

### Acknowledgement of Country

Aboriginal people have made and continue to make a unique and irreplaceable contribution to the state of South Australia.

The South Australian Government acknowledges and respects Aboriginal people as the state's first people and nations and recognises Aboriginal people as traditional owners and occupants of South Australian land and waters.

The South Australian Government acknowledges that the spiritual, social, cultural and economic practices of Aboriginal people come from their traditional lands and waters, and that Aboriginal people maintain cultural and heritage beliefs, languages and laws which are of ongoing importance today.

### Niina Marni

Welcome to the monthly update which gives a regular overview of how the Aboriginal Art and Cultures Centre (AACC) project is progressing.

As a key stakeholder we are excited to update you on key milestones, news and progress as we work together to establish a place for the world to learn more about the unique cultures and stories of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

### New designs released

Plans for the Aboriginal Art and Cultures Centre (AACC) have now entered the state's planning approval process, after being submitted to the State Commission Assessment Panel this month.

The Aboriginal Reference Group has provided strategic direction and leadership to ensure the establishment of the Centre is in line with cultural expectations and represents Aboriginal cultural history and truth-telling.

Compared to designs released earlier this year, there is significantly more detail with regards to landscaping and external areas, with the introduction of an outdoor amphitheatre and event space.

The planning application will go on public exhibition for a period of three weeks from the end of August.

In the meantime, the Department for Infrastructure and Transport is working with Aboriginal businesses to ensure they are ready to tender for work to deliver the project from November 2021.



North Terrace arrival with water feature and cantilevered galleries evoking a sense of welcome. Image credit: Diller Scofidio + Renfro

### AACC marketing and media outcomes

The new AACC building designs reached over 55,000 people's newsfeeds on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn this month.

There were 19 local and national media hits reaching an estimated 484,000 people.

This week a large US architectural media outlet, [Architectural Record](#), published an article on their front page outlining the vision and journey to date from a design perspective.

## Update from Shouwn Oosting, AACC Aboriginal Stakeholder Engagement Lead

August has been another busy month as I continue to ensure that First Nations stakeholders are appropriately engaged in the AACC project. Activities for the month included:

- Working closely with the Aboriginal Reference Group to ensure their feedback is provided and incorporated into the AACC design process.
- Meeting with the South Australian Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy (SAASTA) to discuss the AACC site hoarding project and identify opportunities for Aboriginal students from the SAASTA program to learn more about the AACC and contribute to creating the artwork for the site hoarding.
- Supporting the engagement of Aboriginal businesses across South Australia on the AACC Early Works Aboriginal Business Briefing session that was held on 26 August 2021.

## AACC Aboriginal Business Briefing

The AACC Aboriginal Business Briefing session will be held on 26 August 2021. This will be the second informal briefing session exclusively for Aboriginal owned businesses to discuss the Aboriginal business and workforce participation opportunities from the AACC early works that are planned to commence later this year.

This session is to be held online via Microsoft Teams to ensure greater accessibility for Aboriginal businesses, particularly those businesses located in regional and remote areas of South Australia.

## The AACC project team is expanding

As we continue to rapidly advance towards commencement date the delivery team is looking to expand to meet the increasing demands of the exciting project.

The new role of Principal Project Manager, AACC has been released this week to support project development. To read the Role Description, further information and how to apply please visit <https://iworkfor.sa.gov.au> and search vacancy number 451206.

A job ad will also soon be released for new role: Communications and Marketing Officer, AACC too. More details to come.

If you have any questions or feedback you would like to give with regards to the AACC Project or anything in this Update, please direct them to [aacc@sa.gov.au](mailto:aacc@sa.gov.au)

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