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Concept designs released for new Heysen Gallery at Hahndorf

A new gallery displaying works of acclaimed artist Sir Hans Heysen and his daughter Nora Heysen is one step closer today, after concept designs by the Adelaide-based studio of international architecture firm, Snøhetta, were released by the Hans Heysen Foundation.

The new gallery, located at ‘The Cedars’ – the Hahndorf home of Hans Heysen and his daughter Nora – will comprise a purpose-built gallery, restaurant and gift shop, as well as bushfire-safe storage for artworks.

Federal Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts, the Hon Paul Fletcher MP, said construction of the gallery is funded under the transformative Adelaide City Deal.

“This is a great example of how the City Deal is boosting Adelaide’s cultural and tourism economy, and importantly it will help secure a stronger future for the area – needed now more than ever as we continue to recover from COVID-19,” Minister Fletcher said.

“The Heysen gallery will create local jobs and help support the local economy. With construction set for mid-year, I am sure local businesses who have been struggling will welcome the additional visitors the new gallery will attract”.

Chairman of the Hans Heysen Foundation Board, Mr James Sexton, said the precinct’s design was befitting of the legendary status of the Heysens in the national and international art world, as well as their personal connection with the local environment.

“We want the gallery to be confident, authentic and well-grounded in the character of Hans Heysen and his family,” Mr Sexton said.

Incorporating rammed earth concrete materials, expansive glazing to bring in scenic vistas, strong timber-themed interior furnishings as well as energy saving design features, construction of the gallery is expected to commence later this year.

The Morrison Government is investing \$9 million in the construction of the gallery under the Adelaide City Deal – a \$649 million, 10-year partnership between the Australian and South Australian governments and the City of Adelaide.

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