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We say yeah-yeah to Yaye’s

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There will soon be another reason for visitors to call in at the Araluen Cultural Precinct in Alice Springs with the opening of a new café.

“This is a great initiative which will help draw more crowds to the well regarded Araluen Cultural Precinct in Alice Springs,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“It’s a terrific project aimed at enhancing the experience for locals and tourists alike.

“The Territory Government is investing heavily in tourism infrastructure, especially in Central Australia in preparation for an economic tilt towards the industry over the years ahead.

“I’m thrilled that Alice Springs based company, MPH Carpentry and Construction, has won the contract worth more than $480,000 to build the new café which will be called Yaye’s.”

In local Arrernte language, Yaye’s (pron: yar-yars) means sisters and the name relates to the Two Women dreaming story that runs through the land on which the Araluen Precinct is situated.

Two landmarks associated with the dreaming story are Big Sister Hill, located immediately behind where Yaye’s Café will be developed, and Little Sister Hill, located in Frank McEllister Park, adjacent to the precinct.

“We hope to see the construction work finished by September this year,” Arts Minister Gary Higgins said.

“Once construction of the interior has been completed, a tender will be developed and issued to find an appropriate café operator.

“We’re proud to be moving forward with this project and I’m sure it will be welcomed by those who visit the precinct.

“It’s been a while since there has been a place to rest and have a cup of coffee around the area – Yaye’s will fill that void.”
It is expected the café will match the opening hours of other attractions at the Precinct, as well as in combination with special events.

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