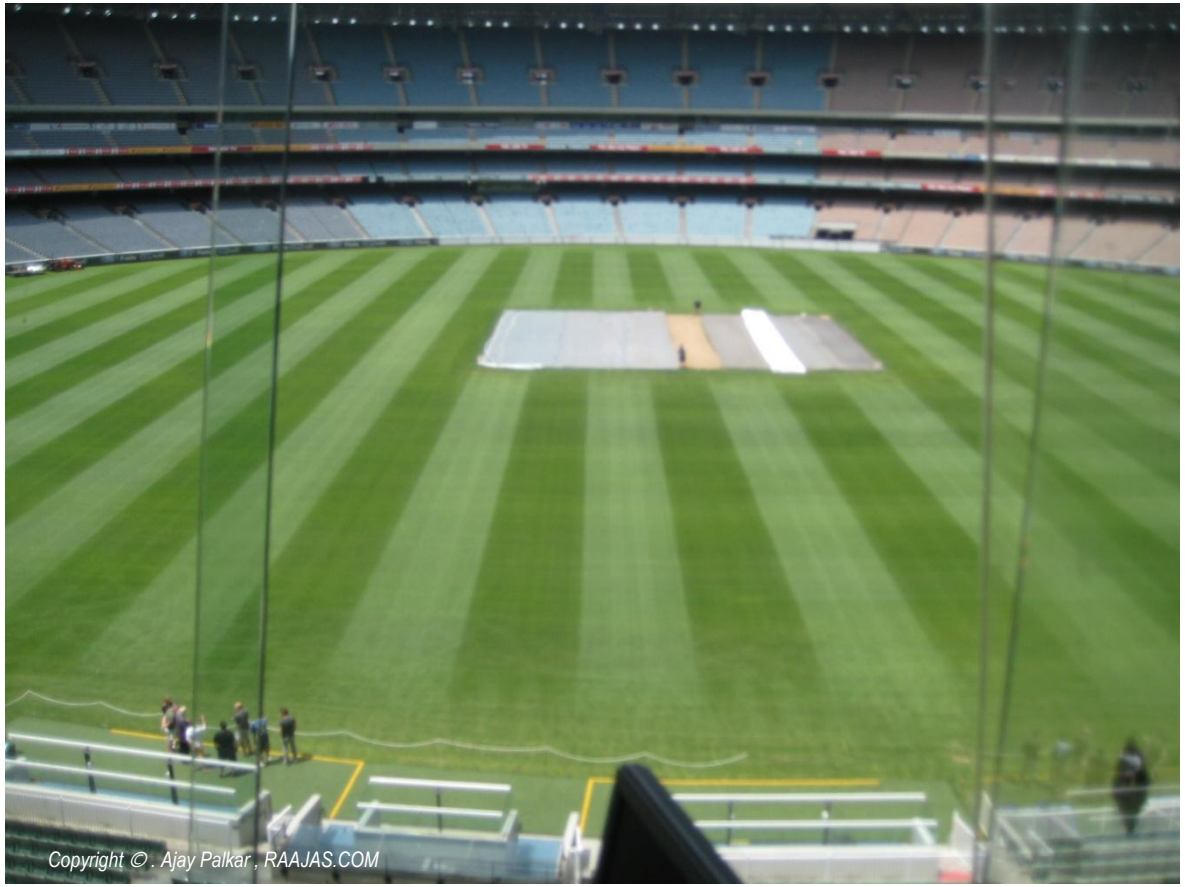
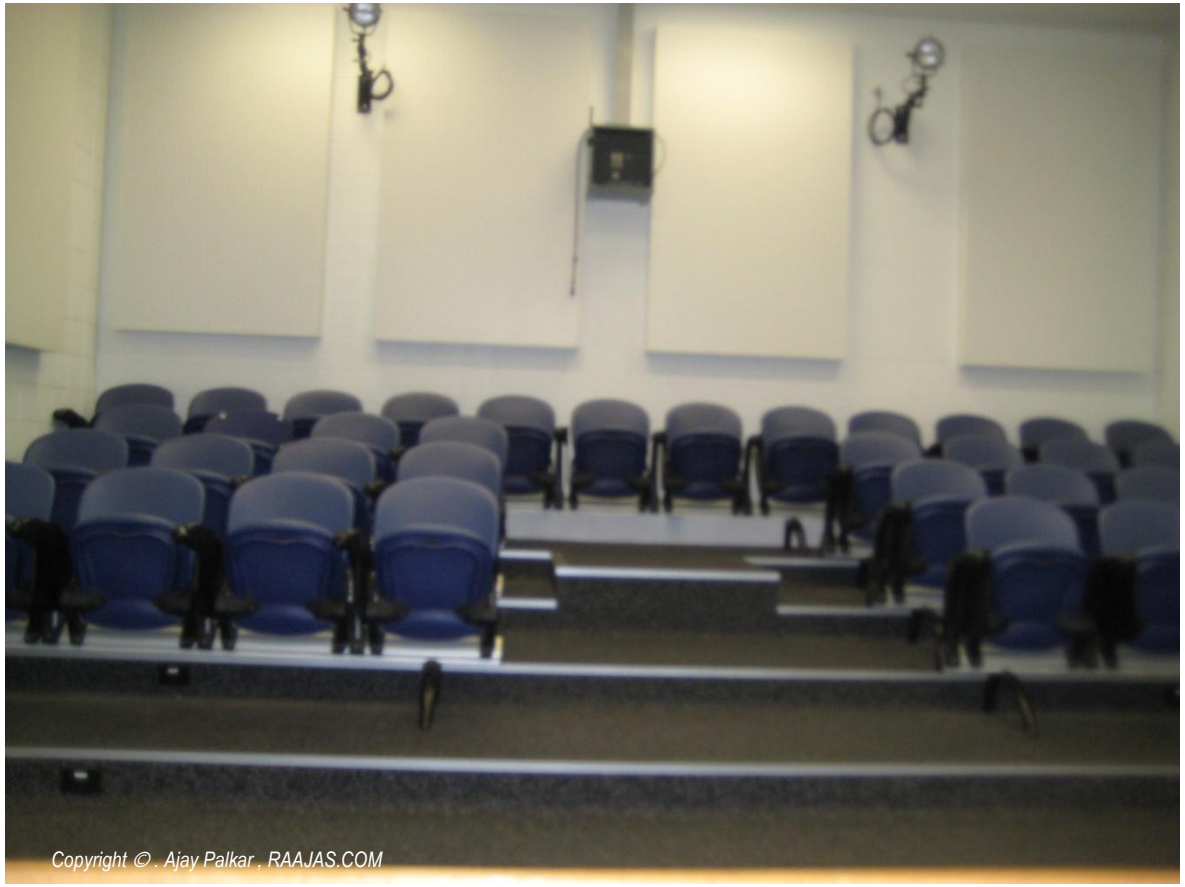
MCG – Watching the Match from Commentary Box





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MCG – Kapil Dev's frame-by-frame Bowling Action

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MCG – Sir. Donald Bradman & Bill Ponsford

Painting of Australian Cricketers resuming batting during their 451-run partnership againsg England at the Oval in 1934.

This specific stand was a world-record fourth-wicket partnership in Test cricket at the time.

Bradman scored 244 runs and Ponsford scored 266 runs in the innings, leading Australia to series victory and retaining the Ashes.

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MCG – Painting of the players with their style

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Sunil Gawaskar’s wicket at MCG

At the 1981 Melbourne Cricket Ground Test, India's captain Sunil Gavaskar, after being given out LBW (leg before wicket) to Dennis Lillee despite believing he'd edged the ball, angrily asked his opening partner Chetan Chauhan to walk off with him in protest, nearly causing India to forfeit the match, a moment diffused by team manager Shahid Durrani who convinced Chauhan to stay, a decision Gavaskar later regretted as a mistake, though India went on to win the Test.

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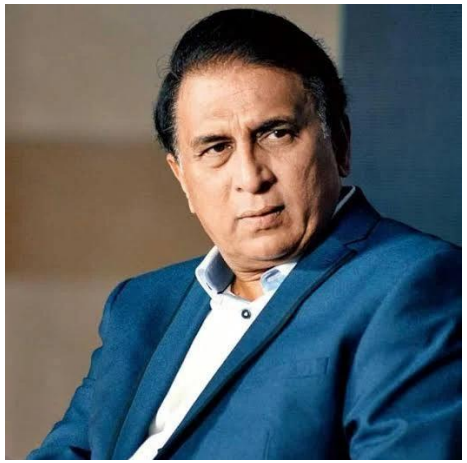

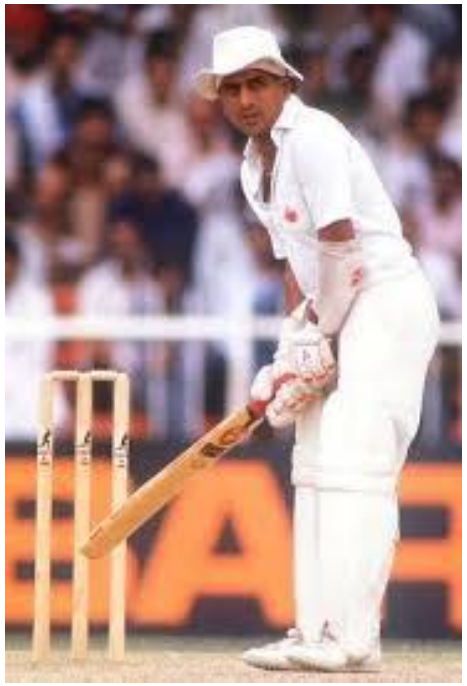

The Incident Explained:

- The Decision: During India's second innings, Gavaskar (70) was given out LBW by umpire Rex Whitehead to a Lillee delivery. Gavaskar felt he'd hit the ball, and after an exchange with Lillee, he started walking off.
- The Walk-Off: Fuming, Gavaskar gestured to Chauhan, his non-striker, to join him, a move that threatened to forfeit the match.
- Intervention: Team manager Shahid Durrani intercepted Chauhan at the boundary rope, persuading him to return to bat, while Gavaskar went to the pavilion.
- Outcome: Chauhan returned, the game continued, and India won the Test by 59 runs, thanks to Kapil Dev's bowling.
- Aftermath: Gavaskar later expressed regret for his outburst, admitting it was a mistake for a captain to act that way.

This incident remains one of cricket's most dramatic moments, showcasing Gavaskar's fierce spirit and Chauhan's crucial role as a partner, even in controversy.

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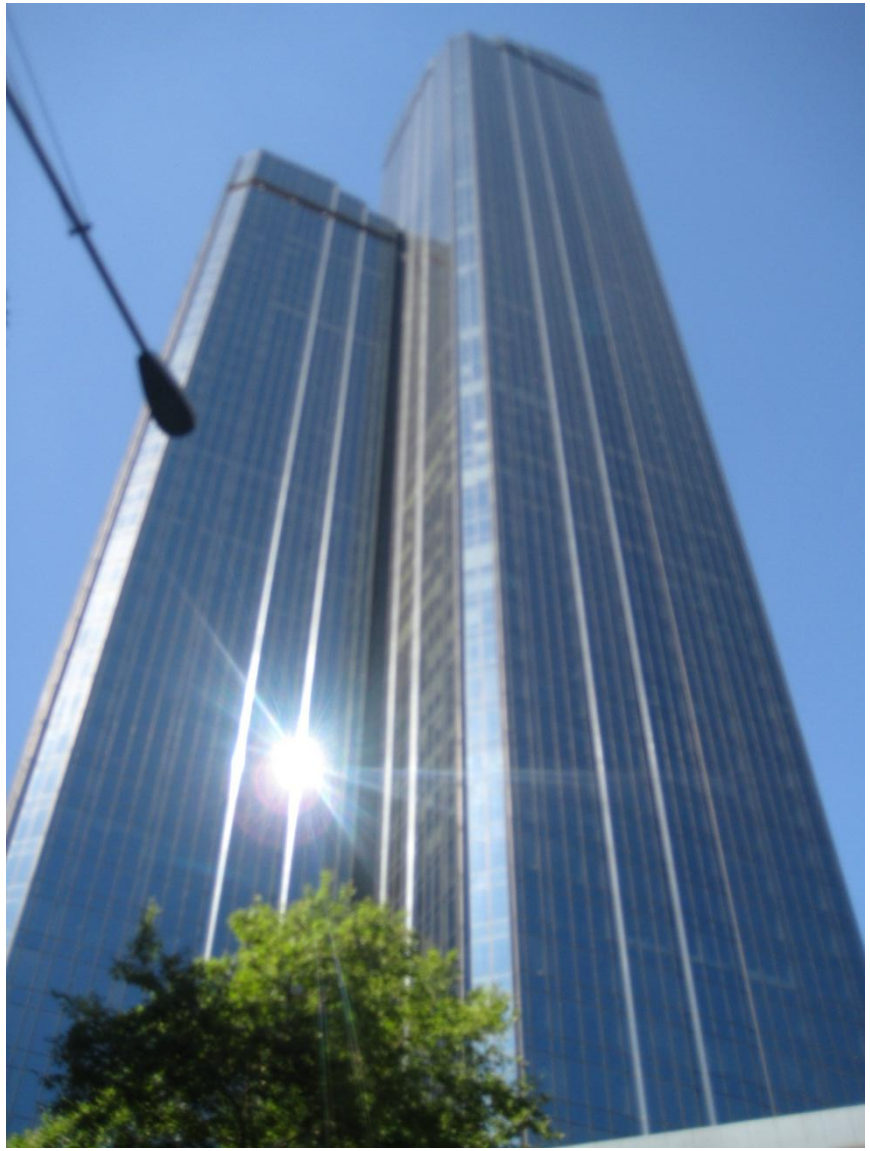

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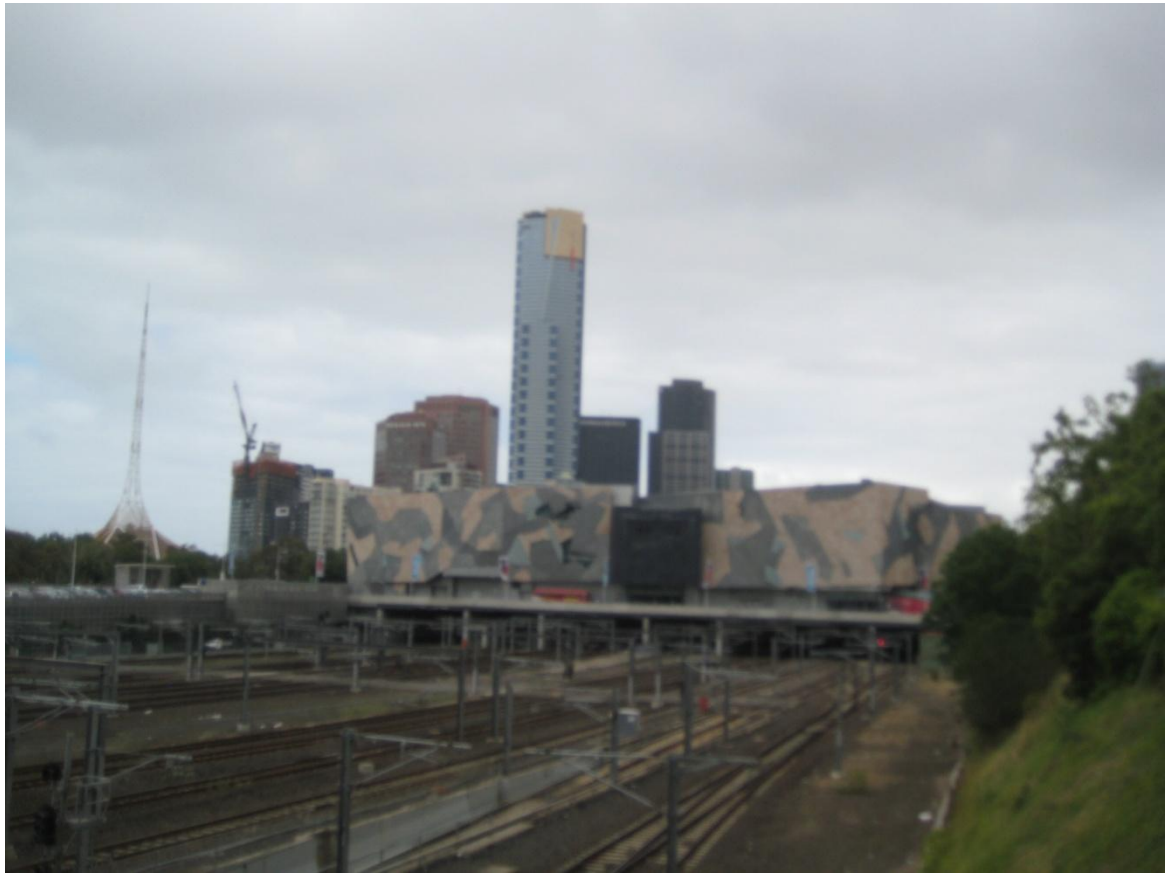

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