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## Welcome to GoldLinQ's first edition of 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.







Meet the GoldLinQ Chairman

#### Gold Coast light rail is on track for 2014

Taking control of the Gold Coast light rail corridor on 10 January 2012 commenced a busy couple of years for GoldLinQ in delivering this critical piece of infrastructure.

The first visible activities will be the establishment of site offices, compounds and laydown areas along the corridor. Staff located at site offices will coordinate the construction activities in their nearby work zones.

#### Come and visit us!

On 9 January GoldLinQ opened a Gold Coast light rail Visitor Centre in Southport. The Visitor Centre acts as a 'shop front' for the project by providing an opportunity for people to learn more about Stage One of the light rail system, see photos of construction and read about other light rail systems around the world.

GoldLinQ CEO, Phil Mumford said the Visitor Centre provides people with a chance to speak with a

### Five minutes with John Witheriff

As Chairman of the Board, John Witheriff is a driving force to ensure GoldLinQ remains focussed on the needs of the Gold Coast and its people. John has worked with the GoldLinQ team since tender stage and is a long term resident and businessman of the Gold Coast.

John is very passionate about how light rail will transform the Gold Coast, becoming a catalyst for its

Compounds and laydown areas are allocated land parcels used by the construction teams to accommodate materials, plant, and equipment. By having these areas close to the works zones, GoldLinQ will be able to minimise construction related traffic and improve efficiency.

Early construction work for 2012 includes major structures such as the dedicated light rail bridge over the Nerang River, the Smith Street viaduct and the light rail depot at Southport.

GoldLinQ has a A\$1 billion Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract with the Queensland Government to design, build, finance, operate and maintain the light rail system for the next 18 years. This includes the selection and purchase of light rail vehicles, station design, bridge construction, track laying and the assembly of the overhead power supply.

member of the project team.

"We want to keep the community informed. Staff will be at the Visitor Centre to share information and educate people about the project," he said.

"We want the Gold Coast to feel confident in GoldLinQ's ability to deliver this world-class light rail system and that we have the city's best interests at heart."

More than 300 people attended on the opening day and it continues to be a popular place for the community to learn about this city-changing project.

The <u>Visitor Centre</u> is located at the Australia Fair Shopping Centre - Level 2, 42 Marine Parade,
Southport. The centre is staffed from Monday to Friday between 9.00am – 5.00pm.

next phase of growth and development.

Click here to find out John's thoughts on being Chairman of GoldLinQ, the challenges facing the Gold Coast during construction and what his favourite part of the Gold Coast is.









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