

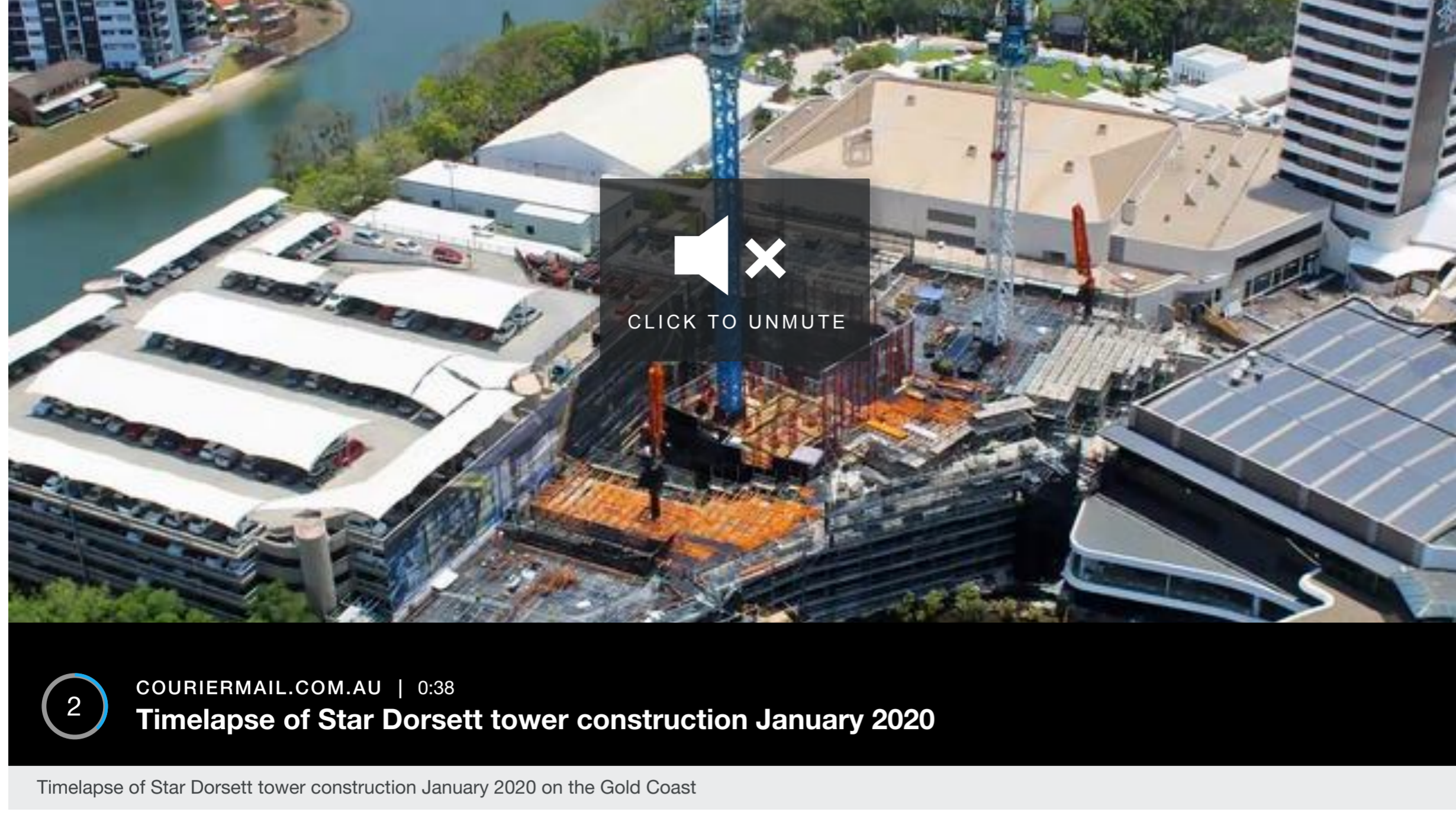
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Big plans for new Star Entertainment tower

Star Entertainment's \$6 billion transformation of the Brisbane and Gold Coast skylines continues to take shape, with a new tower planned reaching a milestone. **SEE HOW IT'LL LOOK**

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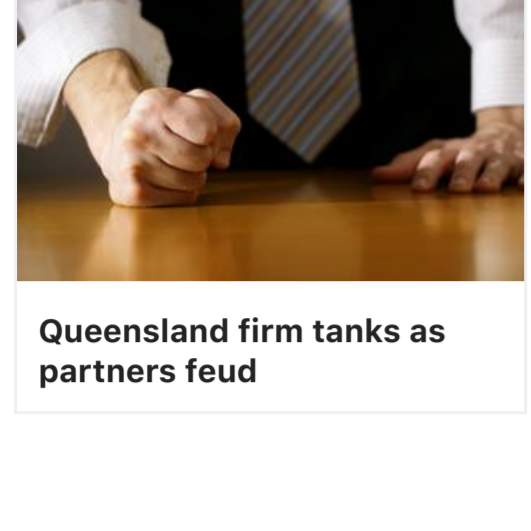
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Timelapse of Star Dorsett tower construction January 2020 on the Gold Coast

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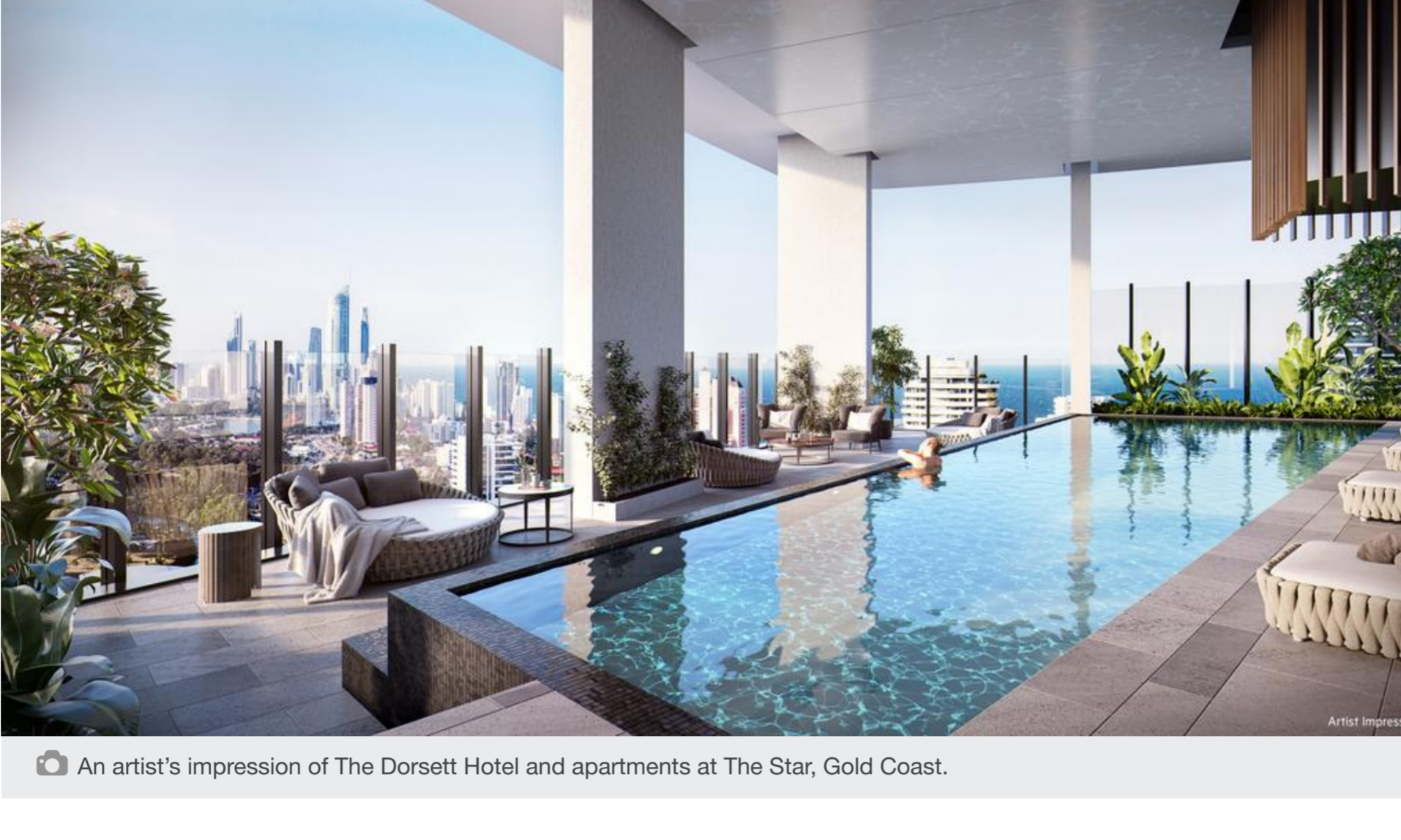
Star Entertainment's \$6 billion transformation of the Brisbane and Gold Coast skylines continues to take shape, on time and on budget, despite the impact of the coronavirus pandemic crippling the economy.

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Days after the company advertised for a lucrative contract to furnish the Queen's Wharf project, another major milestone has been reached on the Gold Coast, with a new tower planned for a Dorsett hotel and residential apartments already reaching 10 floors.

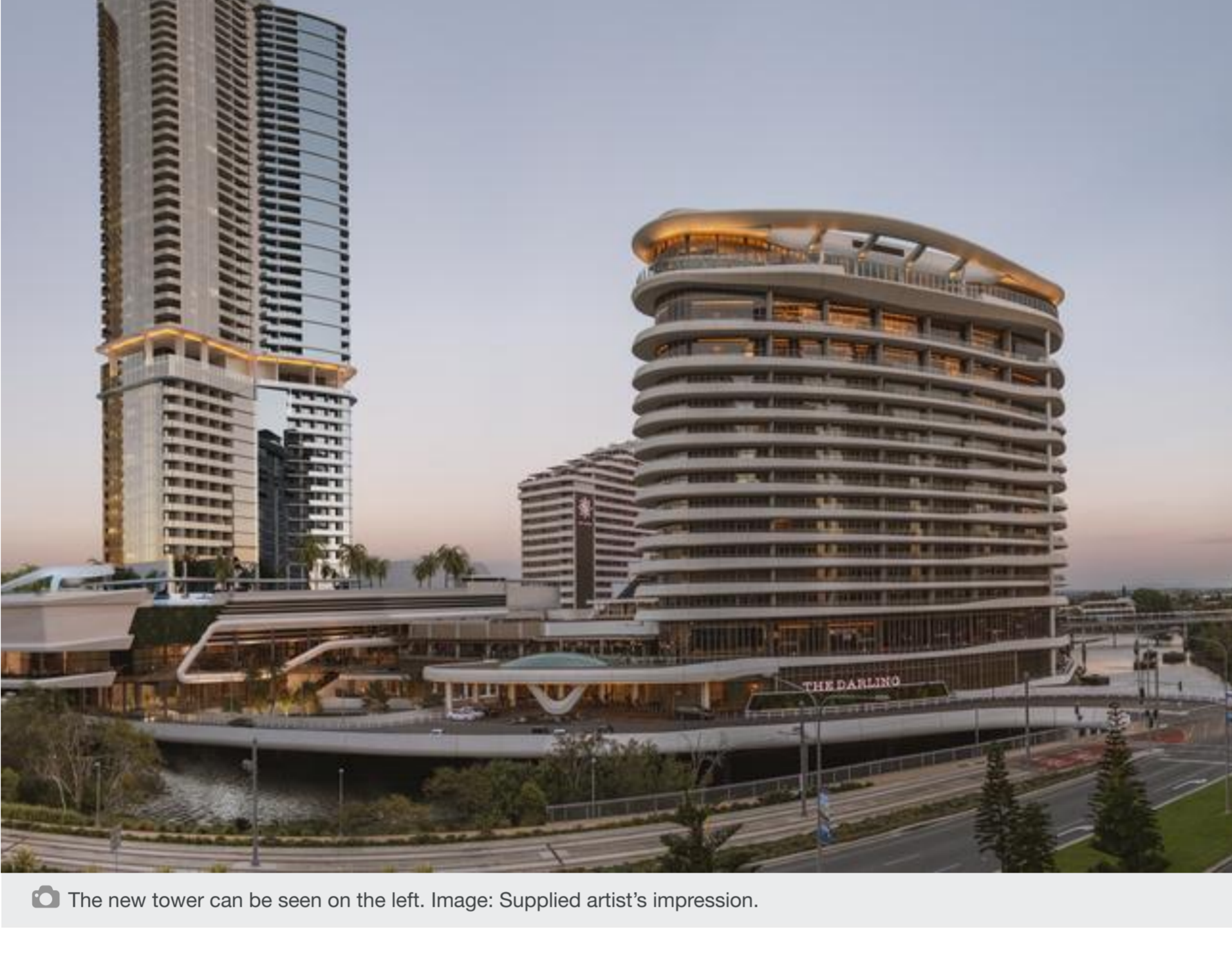
It will eventually stand at 53 storeys when it is completed in 2022.



An artist's impression of The Dorsett Hotel and apartments at The Star, Gold Coast.

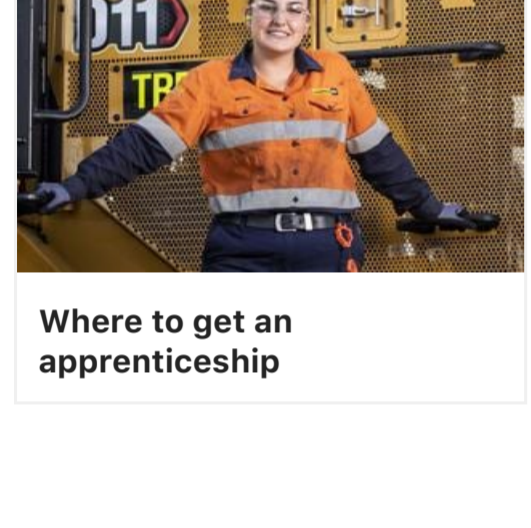
The six-level podium structure for the new tower is already complete, with level six to showcase resort pools and sun decks, dining precincts and a sunset lawn and events area.

Despite the significant impacts of COVID-19 – and the shutdown of The Star Gold Coast property – construction on the Dorsett tower has continued unimpeded.



The new tower can be seen on the left. Image: Supplied artist's impression.

Feature elements of the podium's facade – like those installed on The Darling hotel's exterior – and the bridge linking the new tower to the existing property were manufactured locally in southeast Queensland, reducing the risk of supply chain issues for materials being sourced further afield.



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An artist's impression of inside the Dorsett Hotel and apartments at The Star, Gold Coast.

Star CEO Matt Bekier said the project – and its ability to avoid COVID disruption – could act as a lightning rod for the state's tourism industry.

"New tourism infrastructure will be crucial to the sector's and the economy's recovery," he said.

"We've produced real money to deliver real outcomes."



An artist's impression of the new-look Star Gold Coast.

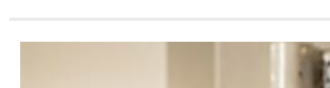


Diners enjoy a meal served at Nineteen at The Star at one minute past midnight on Saturday, May 16, as coronavirus restrictions in Queensland are eased.



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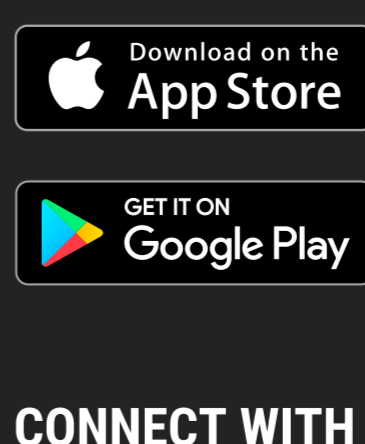
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