

➤ CBD REVITALISATION TENDER SHORTLIST

MACKAY Regional Council has short listed applicants for the main City Centre Revitalisation Project tender.

BMD Urban, FK Gardner and Sons, Shamrock Civil

Engineering and Vassallo Construction have been asked to provide a tender for the \$18 million project.

The refurbishment work on Wood and Victoria Sts is set

to start in July.

The work is jointly funded by the council and Federal Government through the Regional Development Australia Fund.

To stay up to date with progress on the City Centre Revitalisation Project, subscribe to the newsletter at www.mackay.qld.gov.au/newsletters.



CITY ICON: Zined Group managing director Deniz Mete (left) and Mackay Regional Council CBD Revitalisation project manager Jim Carless are keen to see the old Pioneer Shire Building restored to its former glory. PHOTO: TONY MARTIN

Zined signed up for heritage restoration

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LONG-TERM Mackay residents have fond memories of the old Pioneer Shire Council building.

Even Mayor Deirdre Comerford said the park beside the building was once her favourite spot to eat her lunch when she was working

in the city centre during the '80s.

Now the Mackay icon is set to get its shine back, with a contract for the restoration work for the heritage-listed building awarded to the Zined Group.

The group's managing director Deniz Mete said a challenge of the project would be to preserve the

structural integrity of the building, while improving its "overall looks".

"I'm very excited to be a part of this history-making process for Mackay," he said.

CBD Revitalisation project manager Jim Carless said the 79-year-old asset was "in good hands" with Zined.

"It is one of the purest

examples of Art Deco architecture, and a place of local significance to long-time residents of Mackay, so a great place to be able to re-activate," he said.

The project, to cost almost \$500,000 will restore the building to its former glory.

Work is planned to get under way at the end of this month.