A CITY MAKING OPPORTUNITY

With Brisbane’s transformation into Australia’s New World City, grand gestures are essential to continue to evolve as a creative and connected subtropical city. Bold and inspiring design that embodies culture and character is essential if we are to move forward as a city on the global stage.

In line with this, the competition brief calls for ideas around connecting the Fortitude Valley with the City Centre creating economic and social benefits. Centenary Place and its surrounds represent a significant opportunity in its own right – an opportunity of global significance. With the benefit of its gateway city-centre location and proximity to lifestyle and cultural destinations, Centenary Place has a compelling mix of urban ingredients. A place of work, home and play, mixing culture and nature, it has the latent potential to transform into a New World City precinct.

VISION

The City Stitch represents a new model of mixed use precincts - breathing new life into centenary place. It’s unique mix of vibrant living, it’s commercial and creative economy, cultural and community diversity and recreational opportunities brings life and energy to the precinct. As a showcase of landscape urbanism, the City Stitch will be characterised by bustling streets, living towers, elevated gardens, and a rich lifestyle offering. Its compelling layer of new connections and spaces across Centenary Place will create memorable journeys, and for the first time, connect the City Centre with the Fortitude Valley.

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GUIDING THEMES

The vision for the City Stitch is built around two guiding themes – each responding to the delivery of the outcomes set out in the competition brief:

- Connected
- Urban
- Active
- Sub-Tropical

THEME 1 – A PRECINCT IN ITS OWN RIGHT

The connection between the core of the City Centre and the Fortitude Valley is outside the general parameters of a walkable environment. The strategy to deliver the connection is simple – create a precinct in its own right. The creation of a lifestyle and commercial destination will drive organic growth of the core, bringing the two precincts together. Through a critical mass in use that is complimented by high quality public realm, Centenary Place will transpire as an active, urban precinct. It is the nexus that connects the City Centre with the Fortitude Valley.

THEME 2 – A LAYERED URBAN GARDEN

The essence of a successful urban environment lies in the quality of its public realm. In a truly significant city move, Centenary Place will grow to become a layered landscape. As a flexible platform for connections and social exchange, the ventant gardens will encapsulate slender towers and enliven the public realm. Together, the living built form and landscaped spaces will form an interconnected network of destinations that celebrate the unique and enviable lifestyle of our subtropical city.

THE INTERVENTION

The City Stitch is a re-interpretation of a subtropical forest. Lush, dense and full of life is at the centre of its true being and the essence of place. It will comprise of over 3 hectares of publicly accessible environments as well as a number of semi-public spaces for use by residents and workers within the micro-precincts and individual towers. Creating a quantum of people as its main focus, it will deliver a critical mass of complementary uses set within a globally significant landscape. Through a series of landscape bridges connecting mixed use towers, it will provide an opportunity to connect people, undertake exchange, embrace our subtropical climate and inhabit the city in new and creative ways.

THE EPIPHYTES (PRECINCT COMMONS)

Although not ‘public’ these elevated spaces still make a major contribution to the overall character of the place and the experience of the City Stitch. The precinct commons deliver a balcony for each micro-precinct to interact with other towers by encouraging vibrant connections between residents, workers and visitors.

THE NESTS (ROOFTOP TERRACES)

The Nests are truly iconic spaces. Set in the sky at the top of each tower, they provide private spaces for each tower. They are flexible spaces to meet, gather and entertain and take in some of Brisbane’s best views.

THE OUTCOME

Through leveraging private investment for social benefits, The City Stitch will deliver a major city attraction – worthy of global significance. It will welcome the world into the realms of our city and allow people from all walks of life to inhabit their city in new ways. It will be a place that supports the growth and development of people and drive significant tourism and investment opportunities for the people of Brisbane.

THIS IS THE CITY STITCH.
AN EXPANDING CITY CENTRE

A CITY GATEWAY

A PRECINCT IN ITS OWN RIGHT

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A LAYERED URBAN GARDEN

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THE CITY STITCH

OVER 3000 RESIDENTS

200% MORE OPEN SPACE

330,000 m² TOTAL GFA

JOB CREATION & TOURISM SPEND

THE FOREST FLOOR
The forest floor is where Brisbane opens its arms and welcomes the world. Defined by its suburban streets which frame a central spine of waterways, the forest floor contains the public spaces where the gateway experience is defined. Through a combination of anti-urban innovation and urban regeneration, additional parkland is generated and new urban spaces are created.

THE LIANA
The Liana creates an elevated landscape wings – bringing the precinct together and linking the City Centre with the Fortitude Valley. It acts as a contiguous link space for people to transition the transition between the two centres, and connects to the North Bank Precinct and the northern Car Park. Acting as a link space and an extension the Precinct to the Fortitude Valley, it provides a continuous link between the two centres.

THE CANOPY
This city park delivers the Instagram moment. It will be an artistically designed public park with views to the Brisbane River, and is a focal point to connect to the other public spaces. It is a key destination, providing an attractive and vibrant space that allows people to live, work and play within the realities of the precinct.

THE EMERGENTS
These are the higher-density buildings. They provide the urban nodes in use and return that makes the urban public spaces live. The land and form of these are the key to the resilience of the precinct. These buildings are designed to gather and retain water, and to provide a flexible, dynamic and diverse range of uses for the precinct.

THE EPiphytes
Although not public, these elevated spaces still make a major contribution to the social and economic vibrancy of the City Stitch. The precinct common greens deliver a habitat for each other species to thrive, with unique features for supporting the diverse ecological connections between Brisbane, workers and visitors.

THE NESTS
The Nests are truly iconic spaces. Set in the sky at the top of each tower, they provide private spaces for each tenant. They are flexible spaces to meet, gather and entertain, and are in some of Brisbane’s highest towers.
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An Expanding City Centre
A City Gateway
A Blended Precinct

AN URBAN FOREST WITH LAYERS OF PUBLIC LIFE

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A PLACE FOR ALL

DISCOVER A NEW MODEL IN MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

GUIDING THEMES

A Precinct In Its Own Right
A Layered Urban Garden

GFA METRICS TO SUPPORT THE DEMOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY

LIVE
WORK
LEARN
VISIT

20% VISIT
12% LEARN
32% LIVE
36% WORK