



GOLD COAST CULTURAL PRECINCT

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Building our cultural future - Stage 1 team appointed

The appointment of a Managing Contractor to lead delivery of Stage 1 is the next major step in progressing the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct.

Following a national call for tenders, ADCO Constructions Pty Ltd was chosen to lead Stage 1 delivery ahead of the 2018 Commonwealth Games™.

Locally-owned and with an established office on the Gold Coast, ADCO is a nationally recognised construction firm. Since its establishment in 1972, the company has overseen delivery of more than 3000 projects worth more than \$9 billion.

Signature Gold Coast projects include the award winning Abedian School of Architecture at Bond University, as well as redevelopment and expansion of Robina Town Centre, Gold Coast Airport and Pindara Private Hospital.

ADCO will engage the consultants, sub-contractors and trades needed to deliver the \$37 million first stage and will work to achieve maximum participation by local businesses and job seekers. Stage 1 is expected to generate up to 120 full-time equivalent jobs during construction.

Construction update

Stage 1 is on track. Design is progressing and Council's Surfers Paradise administration building is being decommissioned for demolition in early 2016. It will make way for the precinct's central lawn – a meeting and picnic place with views to the stage and city skyline.

New jobs

Stage 1 is expected to create up to 120 full time equivalent jobs during construction. A Local Industry Participation Plan will be implemented to maximise benefits to local businesses and job seekers.

Feedback

Hundreds of residents and visitors have provided ideas and comments about the project. More than 80% of feedback since the winning concept was announced in November 2013 has supported the project. We welcome your input and can be contacted via the website.

It will include:

- Riverside Hub to accommodate a AA-rated Gallery for local, national and international art exhibitions, along with artists' co-working spaces, civic spaces for the Commonwealth Games, and café
- An outdoor lawn and stage for civic and cultural events, festivals, performances and cinema
- Demolition of Council's existing Surfers Paradise Administration Centre
- Initial Artscape works linking Stage 1, and
- Detailed design for a pedestrian and cycle bridge to Chevron Island so the project is 'shovel ready' should funding become available

ADCO will work with the city and the design team, led by ARM Architecture and Topotek 1, to refine Stage 1 concepts ready for construction to start early in 2016.

Modelling shows that together these new cultural offerings are expected to draw almost 300,000 visitors annually from 2018, generating \$11.4 million in direct tourism expenditure for the city.

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. At the Precinct newsletter highlight's some of the major events across Evandale in coming months.

Evandale Parklands

SENIORS WEEK CONCERT

– Music from the most popular genres of yesteryear
20 August @ TACGC Paradise Room.

Ticketing: cityofgoldcoast.com.au/seniorsweek

MULTICULTURAL

FESTIVAL – Showcases the skills and talents of our diverse cultural communities
13 September, 10am – 4pm

Continued over

WHAT'S ON

The Arts Centre Gold Coast
theartscentregc.com.au

BORDER ART PRIZE 2015 -
 Exhibition, celebrating diversity amongst local artists
 25 July-6 September, Gallery 1

THE FABULOUS SINGLETES -
 Music. Hits of the 60s and 70s
 4 August, 11am, Theatre

GOLD COAST EISTEDDFOD
 - Australia's largest showcase of youth music, dance and drama
 6 August-6 September

REGIONS OF ALIENATION / SATELLITES OF LOVE -
 Exhibition. Overcoming isolation through community
 8 August-13 September, Gallery 2

CRANKY BEAR - Musical, with laughter, mayhem. Kids 4-8 years
 3 September, 6pm, 4 September, 10.30am and 12.45pm, Theatre

7 DEADLY SINS - Drama. A wicked tale from Expressions Dance Company
 11-12 September, 7.30pm, Theatre

WE DON'T NEED A MAP -
 Exhibition. A Martu experience of the Western desert
 12 September-1 November, Gallery 1

ALL MY LOVE - Drama. The story of Henry Lawson and Mary Gilmore's lost love
 16-19 September, The Space

GLITTER FESTIVAL - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer and Allied Communities festival
 28 September-5 October, Various locations

Evandale is evolving into our cultural heart



"We are planning two, three years ahead so we are already talking to other arts organisations about collaborations and doing big projects that we could bring here on the Gold Coast."

Sophie Galaise, CEO, Queensland Symphony Orchestra



"What I look forward to as part of the Queensland Theatre Company is really making the Gold Coast part of our home, part of our base."

Wesley Enoch, Artistic Director, Queensland Theatre Company

Bringing Stage 1 to life with a diverse arts and cultural program

Planning is underway to deliver expanded artistic and cultural offerings at our Cultural Precinct by 2018.

Working with Robyn Archer AO, City of Gold Coast's Strategic Advisor, Arts and Culture, The Arts Centre Gold Coast and the local creative sector, the City aims to bring Stage 1 of the precinct to life – and set the scene for evolution of the precinct over the coming 10 – 15 years.

Stage 1 will provide much-needed studio and gallery space and a new creative heart to support more of the Gold Coast's 2300+ cultural and creative businesses.

And, with local cultural participation currently at just 6%, compared with 12% in Brisbane and 9% across Queensland, a main aim off the precinct will be to boost opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with the arts, festivals and cultural events.

Stage 1 promises to boost tourism, attracting almost 300,000 from the first year of operation and up to an estimated 320,000 visitors annually by 2022. From 2018, an expanded City Gallery, based in the Riverside Hub, is expected to attract 29% of its patrons from outside the region, enabling visitors to experience Gold Coast culture and appreciate local artists and creativity.



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