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Defence, Arts, Veterans Affairs, Indigenous Affairs and Tourism all get 2020-21 Budget support

A brand-new Arts Storage Facility, a boost to the Convention and Leisure Event Bid Fund, extra funding for the Torrens Parade Ground and an additional \$50 million towards the Aboriginal Art and Cultures Centre are among a suite of measures announced today in the Marshall Liberal Government's State Budget 2020-21.

Also included in the Budget is \$3.3 million over four years to support the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, funding for key defence and space programs and \$2.3 million for Country Arts Theatres in need of urgent upgrades.

Premier Steven Marshall, who is responsible for the Tourism, Arts, Defence and Veterans Affairs portfolios, said today that these extra measures will help to create jobs and investment across the State.

Art Storage Facility:

A key pillar of this year's Budget is construction of an \$86.5 million purpose-built arts storage facility to enable the relocation of the millions of dollars' worth of state collections.

These collections, under the custodianship of the major South Australian cultural institutions including: The Art Gallery of South Australia; The South Australian Museum; The State Library of South Australia and the History Trust of South Australia are currently being stored in existing sub-standard storage facilities across multiple sites in Adelaide.

"The facility itself will create up to 170 jobs during construction and importantly give South Australia a state-of-the-art facility to ensure our millions of dollars' worth of art, artefacts and collections are stored in a safe and secure facility," Premier Marshall said.

"Improving the storage conditions of the state's collections has been identified in recommendation 12.1 of the Arts and Culture Plan South Australia 2019-2024 and I'm proud to be funding this project to preserve these works and artefacts for our future generations."

"This is all part of the Government's plan to build what matters for South Australians and keep the state safe and strong."

Extra funding for the Aboriginal Art and Cultures Centre:

"Today's budget further strengthens my Government's commitment to the Aboriginal Art and Cultures Centre (AACC), to be built at Lot Fourteen, in the heart of the city," Premier Marshall said.

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“A further \$50 million has been committed to the project, bringing the total budget to \$200 million, \$85 million of which is Federal Government funding under the Adelaide City Deal.”

“A full Business Case and a preliminary design brief are currently underway with the anticipated construction commencing in 2021.”

“The AACC will position South Australia as the gateway to the oldest living cultures in the world by offering extraordinary immersive experiences, combining traditional storytelling with modern technology, to create a global tourism attraction.”

Convention and Leisure Event Bid Fund boost:

“Given the impact Covid-19 has had on the Convention and Leisure events sector, it’s absolutely imperative that we do everything in our power to boost these types of events over the coming years,” Premier Marshall said.

“Additional support of \$42 million over five years has been included in this budget to do just that.”

“Not only will this extra money into the fund help to attract some incredible events to our State, but it’s going to help create and support hundreds of tourism hospitality jobs along the way.”

Defence and Space State Measures:

The State Budget 2020-21 confirms South Australia’s financial commitment to a new Space Discovery Centre and Mission Control Facility at Lot Fourteen.

\$2.5 million has been allocated for the establishment of the Mission Control Centre, which is already under construction.

Premier Steven Marshall said the Australian Space Discovery Centre and Mission Control bolsters South Australia’s reputation as the space capital of the nation.

“This sector will be critical in South Australia’s economic recovery from the global coronavirus pandemic,” Premier Marshall said.

In addition to this funding, this year’s budget allocates \$5 million over six years to support the establishment of an accelerated research and commercial operation prototyping line for South Australia’s defence sector, called Line Zero.

Line Zero, housed at the Tonsley Innovation Precinct is in partnership with the Flinders University and will create an industrial scale testing and training environment to support industry in transitioning new production techniques from concept, into the commercial shipyard environment.

“This type of innovation proves why we are the Defence State,” Premier Marshall said.

“Not only will this facility help to move South Australia from a tradition manufacturing State to one of the future, it will help create jobs in our already booming defence industry.”

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Torrens Parade Ground funding injection:

“The Torrens Parade Ground is such an important piece of South Australian history and has been in need of essential maintenance works for some time now,” Premier Marshall said.

“As Minister responsible for Veterans Affairs, I’m proud to announce \$1.2 million will be allocated to address these urgent maintenance works, including upgrading the storm water system at the grounds and the improvement of services and amenities of the Drill Hall building. These upgrades will allow greater usage of the space for Veterans groups.”

Country Arts Theatres:

A vital \$2.3 million will be allocated to two major country arts theatres in Renmark and Mt Gambier.

\$1.5 million will be spent to complete the upgrade of the Chaffey Theatre in Renmark and \$0.8 million will go towards the conversion of the old Varcoe’s Foundry building, adjacent to the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in Mt Gambier, into a thriving artist hub and flexible performance space.

“Country arts spaces are integral to thriving communities and I’m glad this extra funding will help our regional communities in both Renmark and Mt Gambier,” Premier Marshall said.

National Agreement on Closing the Gap:

The Coalition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations, and all Australian governments entered into a new National Agreement on Closing the Gap to further address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander disadvantage earlier this year.

The agreement has been built around four priority reforms that have been directly informed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

“Today’s Budget provides \$3.3 million over four years to support priority two – Building the Community Controlled Sector,” Premier Marshall said.