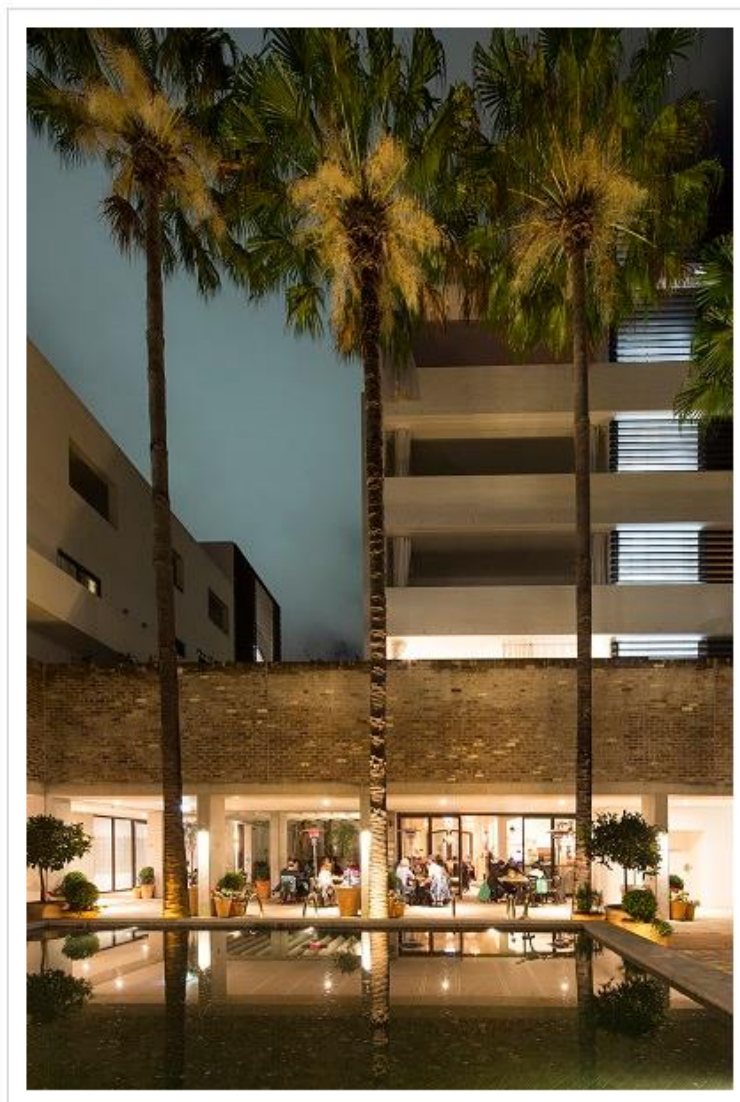


## DESIGN COMPETITION LAUNCHED FOR ICONIC PARRAMATTA CIVIC BUILDING

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Four internationally-renowned architecture teams will compete to design Parramatta City Council's new community and civic space which is set to become a landmark building for Parramatta and Global Sydney.

Council has released the design brief for the civic building that will be the centrepiece of the \$2 billion Parramatta Square urban renewal project. It will include Council Chambers, a 'library of the future' that will function as a community hub, customer service centre, community rooms and space for civic functions.

The finalists are made up of two consortiums and two individual firms. A consortium of French firm **Manuelle Gautrand Architecture**, DesignInc and Lacoste + Stevenson will compete against the internationally-recognised local architectural firms of Johnson Pilton Walker, Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp, as well as a partnership between SJB and Lahznimmo Architects. The four finalists were chosen from an international field of 16 leading architects.

Lord Mayor of Parramatta Cr Paul Garrard said the chosen firms have the experience and creativity necessary to deliver a world-class project for Parramatta.

"We want this development to be unique and spectacular – a building that will be recognised around the world and help to put Parramatta on the map," Cr Garrard said.

"Most importantly, this is a building for the people that will include Council Chambers, a library of the future designed to meet a host of community needs, customer service centre, community rooms and space for civic functions. It will be an obvious 'seat of government' and not just a typical office space. The Council Chambers must be a prominent part of the design to reflect the heart of democracy for Parramatta.

"Council wants its centre of civic activity to be a visually-stimulating piece of architecture that the residents, visitors and workers of Parramatta will be proud to access and enjoy."

The building will have approximately 8000sqm of floor space across four to five storeys. The four firms will have until 7 March 2016 to submit a proposal, with a jury made up of the NSW Government Architect, Parramatta City Architect, representatives from Council and an independent architect from the City of Sydney meeting on 15 March 2016 to choose the winning design.

Key points of the brief that the architecture firms will need to consider in their designs include:

- The building must be the hero of Parramatta Square – it has to stand out in a worldclass public space.
- The building must be an obvious seat of government.
- The design must be iconic so when people see an image of the civic headquarters, they automatically associate it with Parramatta.
- The building must be permeable and allow for easy access from the public domain. It will be a modern and accessible building for the people and something the whole community of Parramatta will be proud of.
- It must stand the test of time and be unique to Parramatta.

The finalists:

#### **Manuelle Gautrand Architecture, DesignInc and Lacoste + Stevenson**

Paris-based Manuelle Gautrand Architecture's architecture embraces the endless variety of forms and colours, using the most contemporary methods of planning in a variety of areas ranging from cultural facilities to residential, commercial and office buildings.

Among the firm's recent completed projects are the "Origami" office building on Friedland Avenue in Paris and La Gaité Lyrique, an old Parisian theatre transformed into a centre for contemporary and digital arts and music.

DesignInc is a multi award-winning firm that champions an integrated approach to sustainable architecture, interior and urban design, with a focus on the creation of quality environments that reconcile natural, social, urban and economic forces. Examples of their work include Royal Adelaide Hospital, the CTI and Metro Residences in Chatswood and City of Melbourne's Council House 2.

Lacoste + Stevenson has a broad range of experience in public buildings, commercial spaces, urban design. The firm has developed a reputation for innovative and responsive solutions to both public and private projects. Their work has won domestic and international praise and awards. Projects include the refurbishment of Customs House in Sydney and the extension of the Overseas Archive Centre in France known as the Treasure Chest.

#### **Johnson Pilton Walker**

Sydney firm Johnson Pilton Walker has completed projects of every scale from modest residential additions to significant urban redevelopment schemes transforming cities. They have a depth of experience in designing award-winning public, institutional, residential, commercial, educational, leisure, hospitality and industrial projects. Examples of their work include Governor Macquarie Tower, Governor Phillip Tower and the National Portrait Gallery.



### Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp

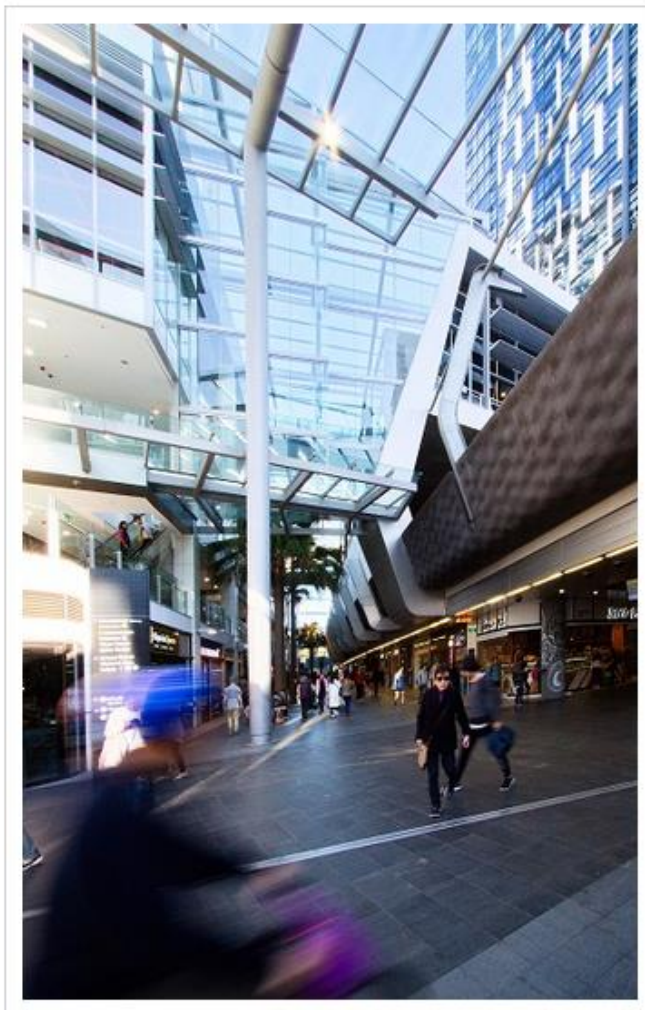
Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp is one of Australia's foremost and awarded architectural practices. The practice has completed projects throughout Australia and overseas, with the results being acclaimed through receipt of Australia's highest architectural and construction awards, including the AIA Sir Zelman Cowen Award for Public Buildings and the Lloyd Rees Award for Urban Design, the NZIA Architecture Medal, and the RIBA International Award. Local projects include the 64,000sqm Darling Quarter and the adaptive reuse of The Mint—Historic Houses Trust in Sydney.

### SJB and Lahznimmo Architects

Award-winning firm SJB has worked across Australia, Asia and Europe for more than 30 years with the goal of creating better places and cities through architecture. SJB embraces the disciplines of architecture, interior design, town planning and urban design both locally and internationally. Projects include the Newcastle Aquatic Centre and residential development Casba that won the World Architecture Festival Awards 2015.

Sydney-based Lahznimmo Architects has a design philosophy that strives to craft an architecture which makes a social and cultural contribution. Awards include the NSW Architecture Awards Urban Design Award, International Property Award, AIA NSW Premier's

Award and AILA NSW Design Award. Examples of their work include the Lowy Cancer Research Centre and the Taronga Zoo Sumatran Tiger Adventure.



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