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## HEIDE CAFÉ REDEVELOPMENT DESIGN TEAM APPOINTED

Heide Museum of Modern Art is pleased to announce that Chris Connell Design has been selected for the \$1.5 million redevelopment of Heide Café.

The refurbished café will be constructed on the existing café site and building is anticipated to commence early 2008.

The existing Heide Café, managed by Ed Dixon Food Design, will be open and will continue operating throughout the busy Christmas and 2007/08 summer period. During the construction phase temporary café facilities will be in operation. The redeveloped café will open early 2009.

'Chris Connell is one of Australia's foremost designers with extensive experience in restaurant design and fit-out', says Lesley Alway, Director, Heide Museum of Modern Art. 'His design philosophy is perfectly suited to respect the heritage significance of the current Heide Café site, which is part of the award-winning McGlashan & Everist suite of buildings, while bringing a fresh approach and his own unique vision to the redevelopment'.

An internationally renowned Melbourne-based designer, Chris Connell is known for his simplicity and attention to detail in his interior and architectural projects as well as with his furniture. With over 20 years experience and a reputation for elegantly shaping residential and commercial interiors, Connell was awarded a 2005 retail interior design commendation for the Prince Wine Store, and has designed many of Melbourne's favourite dining spots including Carousel (Albert Park), Mr Wolf (St Kilda) and Melbourne Wine Room (St Kilda).

The café redevelopment is part of Heide's ongoing building program and has been made possible with funding from the State Government, through Arts Victoria, philanthropic and business partnerships.

Heide Museum of Modern Art is one of Australia's leading public art museums. It has a unique environment featuring both indoor and outdoor spaces; a place of modern and contemporary art and design and a rich and colourful art heritage and social history. It is situated on 16 acres at 7 Templestowe Road in Bulleen, just 15 minutes from Melbourne's CBD.

Lesley Alway, Director, Heide Museum of Modern Art is available for interview.

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Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10.00am – 5.00pm; Sat/Sun/Public Holidays 12.00noon – 5.00pm

Admission: All Areas - Adult \$12, Senior \$10, Concession \$8, Gardens – Free.

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