

Luxury Wirra Wirra Wellness Resort a step closer

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Development plans have been lodged for the \$30 million luxury wellness resort proposed at McLaren Vale's Wirra Wirra Winery, with the design including 33 rooms, 10 separate buildings, a swimming pool, function hall and wellness centre.



An artist's impression of the planned Wirra Wirra Wellness Resort. Photo: supplied

Adelaide developer [Greaton](#), which revealed its partnership with Wirra Wirra last year, says the development application is now with the City of Onkaparinga and it hopes to start building the complex in late 2020.

“The Wirra Wirra resort will be like nothing else in South Australia,” says Greaton managing director Nicho Teng, who believes it will bring an “unsurpassed level of luxury to the region” and attract more “well-heeled tourists”.

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Strout Road will include nine double-storey buildings to be known as “casitas”.

Two existing buildings on the property, the historic Wigley House (named after Wirra Wirra founder Robert Wigley) and Sparrow’s Lodge, will be transformed into a bridal suite and guests’ reception.



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Wirra Wirra managing director Andrew Kay has previously told *InDaily* that the five-star resort will be sympathetic with the surrounding vineyards and the property itself, which has “lots of gum trees, old ironstone and recycled timber”.

This was echoed by Studio A2 Architects director Daniel Smedley, who says buildings will be designed to “sit behind and blend in with the native tree line”.

“The buildings will be finished with a mix of local limestone, granite and bluestone, with hardwood natural stained finishes,” Smedley says.

“The rooves will be in dark grey metal sheet roof cladding to fit in with its surrounding context.”

Teng said Greaton is negotiating with an “international wellness-oriented resort operator” that currently has no presence in Australia: “Whilst we are not in a position to reveal who they are just yet, we can say they operate some of the most renowned resorts and hotels around the world.”

Greaton hopes to complete the Wirra Wirra Wellness Resort in 2022.

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