

# Media Release

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## Cultural Precinct takes shape as sound system testing starts

With the Cultural Precinct's outdoor stage shell nearing completion, some of the world's best sound system technology is being put through its paces.

Mayor Tom Tate inspected progress on the \$37.5 million Stage 1a Versatile Outdoor Space (VOS) today.

"The stage structure is ready for fit out and the sweep of the concert lawn is clearly visible in front of the city skyline," Mayor Tate said.

"It will have a breathtaking skyline as the backdrop and be ready-equipped for audiences of up to 1000 and up to 5000 with equipment bumped-in. The undercover area can also host 250 seated patrons for functions ... no wonder it is known as a versatile space."

Managing contractor, ADCO Constructions, engaged audio engineers to test some of the world's best speaker systems. The sound system was tested with classics from Mozart to Metallica.

"We will be ready to host concerts, events and civic celebrations from early next year," he said.

ADCO will now focus on internal fit out, supply services, Artscape features, pathways and landscaping with the distinctive grassed earth mound to be established over the stage structure.

Mayor Tate unveiled final artist impressions of the stage, including the self-supporting shade structure which will provide sun and glare protection for performers on stage.

The voronoi (series of polygons) pattern is starting to be reflected in the design. This same theme will be reflected across the precinct, linking all components together.

The project is providing local jobs. From the start of construction in February 2016, more than 80 per cent of the 71 contracts placed have been awarded to Gold Coast businesses, delivering \$9.2 million (of a total \$11.4 million in construction spending) directly into the economy.

The project is also teaching our next generation of tradies with ADCO and contractor trainees gaining more than 2000 hours of experience across all aspects of the project. To date, 472 Gold Coast workers have been employed onsite.

Work is also progressing on concept design for the new purpose-built, international standard City Gallery.

Detail on that design, as well as funding, is expected next month.

***View the construction timelapse video here:***  
***<http://www.livetimelapse.com.au/clients/adco/gold-coast/media/>***

***High res final artist impressions are available on request.***