

# BUNDANON TRUST

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**Illaroo, Australia: Bundanon Trust announced today that construction company ADCO <https://www.adcoconstruct.com.au/> have been appointed to undertake the construction of the new cultural facility on the company's Riversdale site.**

At a contract signing ceremony today the Hon Gareth Ward MP, Minister for Families, Communities & Disability Services, Member for Kiama, announced the formalised partnership between Bundanon Trust and construction company ADCO. The Hon Fiona Phillips MP, the Federal Member for Gilmore, also attended and congratulated the Trust on moving forward with the project which will be of great benefit to Shoalhaven residents through employment and expanded cultural amenity.

Following an extensive *Expressions of Interest* process Bundanon Trust is delighted to confirm that ADCO's bid was considered outstanding for its quality of response, track record of achievement and competitive pricing. With an extensive portfolio of projects in the cultural and education sectors the company has completed over 3,500 projects across Australia, valued at \$14billion.

Early works have begun on the site, undertaken by Shoalhaven company Jervis Bay Group (JBG), with excavation for the main gallery building beginning in April 2020. As their work has continued over the past month the shape of new roads and carparks, a footbridge over the creek and the enormous space for the subterranean gallery has emerged. Construction of the new gallery and creative learning centre will begin in July 2020, with an anticipated completion date of October 2021.

The Trust anticipates opening the new cultural facility in late 2021, with a state-of-the-art gallery, auditorium, destination dining facility, new education spaces and additional accommodation for 64 people. This new infrastructure will complement the existing Boyd Education Centre, designed by iconic architect Glenn Murcutt, and the heritage listed original Boyd home and studio. The Trust's historical house and artist-in-residence complex will remain open throughout the construction period.

***"After so many years in the planning we are delighted to be partnering with leading construction company ADCO to fully realise the new infrastructure at Bundanon. We are really looking forward to bringing back our \$43M art collection to the site and to welcoming Shoalhaven residents, who have been our greatest supporters, to the new facility at the end of next year, along with tourists from all over Australia and the world"*** commented Bundanon CEO Deborah Ely.

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**ABOUT BUNDANON TRUST:** Gifted to the Australian people in 1993 by Arthur and Yvonne Boyd, the Bundanon property (which includes the Bundanon Homestead site and the Riversdale

site) is located on 1,100 hectares of pristine bush land overlooking the Shoalhaven River, near Nowra in New South Wales, two and a half hours south of Sydney. The Australian Government established Bundanon Trust as a wholly owned Australian Government company limited by guarantee, with the Company holding the gift as a charitable trust. In addition to caring for a collection of nearly 4,000 artworks and objects, the Trust supports the development of arts practice across all disciplines through its artist in residence program, its unique education programs for children and adults and a dynamic, on-site, public program, including concerts and special events, open days and group visits, allowing thousands of people to experience Bundanon every year. <https://bundanon.com.au>

**ABOUT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ADCO:** ADCO are one of Australia's oldest, most established, construction companies. Since 1972 the 100% Australian-owned company has delivered over 3,500 projects, valued in excess of \$14billion. Examples include: Shepparton Law Courts; Gold Coast Cultural Precinct; Shellharbour City Hub; Bond, La Trobe and Victoria universities; Melton and Oran Park Libraries among others. In addition, they built the collection storage facility for the Art Gallery of NSW, a state-of-the-art facility in central Sydney. <https://www.adcoconstruct.com.au/>

**ABOUT THE ARCHITECT:** Kerstin Thompson Architects (KTA): Established in 1994, the work of the practice encompasses architecture, interiors, landscape and urban design. Extremely varied in scale and program and with expertise on sites with environmental and heritage significance, our projects include art & design schools for universities, multi-residential developments, museums, police stations, primary schools and commercial fit-outs. Awarded projects include Marysville Police Station, Monash University Museum of Art and House at Hanging Rock which won the AIA's Robin Boyd Award in 2014. Current projects include Broadmeadows Town Hall, VCA School of Art for the University of Melbourne, the Jewish Holocaust Centre, Hotel Windsor Spa, Sacred Heart at Abbotsford Convent, the Lyceum Club and various multi-residential developments. The practice focus is on architecture as a civic endeavor with an emphasis on the users' experience and enjoyment of place. <http://www.kerstinthompson.com/>