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OPEN HOUSE IGNITES GOLD COASTERS' PASSION FOR ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN

On Saturday 4 November 2017, the third annual Gold Coast Open House will open the doors of interesting and architecturally significant buildings and locations, inviting the public to take a behind the scenes look at places they may have only glimpsed from the street.

Last year, Gold Coast Open House presented over 30 sites from Coomera to Currumbin, from heritage buildings to schools and university spaces, places of worship, private residences, television and radio studios, hospitals and some of the Gold Coast's most architecturally inspiring landmark buildings and workplaces.

Famous for its interwar and post-war development boom and recreational industries, the Gold Coast has a varied and unique stock of buildings and places in comparison with many other major Australian cities.

This year, organisers anticipate the number of buildings on the Gold Coast Open House program will increase to at least 40.

The buildings included in 2017 will combine to create a snapshot of the evolution of architecture on the Gold Coast, with some buildings dating back to the late 1800s, early 1900s, through to cutting edge design of recent years by some of the Gold Coast's leading architects.

Visitation last year suggested that private Gold Coast residences were most-in demand, with all spaces fully booked ahead of the day by those wanting to peek inside some of the Gold Coast's architectural award-winning homes.

Gold Coast Open House is a free event for young and old. Locals and visitors alike will have the opportunity to explore these urban spaces and learn more about the Gold Coast, its history and future aspirations—and how architecture and design have contributed to the city we know today.

ABOUT GOLD COAST OPEN HOUSE 2017

- Since 2015, the Gold Coast has been part of a world-wide 'family' of Open House events, which began in London in 1992.
- Gold Coast Open House is not-for-profit and is run by volunteers.
- The event has been made possible by founding partners, the National Trust, Australian Institute of Architects and City of Gold Coast.
- Gold Coast Open House 2017 is a free event, providing visitors with the opportunity to step inside some of the City of Gold Coast's diverse, well-designed, historic and cutting-edge buildings and spaces.
- Selected buildings and spaces will be open to the public for self-guided and guided tours, encouraging the general public to explore and engage with the City of Gold Coast's built environment.
- The third 'Focus on Architecture' photography competition will be held in conjunction with Gold Coast Open House.
- Gold Coast Open House is seeking volunteers to assist with facilitation of the event.
- Gold Coast Open House is also seeking expressions of interest from volunteer photographers.
- Attendance at some Gold Coast Open House buildings require pre-registration for guided tours. Please see website from mid-September 2017 when the full list of buildings is launched.
- Gold Coast Open House is an annual City of Gold Coast Cultural event that raises awareness of good design and the importance of preserving the City's wealth of historical and architectural assets.
- For more information about Gold Coast Open House, go to www.goldcoastopenhouse.com.au