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Media release

Queen's Wharf Brisbane pedestrian bridge preferred contractor announced

Destination Brisbane Consortium has awarded preferred contractor status to Fitzgerald Constructions Australia for the construction of the Neville Bonner Bridge that will provide a pedestrian link between the transformational Queen's Wharf Brisbane integrated resort development and South Bank.

The appointment follows a robust tender process and represents a significant milestone in the delivery of the overall project.

Fitzgerald Constructions is a specialist marine works and bridge building company. Their recent achievements include the new road bridge at The Star Gold Coast, and in Melbourne the iconic Seafarers Bridge and Jim Stynes Bridge. All have left a lasting legacy reflecting Fitzgerald Constructions' strong construction capability.

Destination Brisbane Consortium Project Director Simon Crooks said the contract still required finalisation and remained subject to approvals and State Government endorsement – with initial works to start around March 2020.

"Fitzgerald Constructions will deliver Brisbane's newest bridge in more than 10 years and create an icon for the river city," Mr Crooks said.

"The Neville Bonner Bridge will create a pedestrian connection between the CBD and the cultural heart of the city as well as the transport hubs at South Bank.

"The bridge will be built from South Bank first across the river to join with the integrated resort development's key retail, food and beverage level.

"It's a significant construction contract that will take around 24 months to complete and cross over the top of the Riverside Expressway.

"We are confident that Fitzgerald Constructions will do a great job delivering what will become an iconic symbol across the heart of our city.

"Destination Brisbane Consortium has been engaging for many years with local stakeholders including marine and government authorities and South Bank Corp to ensure this bridge delivers what was promised during the bid – a pedestrian connection that will enhance and better connect the CBD to South Bank."

Works will commence at South Bank between the Wheel of Brisbane and the river's edge around March 2020 with the bridge structure expected to connect with the integrated resort development over the Riverside Expressway in April 2021.

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The \$3.6 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane development is being delivered by Destination Brisbane Consortium – a joint venture led by The Star Entertainment Group alongside its Hong Kong-based partners, Chow Tai Fook Enterprises and Far East Consortium.

Queen's Wharf Brisbane will transform the CBD with four new luxury hotels, more than 50 new bars and restaurants, 2,000 residential apartments and the equivalent of 12 football fields of public space when the \$3.6 billion development is complete.

To learn more about Queen's Wharf Brisbane, visit www.queenswharfbrisbane.com.au and/or our Facebook page www.facebook.com/queenswharfbrisbane/.

Video animation of the bridge design and renders can be accessed at this link - <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/56xlcpk9glzsuvj/AAAzAIC8DREyRipvdTgmnDta?dl=0>



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