



The Canberra Rex Hotel, 1961

The Canberra Rex Hotel was designed by Sydney architects **Samuel Lipson and Peter Kadd**, and it quickly became famous for its **modernist design**. One of the things that made the Rex special was its American-style outdoor pool, which made it feel a bit like a holiday resort. When people walked inside, they were greeted by the bright and colourful “Expansion” mosaic mural created by artist **Margo Lewers**, which decorated the hotel’s foyer like a giant artwork.

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