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## Get set for our cultural evolution

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.

Design team leaders, ARM Architecture and Topotek1, have applied their 2013 international competition-winning concept to a site-wide Master Plan.

The Masterplan:

- Guides staged delivery over 10 – 15 years, as funding becomes available
- Draws on 20 additional studies and reports by leading experts, as well as stakeholder engagement and community feedback
- Features all the elements of the 2013 winning concept by ARM Architecture and Topotek1
- Integrates allied uses to create an active, vibrant, 24-hour precinct which is affordable to build, sustainable to operate, an investment attractor and a tourism drawcard
- And informs detailed design for Stage 1. (*See inside*)



Artist impression, concept development: Masterplan

# Stage 1 by 2020



Artist impression, concept development: VOS Stage, concert mode

## Versatile Outdoor Space (VOS, or amphitheatre)

Scheduled for completion in December 2017, the \$37.5 million (2014 dollars) outdoor stage and concert lawn will accommodate artistic, cultural and civic celebrations. It will be equipped for audiences of up to 1000, and can cater for up to 5000 with equipment 'bumped in'.

The stage will have a self supporting shade structure to provide sun and glare protection for performers.

With striking views to the city skyline and the hinterland, the versatile stage will double as a quality black box venue and can also accommodate seated functions for up to 250 people.

Programming will begin following the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™.

*"While I talk about the venue hosting headline international acts, the precinct is really about supporting our local artists."*

Mayor Tom Tate,  
City of Gold Coast



Artist impression; VOS Stage in performance and function modes



Artist impression, concept development: Stage 1 scope



Artist impression, concept development: Art Gallery, exterior

## Art Gallery

An international-standard Art Gallery will be delivered as part of Stage 1b of the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct. This next major step in the precinct's evolution will deliver a purpose-built visual arts facility for exhibitions, education and engagement.

The generously sized, highly functional gallery will also accommodate the City's valuable, but rarely seen, City Collection.

A gallery brief, developed in conjunction with The Arts Centre Gold Coast, establishes an ambition for the facility to become a significant cultural attractor. It will showcase local artists and touring exhibitions. Situated west of the new amphitheatre, the gallery will be a light, airy and sub-tropical building. It will include a main exhibition hall, collections galleries, children's gallery, library, secure storage and loading, retail and café hub and a rooftop experience.

The new gallery also will provide a physical and visual connection between the existing Arts Centre, Council Chambers and the VOS, helping create a vibrant, energetic young heart hub for the precinct.

A Managing Contractor will oversee design and construction. Subject to future approvals and funding, completion is due in late 2020.

*"Many artists living here are winning national awards and touring internationally. If you have a strong arts community you are a society. The arts are an essential service."*

Robyn Archer AO, Chair, The Arts Centre Gold Coast Board.

Christine Slabb, South Stradbroke Island Indigenous Artist Camp 2015





Gold Coast Cultural Precinct, GLOW festival

## Green bridge to Chevron Island

Connecting the Precinct with the light rail corridor to the east, this pedestrian and cycle bridge is expected to be completed by late 2019.

Also part of Stage 1b, the bridge will bring the precinct within easy reach of residents and visitors in the busy tourist centre of Surfers Paradise and beyond.



Artist impression, concept development: Bridge

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