

PRESS RELEASETATE GALLERY SHOW IN PERTHStatement by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. R.G.Menzies

The Prime Minister said today that arrangements were being completed to present in the Art Gallery at Perth the exhibition of Australian paintings which has been assembled for showing (from January to March next year) in the Tate Gallery in London.

The exhibition - "Australian paintings - Colonial - Impressionist - Contemporary" - would be seen in Perth later this year en route to London. It has been assembled by the Commonwealth Art Advisory Board in response to an invitation from the Trustees of the Tate Gallery.

Comprising over 200 pictures, it is the largest and most important exhibition ever to leave Australia, and contains many irreplaceable works.

Mr. Menzies said he welcomed the invitation from the Perth Gallery authorities, not only because of the importance of this exhibition, but also because it would give the people of Perth, separated by great distances from the other State Galleries, an opportunity to see a comprehensive exhibition of Australian art.

The Perth Gallery was also to be thanked for its generosity in lending pictures for the exhibition in London. Works by Western Australian artists Robert Juniper and Guy Grey Smith are included in the exhibition.

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