Gold Coast Cultural Precinct

A striking new cultural destination is planned for Australia's Gold Coast. To be delivered on a 16.9 hectare site, within walking distance of Surfers Paradise, the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct will be a heart for arts, culture and creative enterprise. It will become the Gold Coast's place to be for residents and visitors alike.

With new visual and performing arts facilities and a programmed outdoor Artscape, the completed Gold Coast Cultural Precinct will support the city's already thriving cultural evolution.

The winning concept for our new heart for arts and culture – by ARM Architecture + Topotek1 - is the result of an international design competition during 2013. During 2014 the design team worked with the City of Gold Coast (City) to finely tune the site-wide Master Plan for Evandale. This blueprint for a cultural destination for residents and visitors can evolve in stages over the next 10 to 15 years, as our city grows and as we can afford it.

It retains all the features of the competition winning design - the Art Tower, performing arts centre and outdoor Artscape.

With an art hotel, creative industries, cafes and other facilities, the precinct will come alive with 24-hour activity and a world-class artistic and cultural program. Early work will begin late this year, enabling completion of the $37 million Stage 1 before the city hosts the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™.

One of the key elements of Stage 1 is a versatile outdoor space. It will cater for concerts, events, festivals and cinema as well as being an important civic reception venue, when the City hosts the Commonwealth Games.

View the video of the Mayor’s announcement:

Stage 1 to start in early 2016

Council of the City of Gold Coast's 2015-2016 budget provides $10.1 million to continue delivery of the $37.9 million (2015 dollars) Stage 1. View the City Budget.

By 2018, Stage 1 will provide:

- A versatile outdoor space - stage and event platform in a garden amphitheatre, catering for audiences of up to 5000 and a wide range of civic events and performances
- Riverside hub - adapting the existing Riverside Building to provide a transitional, enhanced City Gallery exhibition space, and places for creative partnerships, civic receptions and cafe
- Initial artscape works - surrounding an enhanced Evandale Lake and activated by artistic programming, markets, festivals, cinema and family recreation
- Detailed design is also being prepared for a pedestrian and cycle bridge connecting the Cultural Precinct with nearby Chevron Island and on to Surfers Paradise. This will enable construction of the precinct’s Friendship Bridge to proceed when funding secured.

Future stages will be delivered after 2018. Outlined in the Masterplan, they will include a striking central Art Tower and adjacent Great Hall, new and refurbished performing arts facilities, and completion of the outdoor Artscape works.

Stay up to date with The Cultural Precinct

While the city builds its cultural future, we will regularly communicate key information on the project, construction progress as well as events and activities at Evandale.

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