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HOME AT THE HEART OF GOLD COAST OPEN HOUSE SPEAKER EVENT

How does sense of home translate, in our lifestyle, our city; from the micro dwelling to the home in the sky?

Some of the best and brightest Gold Coast architects and designers will address the question at a free speaker event, micro to MACRO, on Wednesday 2 November 2016 from 6pm at Gold Coast City Art Gallery.

The event will be staged as a prelude to Gold Coast Open House, which takes place on the Gold Coast on Saturday 5 November.

Designers of beach shacks, luxury mansions, micro homes and tower apartments will deliver short presentations followed by a panel discussion moderated by Philip Follent, Australian Institute of Architects Gold Coast/Northern Rivers co-chair, followed by audience Q&A.

The speakers are:

Pam Deasy: Architecture graduate, Griffith University; Thesis Breezeblocks, has been working on a modest renovation of her 1960s home.

Matt Eagle: Architect and lecturer at the Abedian School of Architecture, Bond University, designer of award-winning Patio House, Palm Beach.

Pia and Richi Willemsen: Willemsen Architecture architects whose award-winning ventures include ALTA, a three level, six unit building that breaks the duplex typology of Main Beach.

Ros Hemley: Architect of the interior space, a multi-award winning design firm specialising in resorts, residences and high rise projects in Australia and Indonesia.

“Gold Coast Open House not only gets you behind the scenes of our city’s architecture and spaces, but into the minds of creative lifestyle shapers,” said Mr Follent.

A highlight will be a screening of 50 Years in Paradise, a short film about the 50-year-old Paradise Tower in Surfers Paradise, by Alex Chomicz, a photographer and filmmaker whose recent work includes the ABC1 documentary Polymorphous. Chomicz is an architecture photographer who works in the US, UK and China.

Gold Coast Open House 2016 will unlock doors of unusual, interesting and architecturally significant buildings and places for behind-the-scenes tours on Saturday 5 November 2016.

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The 31 participating venues range from historic sites like former Southport Town Hall and the Gold Coast's first ambulance station to the eclectic design environment of QT Gold Coast at Surfers Paradise. Gold Coast Open House venues offer a mix of guided and self-guided tours. Some need to be pre-booked.

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