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REGIONAL ROADSHOW TO STAR JOBS, TRAINING AND PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUEENSLANDERS

A regional roadshow to inform Queenslanders on how they can prepare for significant jobs, training, and procurement opportunities with The Star Entertainment Group was launched in Brisbane today.

Nine other locations are included in a comprehensive roll out across the state during 2016.

The Star Entertainment Group is the lead partner in the Destination Brisbane Consortium, which will deliver the multi-billion dollar Queen's Wharf Brisbane integrated resort development, planned to open in the CBD in 2022.

The consortium is currently working on its Application for Plan of Development to submit to Economic Development Queensland before the end of the year.

Once approved, the consortium will tender for early works including hoarding the site for safety, demolition of non-heritage buildings, and excavation for works expected to start in 2017. Main construction works are planned to commence in late 2018 or early 2019.

The company is also the operator of the iconic Jupiters Gold Coast in Broadbeach, where it is working with its consortium partners to explore further development opportunities at the property including a 4.5- star hotel and apartment tower and a multi-billion dollar master plan concept, both subject to approvals.

The Star Entertainment Group Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg said the roadshow is part of the company's wider commitment to Queensland and to drive awareness and innovation to help create these 'quintessentially Queensland' developments.

"Queensland tourism has a bright and exciting future with record demand coming from Asia, in particular China, and forecasts predicting this will continue to rise strongly in the future," Mr Hogg said.

"The size and scale of our developments will provide significant jobs, training, and supplier opportunities for Queenslanders – but these do not need to be limited to the south east corner.

"We want to create 'quintessentially Queensland' integrated resorts and to do that, we need to find the best of Queensland.

"The best experience to help construct our iconic developments, the best talent to deliver five and six-star hospitality service when these open, and the best quality produce to plate up in our new restaurants, to name a few."

The Queen's Wharf Brisbane integrated resort will turn a largely underutilised part of the city into a worldclass tourism, leisure, and entertainment destination, and is expected to generate more than 2000 jobs at peak construction, and 8000 jobs once fully operational.

Meanwhile, Jupiters Gold Coast is currently undergoing a \$345 million transformation including a refurbishment of the existing five-star hotel and the building of a new six-star all-suite hotel.

This investment could potentially increase to around \$850 million with the proposal for the new 4.5-star hotel and apartment tower. If approved this year, construction works could begin in 2017.

The 4.5-star tower, along with the six-star tower already underway, are expected to generate more than 1000 construction jobs and increase the property's overall workforce to around 2300 employees once complete and fully operational.

"I'm really looking forward to providing audiences with an update on these developments, and to start a conversation across Brisbane and regional Queensland about what will be needed in the form of jobs, training, and suppliers in the years to come," Mr Hogg said.

"We want people and businesses to come along to the roadshow so they can start thinking now about whether they could help contribute to making these developments great success stories for Queensland."

The roadshow is being delivered by the Department of State Development, in partnership with The Star Entertainment Group, as part of its annual Major Project Series. From July to November this year, it will visit Toowoomba, the Sunshine Coast, Mackay, Rockhampton, the Wide Bay Burnett region (via Maryborough), Springfield Lakes, the Gold Coast, Townsville, and Cairns.

For further information, and to view the full Queensland schedule, visit www.mpc.qld.gov.au.

Procurement information for Queen's Wharf Brisbane will be made available in due course via www.destinationbrisbaneconsortium.com.au.

Procurement information for Jupiters Gold Coast's proposed new developments will be made available via www.jupitersgoldcoast.com.au.

Current job vacancies with The Star Entertainment Group can be found by visiting www.starentertainmentgroup.com.au.

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