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Architects chosen for Ulladulla Civic Centre redevelopment

Shoalhaven City Council has appointed the Sydney architects, Brewster Hjorth, to work with Council and the southern Shoalhaven community to prepare a concept design for the redevelopment of the Ulladulla Civic Centre and Library.

Council's Director Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Peter Adams said that 27 proposals were received from architects to undertake the project.

"Selection of the preferred design team was based on relevant experience in the design of civic centres and libraries, price, value for money, and the architect's understanding of the project," Mr Adams said.

Brewster Hjorth is widely considered to be Australia's leading library design firm. Over the last 15 years they have been involved in the design of more than 12 civic centre developments and 18 libraries across eastern Australia.

At this stage Council has \$5.1 million budgeted for the project and Council will be relying on the architects to identify design solutions to address the ideas that have been provided by the comprehensive community consultation undertaken by Council last year.

Mr Adams said: "Coming up with a design that falls within the budget will be a big challenge and will involve adaptability and flexibility to design. Notwithstanding this, Council will be pursuing additional funding for the project from other levels of government."

Council has established a Project Steering Panel involving elected Councillors and members of the community to oversee the project and at this stage detailed plans should be available to the community for further consultation in August 2011.

"Council is looking forward to a much improved facility which will bring excitement and a sense of identity to the Ulladulla community," Mr Adams said.

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