

Light Rail Mail

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Welcome to GoldLinQ's Light Rail Mail

This monthly newsletter is our way of keeping you informed about what's happening with the Gold Coast light rail project. We thank you for your continued interest in the project and look forward to your ongoing support.

Nerang Street Works

Southport is a medical, commercial, retail and residential hub expected to undergo significant growth in coming decades. To meet the suburb's current and future public transport needs a total of five light rail stations are being established.

As part of Southport's continued evolution, Nerang Street between Scarborough and Davenport Streets will ultimately become a pedestrian mall with a light rail station in the centre. Construction work in this part of Nerang Street will start in mid April.

To assist businesses during this time, temporary parking has been reinstated in Nerang Street between Davenport and High Streets until late 2012.

During construction:

- All pedestrian and vehicle access will be maintained.
- Safety barriers and fencing will be erected to contain the work area.
- Some on street parking will be removed.
- Extensive public utilities such as Energex will be relocated.

Current plans reflect work being carried out between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday to Saturday. Some works will occur at night to limit the impact on pedestrians and traffic. Timing of this work is subject to wet weather conditions and construction activities. Possible external influences mean plans could change, should this occur GoldLinQ will

communicate directly with those affected.

GoldLinQ is committed to minimising disruptions during construction of Queensland's first light rail system.



News in brief



Fast facts



Message from the project team

Life-changing experience for local students

University students on the Gold Coast are now gaining experience on a world-class project thanks to the GoldLinQ Education Program.

GoldLinQ is involved with [Bond University's](#) Work Experience and Internships Program and [Griffith University's](#) Industry Affiliates Program allowing students to play an active role in Stage One of Queensland's first light rail system.

GoldLinQ CEO Phil Mumford said the partnership was not only good for students but also helped the light rail consortium stay up-to-date with the latest technology and research.

"By having blue-sky thinking students involved in our work we can go above and beyond industry standards in environmental practice," Mr Mumford said.

"We look forward to partnering with the universities and more students as the program goes on."

University student Rohit Kad said this type of city-changing light rail construction is exactly where he

About the light rail

• Light rail vehicles will [operate frequently](#) along the route every day of the week with a special early morning service on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Services will run:

- > **Every 7.5 minutes from 7am–7pm daily.**
- > **Every 15 minutes from 5am–7am and 7pm–11.50pm daily.**
- > **Every 30 minutes from 12midnight–5am on Friday and Saturday night.**
- > **No services will operate from 12midnight–5am Sunday to Thursday.**

• [Stage One](#) of Gold Coast light rail will reduce bus route duplication allowing existing bus services to be redistributed. This will help strengthen cross-city connectivity and improve east-west public transport options. High frequency bus services will also connect with the light rail creating a feeder service for residents and visitors to conveniently access infrastructure, businesses and major activity centres.

Introducing Joe Pereira

[Broadbeach](#) is a popular destination for locals and tourists alike, with its beautiful beach and buzzing entertainment precinct.

This is why GoldLinQ's newly appointed Place Manager for Broadbeach Joe Pereira, is excited about working closely with local business operators and residents to ensure they are kept up-to-date with the latest project information.

Joe has more than 20 years experience in communications and community engagement specialising in major infrastructure projects (\$500 million plus) including Ballina Bypass, Sydney's Lane Cove Tunnel and the Warragamba Dam.

Joe, who also has extensive experience in all three levels of government, said a personal career highlight was working on the 2000 Olympics.

A former radio presenter, Joe is keen to tune in to everything Broadbeach-related. He is excited about the project and the benefits it will bring to the area.

wants to be.

The Bond University Masters of Construction Practice final-year student is working with GoldLinQ's Environment and Sustainability Team in a student placement for four months.

"I have been to places like China and Melbourne and haven't found a project that aligns with my beliefs about sustainability like here on the Gold Coast with light rail," he said.

- The system will operate on the same [Translink](#) ticketing and zoning system as buses with Stage One of light rail extending across two fare zones. Passengers will be able to use [go cards](#) that can be validated at the platform prior to boarding and again after disembarking to ensure a smooth and timely service. Single use tickets will also be available for infrequent travellers and visitors.

Working closely with Julia Coates, Community Relations Officer – South, Joe will happily answer questions about [construction](#) progress of Queensland's first light rail system.

For the latest project information or to speak with the GoldLinQ Communications and Stakeholder Engagement team contact 1800 967 377*.

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