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Introducing to Coral Street Art Space: Modern Beach Homes 1950-1970

With a world-class coastline stretching more than 4,000km, it's no wonder why South Australians have always been lured to a seaside lifestyle, but how has our taste for coastal architecture evolved over time?

To kick off 2023, Coral Street Art Space (Tumbi Tjil-Urma Yiti) will welcome a new exhibition by Dr James Curry, Lecturer in Interior Architecture at the University of South Australia, showcasing post-war architectural modernism in South Australia.

Dr Curry has extensively explored the allure of seaside living after World War II, offering insight into the history of the South Australian beach home.

"Modern Beach Homes 1950-1970 aims to offer insight into a particular arena of post-war architectural modernism: the single-family domestic beach house, artistically furnished, and thoughtfully attuned to existing site conditions and natural and scenic surroundings," Dr Curry said.

"This exhibition will be a long overdue representation, exploration and celebration of the beach home, while offering up enticing new territory for further study."

"The point of departure will be the development of interest in artistic modernist principles of design and to discover, what drove individuals to build these homes."

The exhibition will present a thematically oriented display of a select number of beach homes, captured through archival black-and-white and colour photographs, copies of original drawings, newspaper articles published at the time of the home's completion and descriptive texts.

City of Victor Harbor Mayor, Dr Moira Jenkins, said it's a worthwhile exhibition to view.

"When wandering along any coastline or peninsula in South Australia, it's hard not to ogle at the magnificent architecture that lines the foreshore and backstreets," said Mayor Jenkins.

"It's fascinating to look back at a specific period in time and examine what principles were popular and prevalent, but also what lead families to building these homes."

The exhibition is led by Dr James Curry in collaboration with curator Chris Summer, Adriel Booker (owner of Found), That Retro Man Adelaide, University of South Australia, State Library of South Australia, Heritage South Australia and the City of Victor Harbor.

Modern Beach Homes 1950-1970 will be on display from 14 January to 28 February 2023.

Coral Street Art Space is open from 10am to 3pm, Wednesday to Friday.

Visit www.coralstreetartspace.com for more information.