



State Government Endorses Geelong Cultural Precinct Masterplan: Future Cities Project

As you will no doubt have heard, the State Government has endorsed the masterplan that will guide the development of Geelong's cultural precinct for the next 15 years, and has allocated funding for the implementation of stage one of the masterplan.

A total of \$7.9 million of funding has been allocated to the Cultural Precinct in the Government's recent budget announcement: \$2 million in 2008-09 and \$5.9 million in 2009-10. The funding is provided for detailed planning work and business case development for the Geelong Performing Arts Centre, the Geelong Library and the Geelong Heritage Centre, as well as to upgrade the Courthouse Youth Arts Centre

The announcement is great news for Geelong – and in particular the cultural community who has helped champion the cause.

It is also a great compliment to the extended team that has worked tirelessly to deliver such an outstanding result.

Now the real work begins! Major Projects Victoria, Regional Development Victoria and the City of Greater Geelong, under the leadership of the Minister for Regional Development, will continue to work in partnership to deliver stage one, and to implement future stages of the masterplan.

In acknowledgement of its official status the project has been formally renamed by Government as the Geelong Future Cities Project.

Details of how the project will move forward are currently being fleshed out and we expect to provide you with further information very soon.

In the meantime, thanks to everyone for their valued contribution. This has been a real team effort and we look forward to continuing to work with all of you to realise the future potential of Geelong's Cultural Precinct.

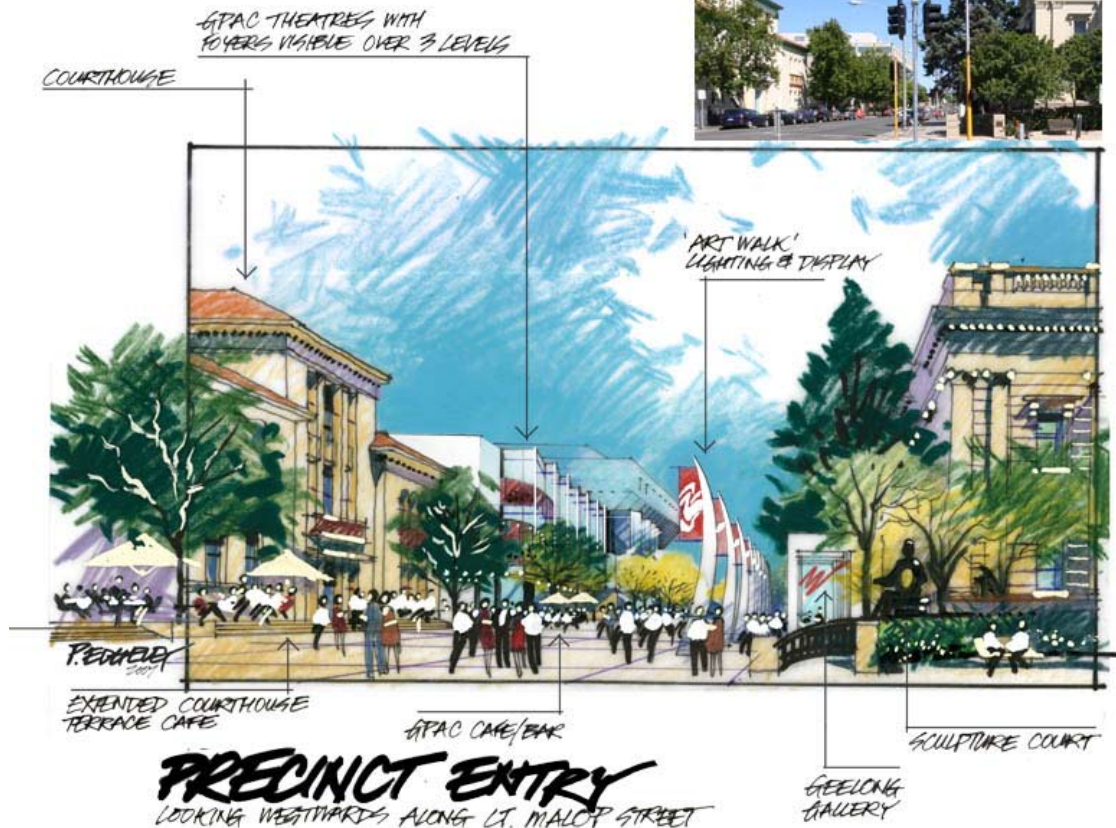
Images of the indicative masterplan can be viewed on MPV's website: www.majorprojects.vic.gov.au. If you would like to attend a presentation of the Geelong Cultural Precinct Masterplan please register your interest by email to: geelongcultural.precinct@mpv.vic.gov.au.

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