

Gold Coast Cultural Precinct FAQ

Question: Is the Cultural Precinct getting built?

Answer: Yes but only partially

- In Council's 2014/15 Budget Council confirmed its commitment to build Stage 1 of the Cultural Precinct Project

Question: What does Stage 1 include?

Answer: An Amphitheatre, temporary gallery space and landscaping

- **The outdoor Amphitheatre** will have 2,500 permanent seats with a maximum capacity of up to 10,000 people. It will be able to host civic and cultural celebrations and performances and will feature a large projection screen.
- **Riverside Gallery** –the existing Art Gallery currently occupies 744m² and will expand into a larger space in the Riverside Building (1,470m² total).
- **Artscape** –landscape works will integrate the amphitheatre space with the new Riverside Gallery and Lake.

Question: What is the cost of Stage 1?

Answer: \$37 million

Question: Where is the Amphitheatre going to be built?

Answer: Where the current Council administration offices are

- The Council civic offices (the older building with the glass foyer) will be demolished to make way for the Amphitheatre while two floors of the existing Riverside building will be converted for gallery use;

Question: Will the Council Chambers (located across the road from the cafe) be demolished?

Answer: No

Question: When will construction start?

Answer: Jan 2016

Question: When will construction finish?

Answer: Jan 2018

Question: Are rates increasing to pay for this?

Answer: No, instead Council is selling land that it owns but doesn't use

- Council currently owns large parcels of residential and commercial land that it is not using (i.e the "Taj Mahal" site at Robina that was to be used to build new Council offices). Council plans to sell this land to fund the majority of the project cost.
- No parks or recreation areas will be sold as part of this deal.

Question: Is the Lake getting filled in?

Answer: No

- The Lake will be retained and enhanced with improved landscaping and new café facilities around the water's edge.

Question: Is the Art Tower and Green Bridge being built?

Answer: No

- At this stage there is no funding commitment for further stages of the project.
- Council however has stated that it would like to see the entire project completed so hopefully more funding commitments are made as we get closer to the Commonwealth Games.

Question: Will there be more car parks?

Answer: No but there will be more parking when events are on

- While no new car parks are being built as part of Stage 1 there will genuinely be new parking areas created when large scale events are on. For example it is expected that events like Australia Day will be held in the new Amphitheatre freeing up the lawn area along Bundall Road to be used as overflowing car parking.

Question: Are the existing facilities getting demolished?

Answer: No

- No major works are taking place to our existing facilities during Stage 1.