

04/2016 - International competition for the construction of the Parramatta Square's Landmark civic and community building in Parramatta

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This international design award was launched by the Parramatta City Council. The short-listed firms were:

- Manuelle Gautrand Architecture, Paris (France), with Lacoste + Stevenson, Sidney & Designinc, (Sidney - Australia)
- Johnson Pilton Walker, (Sidney - Australia)
- Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp (Sidney - Australia)
- S.J.B. (Melbourne - Sidney - Australia) with Lahzimm Architects (Sidney - Australia)

The ambition of the City of Parramatta was: "We want this development to be unique and spectacular – a building that will be recognized around the world and help to put Parramatta on the map".

A cutting-edge glass construction featuring a wave-shaped façade of crystalline blocks has been selected as the winning design for Parramatta Square's landmark civic and community building.

Manuelle Gautrand Architecture, Paris (France), with Lacoste + Stevenson, Sidney & Designinc, (Sidney - Australia) are the Winner of the international competition for the construction of the Parramatta Square's Landmark civic and community building in Parramatta (Australia).

The design has been endorsed by Parramatta City Council after a jury voted unanimously to award the international design competition to a consortium of French firm Manuelle Gautrand Architecture and Australian firms DesignInc and Lacoste + Stevenson.

"The jury was tasked with selecting an iconic design and they have certainly fulfilled that brief. The architects have produced a contemporary and thought-provoking design that is sure to become a must-see destination for visitors to Parramatta, and we congratulate the team on producing a spectacular winning design" Lord Mayor of Parramatta Cr Paul Garrard Cr Garrard said.

The eye-catching design encapsulates and extends above the historic Town Hall with a cantilevered structure providing a platform for the Council Chambers.

"This design truly cements 5 Parramatta Square as the civic heart of our City. The transparency of the glass façade makes the building inviting and open for the community to explore the library of the future, public roof garden, customer contact center, visitor experience center, community meeting rooms and technology hub. All this is within a building that is designed to achieve at least a 5-Star Green Star rating."

Core to the building design is a stack of transparent glass that gradually rises to the north-east with a large LED screen for the public art projections. Built into the entire lower levels of the southern façade will be a LED screen for multimedia projections, which will be able to display images such as public art and event programs.

The upper levels of the southern façade will also be able to be used for projections of public art.

"This will be a building that defines Parramatta as a Smart City. The interactive nature of the building and library of the future will be something that locals and visitors will be able to enjoy for decades to come. It has also been cleverly designed to pay respect to heritage and merge together the past, present and future" Cr Garrard said.

In announcing its decision the jury said: "The winning scheme is an exemplary architectural masterpiece that delivers a 21st century solution within Parramatta City Council's modern smart-city metropolis."

The building will accommodate various spaces as a library, a Smart City Command Center, Community Meeting rooms, a community technology Hub, an Innovation space, a visitor experience center, Council chambers, Council customer services, Council Offices, and common facilities.

The \$50 million project will cover six-storeys with a Gross Floor Area (GFA) of approximately 12.000 sqm.

The "5 Parramatta Square" building will take place in the heart of the city, within the important « Parramatta Square » Urban Development, over than 2 billion AU\$ (1,5 billion €)

The concept designs will undergo detailed analysis before a Development Application (DA) is lodged, which is expected to be by the end of 2016. The designs will be placed on public exhibition as part of the DA process.

The building is expected to be delivered in 2019.

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