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Cultural evolution hits historic milestone: beehive demolished

The city's 'cultural evolution' passed a milestone today with the historic former Council administration building making way for the birth of a world-class amphitheatre and art-space.

"The beehive, as it is affectionately known, has been demolished, replaced with community space as part of stage one of the Gold Coast Cultural Precinct," said Mayor Tom Tate.

"This is the last significant section of the 40-year-old administration building to be demolished. In its place, we will see an amphitheatre and stage that can cater for 850 patrons seated, to around 5000 guests standing.

"In less than two years, this site will be the city's heart for artistic, cultural and civic celebration.

"I look forward to opening those community facilities for all to enjoy. I also look forward to the start of construction for the Chevron Island green bridge which is high on my agenda."

Cr Tate said the former administration's building materials would have a new life with 100 per cent of the light, medium and heavy gauge steel, as well as concrete, being recycled.

"About 70 per cent of the aluminium and copper will be recycled with around 50 trucks a day removing construction debris," he said.

Construction of the amphitheatre will start in October.