

Media release

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Top teams in line-up for Cultural Precinct design

Seventy five teams are in the running to design the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct at Evandale.

Mayor Tom Tate said Stage One of Council's international design competition had attracted some of the world's leading professionals, including a strong representation from the Gold Coast and South East Queensland.

"They are vying for the opportunity to design our city's cultural heart on 11 hectares of the 17-hectare Evandale site," Cr Tate said.

"The precinct will include a New Arts Museum, a Living Arts Centre and a landscaped Artscape which will become our natural civic gardens. The teams have also been asked to incorporate design for a green bridge to Chevron Island," Cr Tate said.

"Interest has been incredibly high, with 162 registrations from every continent.

"These have translated into 75 solid entries, with some registrants joining forces to form dynamic teams," he said.

"And from these entries, the eight-member jury will be looking for multi-disciplinary teams with the creative concepts and the capability to undertake this complex design challenge."

The Mayor will be one of four Gold Coast representatives on the expert jury, sending a clear message that the city is strongly behind the vision for a cultural precinct at Evandale.

"Foundation Head of Griffith University's School of Architecture, Professor Gordon Holden, will Chair the jury and other members include nationally and internationally recognised experts."

Cr Tate said all teams were now in the running to be shortlisted for Stage Two of the competition, which commences on 18 June.

"Each shortlisted team will be awarded \$250,000 for what will be an intensive, 12-week design phase. The teams will earn every penny of the fee, and at the end of this process we anticipate the city will have had the very best design minds producing inspired concepts which put the Gold Coast on the global stage for arts and culture.

"Importantly it will be quintessentially Gold Coast, supporting our cultural economy and evolving into a must-see destination for residents and visitors.

Shortlisted teams will be announced in mid-June.