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From ‘sandpit to sandcastle’ – work starts on Precinct’s outdoor stage

With demolition of Council’s former administration building complete, earthworks have started on the outdoor stage and concert lawn to form Stage 1 of the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct.

And the Gold Coast – through local businesses – is already benefiting.

Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate said Managing Contractor, ADCO Constructions, had engaged local demolition company DEMEX to clear the decommissioned Council buildings from the site.

“That work is now complete and recovered almost 17,200 tonnes of metal, concrete and green waste for recycling and reuse,” Mayor Tate said.

Gold Coast family-owned business Nyanda Pty Ltd has been contracted to undertake bulk earthworks on Stage 1, shaping the residual sand on site into the sweeping lawns for the stage.

“It will be a sandpit to sandcastle transformation over the next 18 months,” he said.

Earthworks should take a month before Yatala-based ASP Piling installs 40 piles to form the foundation for the main amphitheatre structure.

“To date, more than 40 local businesses have worked on the site. We are hitting local industry participation targets with 80 per cent of employees from the Gold Coast and 82 per cent of contract work awarded to local businesses,” Cr Tate said.

Stage 1 is on target to be ready ahead of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™.

“Visitors to Evandale Parklands will begin to see the stage take shape early next year, with construction complete late in 2017. The finishing touches will be the landscaping elements, which will then be given time to establish before the venue opens.

“Artist’s impressions give us a look into the future showing how the stage can be used in a number of modes including a function facility with views to Surfers Paradise skyline.”

When complete, the stage and concert lawn will be fully equipped to cater for audiences of up to 850, and will have the ability to ‘bump in’ equipment for larger performances and audiences of up to 5000.

The venue can also host functions with up to 250 people seated on-stage.

High res photos available here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/3mat2kx3fnb01cm/AADKtNSWVXFjVDWfgCahqJVba?dl=0>

View the demolition and construction time lapse here: <http://www.livetimelapse.com.au/clients/adco/media/>