



The regular newsletter is our way of keeping you informed about what's happening with the Gold Coast light rail.

## Building a legacy

A busy 2013 for the GoldLinQ consortium

The GoldLinQ consortium is gearing up for a busy 2013 and, one month in, the Gold Coast light rail has significant progress to report.

To date, GoldLinQ's Design and Construction Joint Venture (D&C JV) team, McConnell Dowell and Bombardier Transportation has:

- Poured 9,097 cubic metres of concrete.
- Laid 3,320 metres of track.
- Installed 764 piles and crossed seven major intersections.
- The Smith Street Bridge has taken shape, with bridge girders now in place and clearly visible from the busy motorway. The first track at the Depot site has been laid and construction of the control centre building is progressing at a rapid rate.

D&C JV Project Director, Simon Bradbury said constructing a light rail system to link fast growing commercial, retail and recreational centres in Australia's sixth largest city is a complex engineering challenge.

"We are building a lasting legacy on the Gold Coast and as an investor in the project, McConnell Dowell is passionate about and committed to delivering Queensland's first contemporary light rail," Mr Bradbury said.

The year ahead will see construction ramp up and many more milestones achieved in order to deliver 13 kilometres of world-class transport infrastructure for the Gold Coast by mid-2014.

Construction in the busy hub of Surfers Paradise will intensify, with Surfers Paradise Boulevard being a focal point for underground services relocation and upgrades, track form works, track laying and beautification.

Similarly, Broadbeach and Southport will see increased construction activity as underground services, track form works and track laying progress along the corridor. More than one kilometre of track has been laid in Broadbeach and cars are travelling over tracks at the busy intersection of Remembrance Drive and the Gold Coast Highway.

Construction also begins this year on the light rail stations and by the end of the year the first of these will emerge. Overhead line poles will be installed throughout the year and from September operational access to the Depot, Gold Coast University Hospital, Southport and Broadwater Parklands stations will be achieved.

2013 will see the hallmarks of the Gold Coast light rail begin to materialise along the corridor. Once complete, the system will be capable of moving 75,000 passengers a day, positioning the region for future growth.



Christmas in Paradise

## Gold Coast shines at Christmas

Visitors and locals were wowed over the 2012 Christmas holiday period as Surfers Paradise turned on festive celebrations and superb shopping for Gold Coast locals and tourists.

In partnership with the [Surfers Paradise Alliance](#), GoldLinQ sponsored "Christmas in Paradise", which saw construction halt along the Surfers Paradise Boulevard and the Christmas spirit take over.

Christmas acts, carols, lights and family activities were in abundance as shoppers were eagerly welcomed within the Gold Coast light rail Surfers Paradise precinct.



Community Grants

## Little souls taking bigger steps with GoldLinQ's help

The children at Little Souls Taking Big Steps are taking even bigger steps thanks to the Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grants program 2012.

The local Gold Coast childcare and early intervention centre for children with Autism was one of seven organisations selected to receive the grant late last year.

As one of Australia's only dedicated one-on-one Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) therapy centres for autistic children, Little Souls used the grant to secure much-needed computer equipment for their little wonders.



Message from the project team

## GoldLinQ celebrates one million man-hours LTI

The Gold Coast light rail team has achieved the significant milestone of One Million Man-hours without loss of time and injury free (LTI).

Working in the centre of Australia's sixth largest city, the team reached this achievement in January 2013, following the awarding of the contract in May 2011.

GoldLinQ's commitment to sustaining a Zero Harm environment ensures that employees and public safety is top of mind at all times.

GoldLinQ's Design and Construction Joint Venture (D&C JV) Project

GoldLinQ CEO Phil Mumford said partnering with the Alliance to bring Christmas festivities to Surfers Paradise was a way to say thank you to traders and residents for their patience during light rail construction.

“GoldLinQ understands that Christmas festivities make up a big part of the year for everyone, and we are committed to supporting business and social activities on the light rail corridor” Mr Mumford said.

Gold Coast traders, who pinned their hopes on a bumper Christmas period weren't disappointed, as the festive season delivered traders with the holiday [shopping figures](#) they were hoping for.

GoldLinQ recommenced works along the 13-kilometre light rail corridor in Surfers Paradise in late January and will continue to deliver this city changing project for commencement in 2014.

Little Souls Director Graham Dytor said the use of the latest technologies is an important part of the centre's learning programs.

“The laptops are great for the children as they are integrated into their therapy,” he said.

“Computer programs are designed after each child's individual strength and weaknesses are assessed then tailored to the needs of that child.

“Programs include imitation skills, speech and language skills and attention skills, as well as gross and fine motor skills, academic skills and self-help skills.”

Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grants program 2012 was established by the Design and Construction Joint Venture partner (D&C JV) of GoldLinQ, McConnell Dowell Constructors and Bombardier Transportation. The program aims to benefit a wide range of organisations that provide important services to Gold Coast residents and businesses affected by the construction of Queensland's first light rail, as well as future system users.

D&C JV Project Director Simon Bradbury said delivering financial and social benefits while leaving a lasting legacy for the communities where GoldLinQ is working is one way the light rail project can give back to the community.

The first round of Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grants program for 2013 will be announced in February.

Director, Simon Bradbury said every person involved in the delivery of Stage one of the light rail system has a role to play in sustaining a Zero Harm environment

“This milestone is a significant achievement and is something that many construction and infrastructure projects aim for, but don't always achieve,” Mr Bradbury said.

“A strong focus on identifying and controlling hazards, reducing exposure to health and safety risks and supporting general health and wellbeing of our team members has ensured we realised this milestone.”

“It's a team objective and one we otherwise wouldn't have achieved, if not for the hard work and effort from all of our employees and the care that they display for one another to ensure everyone gets home without harm each and every day.”

The safety performance on the project is a direct reflection of the D&C JV's ambition to be a role model in safety; setting high standards and continually improving safety performance.

The project will intensify construction along the 13-kilometre corridor in the coming months to ensure completion of the project by 2014.

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