

# Bendigo Art Gallery

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Art Gallery in Bendigo, VIC Bendigo Art Gallery is one of the oldest and largest regional galleries in Australia, established in 1887. Bendigo Art Gallery's collection is extensive, with an emphasis on 19th-century European art and Australian art from the 1800's, alongside a strong collection of contemporary Australian art. The collection includes painting, sculpture, ceramics, decorative arts, photography, works on paper, and Australian art, including work by artists such as Patricia Piccinini, Bill Henson, Dale Frank, Jan Nelson, Fiona Hall, Emily Kame Kngwarreye, Kit Webster, and Ben Armstrong. Over the last decade, Bendigo Art Gallery has cemented its reputation for presenting innovative international exhibitions alongside a dynamic and varied suite of public programs and events. Bendigo Art Gallery attracts a diverse audience from metropolitan Melbourne, and from across Victoria and Australia. In line with its growing popularity as Australia's largest and most impressive regional art museum, Bendigo Art Gallery launched its \$8.5m redevelopment in March 2014; a new contemporary wing of galleries bordering Rosalind Park at the rear, designed by Karl Fender of Fender Katsalidis Architects. The redevelopment has realized an overall addition of 600sqm of gallery space as well as specialist sub-terrain storage solutions for the Gallery's extensive and diverse collection of almost 5000 objects. An expanded and refurbished Gallery Cafe was also launched alongside the opening of this new wing.

