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Robert Morris-Nunn celebrates vision to restore green heart to iconic forestry building

The University of Tasmania will rejuvenate the heritage-listed former Forestry building in Hobart - and replant the atrium under its iconic dome - to create a modern learning and teaching facility in the city in time for Semester 2, 2024.

The vision for the much-loved building was first outlined in May, when the University released its urban design framework and masterplan for its southern campus consolidation in the city.

Renowned Tasmanian architect Robert Morris-Nunn, who designed the award-winning dome installed 25 years ago, said he would be thrilled to see the atrium replanted and returned to the community as part of the project.

“The garden was always part of the intention for the space as I designed it, and to see it brought back to life to be enjoyed by the community will be wonderful,” he said.

Campus Transformation Executive Director Phil Leersen said: “The urban design framework for our new campus is built around four principles which arose through conversations with the community – place, community, accessibility and sustainability.

“We are creating a very sustainable and beautiful building by retrofitting an existing space with a low carbon and circular design that makes extensive use of timber,” Mr Leersen said.

“The design celebrates Hobart’s architectural heritage, scale and character.

“The building will provide great contemporary learning spaces for students that support our mission to make higher education more accessible.

“We are delighted to be restoring community access to an iconic Hobart space for everyone to enjoy.

“By bringing a major disused building back to life we will bring vitality and character to this part of the city.”

The University will finalise lodging a Development Application for the project with City of Hobart this week.

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