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## **Gawler to host the history of Hans Heysen**

The story of Hans Heysen will be ‘unpacked’ and some of the legendary artist’s iconic works on show as part of a touring exhibition coming to Gawler next month.

‘Hans Heysen Unpacked’ opens at the Gawler Civic Centre on Wednesday 3 February 2021 and will run through to Wednesday 24 March 2021. Admission to the exhibition is free.

The exhibition will share and celebrate the acclaimed artist’s life through an engaging and innovative multimodal display.

‘Hans Heysen Unpacked’ is presented in three large fold out display cabinets, detailing the story of his life, from his arrival in Australia from Germany as a six-year-old, to his death in 1968 at 90-years-old.

Exploring the exhibition, visitors will gain a sense of the landscapes that inspired Hans Heysen, the importance of his family, and the challenges he overcame to become a highly acclaimed and award-winning artist.

“We are thrilled that Gawler will be hosting this exhibition and sharing the stories behind some of Hans Heysen’s most iconic artworks,” said Town of Gawler Mayor Karen Redman.

“It is a wonderful opportunity to understand more about the artist and his life.

“With admittance free, we hope as many residents and visitors as possible take the chance to learn more about Hans Heysen, widely recognised as one of Australia’s greatest artists.”

Tori Dixon-Whittle, CEO of The Cedars, said the gallery was excited to be visiting Gawler as part of the exhibition’s tour.

“The Gawler Institute was renowned for the quality of its Australian painting collection and this wonderfully refurbished Civic Centre is an ideal space for hosting our touring exhibition.”

‘Hans Heysen Unpacked’ is a touring exhibition funded through the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery Grants, a Federal Government bushfire recovery initiative.

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