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New City Gallery concept in wings as precinct's outdoor stage takes shape

Early design concepts for the City's new Art Gallery have been presented with Mayor Tom Tate endorsing the evolution of the cultural precinct.

"The amphitheatre is on track to be finished before the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games so it is logical we start to look at the design for the purpose-built City Art Gallery,'' he said.

"I'm impressed with the early concepts which establish location, size and functions for the gallery. We can now move forward with design development.''

Cr Tate said the 6000sqm, international-standard gallery, would be a key feature in the broader 17 hectare site.

 The concepts, presented to Council's Economic Development and Major Projects Committee today, were developed by a design team, led by ARM Architecture, in consultation with The Arts Centre Gold Coast.

They show a sub-tropical building located west of the precinct's Stage 1 amphitheatre.

The Committee recommended Council progress design work for the $53 million gallery, for delivery in 2020.

"This is ideal timing as we will be seeking city-building projects after the Games to ensure our economy and skilled workforce remains active,'' he said.

 Cr Tate said the gallery, café and retail zone would be a central artistic hub for the city.

Gallery director, Tracy Cooper-Lavery, said the new gallery would become a place where locals and visitors of all ages would be drawn to experience and interact with art in its many forms.

"It will be so much more than the building itself. It will serve a vital role in supporting and encouraging our already impressive home-grown artistic talent," she said.

A funding plan will be developed and presented to Council as part of the 2018-2019 City Budget. Savings from not delivering a temporary Riverside gallery will be directed towards progressing design.