



GOLD COAST CULTURAL PRECINCT

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Visual arts could benefit from Riverside decision

Structural concerns with Council's decommissioned Riverside office building could prompt delivery of a purpose-built City Gallery in an earlier stage of the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct.

The former Riverside administration building was to house a transitional City Gallery as part of Stage 1. It was proposed to accommodate the city's valuable visual arts collection and visiting exhibitions until a purpose-built gallery could be delivered as part of a future stage.

However, while stripping Riverside's fixtures and fittings, structural concerns unearthed would have meant the building was no longer fit for its intended purpose as a high-use public gallery space.

The cost to rectify the structural issues would have been more than \$3.2 million. The project savings, of around \$4.3 million, will now be set aside to prioritise a purpose-built City Gallery that meets international standards in an earlier stage of the project, after 2018.

The project team will investigate options and a report will be presented to Council later this year.

New City Gallery Director, Tracy Cooper-Lavery, and The Arts Centre Gold Coast General Manager Destry Puia welcome the decision and strongly support a move to a purpose-built gallery, even if that means 'staying put' in the current confined gallery accommodation in the interim.

The project team is on track to deliver the Stage 1 amphitheatre and initial Artscape works by 2018.



New contractor

Gold Coast based DEMEX will undertake demolition works of the Surfers Paradise Administration and Riverside buildings. These works are expected to get underway in coming weeks and to take about 16 weeks to complete.

And the cranes move in

A 100-tonne crane lifted pipes, pumps and an air conditioning unit onto the roof of The Arts Centre Gold Coast building. The relocation of services are essential to allow demolition of the adjoining Council administration buildings in readiness for Stage 1 construction.

Under construction

Major construction activities are now underway as we deliver Stage 1 of our new Cultural Precinct. There will be impacts, including noise and vibration, and we appreciate your patience. We are working to minimise any inconvenience. Patrons are encouraged to continue to support The Arts Centre Gold Coast and all the precinct's activities.

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WHAT'S ON

The beat goes on

While we're building our cultural future, an exciting array of events, festivals and activities will continue at Evandale. The beat will go on at The Arts Centre Gold Coast, with a packed, diverse and exciting program of performing and visual arts planned.

EVANDALE PARKLANDS

Naidoc Week flag raising ceremony

4 July, Civic Chambers forecourt

THE ARTS CENTRE GOLD COAST

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Mary Poppins

The magical family musical
17-25 June, Arts Theatre

Allen

The hilarious decline of a psychologist
16-18 June, The Space

The Greenroom Project Jnr

With Rob Mills and Jenna Rix from Ghost the Musical

27 June, Paradise Showroom

WHAT'S ON

JUWS Photography Award

The popular photography exhibition

25 June – 21 August, Gallery 1

The Peasant Prince

School holiday theatre for

6–12 year olds

4–5 July, Arts Theatre

The Moon's a Balloon

Stunning visual theatre for

3–8 year olds

7–8 July, Arts Theatre

I See You

Playful theatre for 2–5 year olds

8–9 July, The Space

Waiting for Godot

Beckett's 1953 absurdist classic play

14–23 July, The Space

Countermove

Exhilarating dance from Sydney

Dance Company

15–16 July, Arts Theatre

Always ... Patsy Cline

Brilliant musical featuring 27 hit songs

23 July, Arts Theatre

Snugglepot & Cuddlepie

The gumnut babies delight

5–10 year olds

25–26 July, Arts Theatre

Gold Coast Eisteddfod

Annual schools music, dance and drama festival

28 July – 9 September,

various venues

goldcoasteisteddfod.com.au

The Barber Of Seville

Effervescent opera from

Opera Queensland

29–30 July, Arts Theatre

Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase

The best comedians in one

hilarious night

31 July, Arts Theatre

Short+Sweet

Theatre and cabaret in ten

minute bites

4–13 August, The Space/The

Basement

More activities at The Arts Centre Gold Coast:

theartscentregc.com.au

Mary pops into the Arts Centre



The cast is set and the much-loved Disney film *Mary Poppins* is well on its way to becoming a sensational Gold Coast stage production with plenty of amazing local talent selected.

Produced by The Arts Centre Gold Coast, the show will add to the list of *Mary Poppins* stage productions which have played in 19 countries and 14 different languages, winning awards around the world.

The family favourite will not disappoint with unforgettable songs like *A Spoonful of Sugar*, *Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*, *Chim Chim Cher-ee*, *Step in Time* and *Let's Go Fly a Kite*.

Arts Centre Programming Director Brad Rush is thrilled to bring such a classic and heart-warming musical to life.

"Early indications confirm that this will be a real 'crowd pleaser' with audience's young and old able to experience this classic story."

A total of 140 auditions were received and the stakes were high for principal roles. Mary will be played by Georgina Hopson, whose recent credits include Cinderella in the Harvest Rain production *Into the Woods*. Local talent including Max Patterson will return to the Gold Coast from performing abroad to play Bert.

Mary Poppins will be staged in the Arts Theatre from 17–25 June.

Time lapse camera

Two time lapse cameras have been installed to capture construction progress on the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct.

Camera 1 is on the Chambers building. Camera 2 is on The Arts Centre Gold Coast.

View the time lapse at: goldcoastculturalprecinct.info

Live time lapse



It's Gold for our architects

ARM Architecture has been awarded the country's highest architectural honour in the 2016 Australian Achievement in Architecture Awards.

The Australian Institute of Architects Gold Medal for 2016 was presented to the three founding partners – Stephen Ashton, Howard Raggatt and Ian McDougall.

It recognises ARM's three-decade contribution to architecture and urban design around the nation.

The Gold Coast Cultural Precinct is one of ARM's current significant cultural transformation projects.

"We've always been interested in architecture that tells stories about our lives, about our cities. It is humbling to have our ideas acknowledged in this way," said ARM Founding Director Ian McDougall.



WHAT'S ON

Mayor's Seniors Week Variety Concert

18 August, Paradise Showroom

goldcoast.qld.gov.au

Timothy Young: Ravel, Scriabin And Rachmaninov

A piano virtuoso

20 August, Gallery 1

Il Ritorno

Circa fuses acrobatics with baroque opera

26–27 August, Arts Theatre

An Oscar Moment

Gold Coast Jazz and Blues Club

26 August, Paradise Showroom

Soweto Gospel Choir

Grammy award-winning African choir

28 August, Arts Theatre

GLOW shines light on cultural future

The success of the third annual GLOW festival has sparked the community's hunger for family friendly events in the city's cultural heart.

More than 12,000 people imbibed lights, lasers and illuminated art around Evandale Lake proving a great opportunity to see the precinct in full activation.

The activation continued with The Arts Centre Gold Coast which was alive with a theatre performance, workshops in the Gold Coast City Gallery, cinemas and live music on The Terrace.

Further supporting the groundswell of support for the project was the popular free ferry service from Surfers Paradise signalling a clear need for active transport options to access the precinct.



Reminder of parking changes at Evandale Parklands

Construction site fencing has now been installed around the whole Stage 1 construction site perimeter. To ensure public safety, part of the Evandale Ring Road (east of The Arts Centre Gold Coast) has been closed to through traffic.

Metered parking remains available for Evandale Parklands and Lake visitors and there is no change to parking for The Arts Centre Gold Coast patrons. Precinct patrons and visitors are encouraged to access the precinct via Evandale's main entry off Bundall Road.



Parking

Most existing parking will remain for precinct visitors and patrons.

- 1 The Arts Centre Gold Coast carpark will continue to offer four-hour free parking for patrons and diners.
- 2 Metered parking remains for lake and park visitors.
- 3 Parking bays previously occupied by Council vehicles have closed.

Access

Stage 1 construction includes a sweeping central lawn and an outdoor stage.

- 4 Evandale ring road has closed between The Arts Centre Gold Coast delivery dock and the Mii building (construction and delivery vehicles excepted).
- 5 Every effort will be made to maintain pedestrian access along the Nerang Riverfront during construction, except when it is unsafe to do so.
- 6 Construction viewpoint 1.
- 7 Construction viewpoint 2.

Construction timeline



100-tonne crane at the precinct

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