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***NGA PAYS TRIBUTE TO LIFE GOVERNOR AND PATRON, JAMES FAIRFAX***

The National Gallery of Australia is deeply saddened to learn of the death of life governor, founding Council member and patron, James Fairfax.

James Fairfax will always be remembered as one of Australia's greatest patrons of the arts and a collector and connoisseur of formidable skill and talent. The NGA looks on James as one of its founders; he was a Council member (1968 - 1974 and 1976 - 1984), life governor and generous donor.

'On this sad day we remember James Fairfax as a deeply committed supporter of the arts in Australia, who made an enormous contribution to the National Gallery of Australia,' said Allan Myers, Chairman of the National Gallery of Australia Council.

'James was an exceptionally generous donor to many art museums, whose collections were enriched by his philanthropy and connoisseurship,' said Gerard Vaughan, NGA Director.

His many gifts include not only old masters, but masterpieces of Australian Impressionism and modernism, ranging from Von Guerard, Louis Buvelot, Charles Conder and Frederick McCubbin, to Russell Drysdale, Leonard French, John Olsen and Fred Williams. The NGA's principal auditorium is named in his honour.

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