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A First for South Australia - New Café and Function Rooms Set to Open Next Week in South Australia's Largest Cemetery.

Centennial Park's brand-new Function Rooms and Wildflowers Café is set to open its doors to the public next Monday, 29 March.

The magnificent, environmentally considered building, designed by Studio S2 Architects, has come to a completion. The building incorporates Wildflowers Café, Gifts @ Centennial Park and three function rooms that can be utilised separately or opened to facilitate for functions of larger capacities.

"We are thrilled with the completion of our new building. South Australian organisations, Studio S2 and Chappell Builders have created a building that somehow captures the emotions and sentiments that we want our visitors to feel when they are in our Park. These light-filled, uplifting spaces radiate warmth and provide a beautiful welcome to all who come to our Park, for whatever reason," said Janet Miller, CEO Centennial Park Cemetery.

On Thursday 25 March, the facility will be officially opened with a VIP function within the stunning structure. His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, Governor of South Australia will be attending the official opening and cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

"We are delighted that His Excellency accepted our invitation. We feel that his interests and connections across our diverse multicultural community are very much aligned with the vision and values of Centennial Park, and he was therefore the natural choice for us when considering who we should invite to officiate the opening of this first-of-its-kind venue." said Janet.

"We are an inclusive, compassionate, innovative organisation that is changing the way in which cemetery spaces are perceived and used by the community. We already welcome more than 500,000 visitors to our Park each year, either visiting a memorial, attending a service, or taking a stroll through our stunning gardens. Wildflowers Café will serve to further enhance their experience, and to bring additional visitors to our Park. We offer a beautiful oasis of green space in our inner suburbs and this new offering will ensure we remain an important hub of our community," Janet said.

To commemorate the opening, South Australian artist, Karl Meyer has created a sculpture 'Ethereal' which is located outside Wildflowers Café. "The form conveys notions of life force weaving and flowing through the space," describes Karl.

Blanco Catering, award-winning caterers, are the official catering partner for families and visitors at Centennial Park, and the operators of Wildflowers Café. Part of the Blanco Horner Group, their focus is on fresh, high quality, seasonal local produce.

Centennial Park is a place that connects people, with each other as well as the past. What better way to connect and reflect than over a coffee and food with friends and family.

**Wildflowers Café will be open 7 days a week.
Monday to Friday – 8.00am to 3.30pm
Saturday to Sunday (and Public Holidays) – 10.00am to 3.00pm**

