

Light Rail Mail

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Photos by Michael Ambrey (left), Jonathon Young (middle) and Abbey Eglington (right) from the recent Stepping Out in Southport competition, will be used on the Southport construction hoardings.

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

Local images show Southport's evolution

To help maintain the visual amenity of the corridor during construction, GoldLinQ will erect printed site hoardings on sections of fencing in areas along Scarborough and Nerang Streets in Southport.

In Southport the designs reflect the ongoing change in the community and local streetscape by combining artist impressions of the light rail, contemporary photos of the area and a selection of historical images.

A selection of images submitted by local photographers for the recent [Gold Coast City Council](#) run [Step Out in Southport photographic competition](#), are also being printed on the hoardings.

Michael Ambrey, who took the photo of the old clock against the modern high rise, has been an active photographer since 1979 and enjoys perfecting his photos through composition and digital editing.

Abbey Eglington, who submitted a photo of a fence and historical house, is an architecture student who has been taking photos since she was five years old.

Jonathan Young, who is 14, won the under 15 years section of the competition for his photo of the Southport pontoon. He is always looking for photo opportunities and is keen to learn more and get some better equipment to continue his passion.



News in brief

New Visitor Centre unveiled

A [new light rail Visitor Centre](#) is now open in central Surfers Paradise at the corner of Cypress and Ferny Avenues.

The centre is designed to resemble a tram and is located adjacent to GoldLinQ's Cypress Avenue site which is now wrapped and ready.

New hoardings erected around the site showcase Surfers Paradise imagery provided by the [Surfers Paradise Alliance](#) and SP Vision, along with light rail artist impressions and the 'Love Our City' logo.

[GoldLinQ](#) CEO Phil Mumford said the Visitor Centre is a place where locals and tourists can learn about this city-changing project.

"At the Visitor Centre people can learn about the Stage One route, see what the inside of our trams will look like and speak with a member from the [Communications and Stakeholder Engagement team](#) about construction," he said.

"In addition to housing the Visitor Centre, the Cypress Avenue site will facilitate construction in Surfers Paradise.

"Forty engineering, underground services, environment and safety personnel from our Design and Construction partner [McConnell](#)

Business Support

Love Our City

Following extensive liaison by the Communications and Stakeholder Engagement team since the GoldLinQ consortium was appointed in June 2011, it is clear Gold Coast businesses are committed to surviving light rail construction to gain the long-term benefits of its operations in 2014.

To activate our commitment to supporting local businesses, The 'Love Our City' campaign was launched in April 2012.

'Love Our City' is about reaching out, working together and ensuring businesses not only survive the construction period but thrive, as the city enters a dynamic new period of prosperity.

'Love Our City' is an exciting opportunity to pull together and support local businesses by choosing to shop, eat, play and stay locally.

The [GoldLinQ consortium](#), consisting of McConnell Dowell (MacDow), Bombardier Transportation (BT and KDR Gold Coast, have jumped on-board the campaign. The campaign was launched internally with a cake purchased from the renowned local Goldsteins Bakery and a number of recent functions have been held at venues along the 13-kilometre Stage One route.

Project update

Nerang River bridge works

Two new bridges will be built across the Nerang River as part of Stage One of the Gold Coast light rail.

A dedicated light rail bridge to trams will be built immediately to the west of the current traffic bridge and a shared pedestrian and cycle bridge will be established on the eastern-side.

To enable the work to commence, GoldLinQ successfully [relocated the Osprey](#) nest located at the north-east corner of the Sundale Bridge.

The Osprey nest is now positioned 50 metres further north ensuring the much-loved birds continue to enjoy unobstructed views of the Broadwater.

GoldLinQ has also established a temporary site compound at the [Proud Park Boat Ramp and Jetty Car Park](#) at Main Beach.

Public access to the car park and boat ramp is closed with alternative trailer parking and boat ramp access provided at the Muriel Henschman Park Boat Ramp on The Spit.

To access this option, vehicles can continue along Waterways Drive, turn left at the roundabout into Seaworld Drive and follow to Muriel Henschman Drive on the left.

During these works temporary

[Dowell](#) currently work from this office.”

The new Visitor Centre was officially launched last month at a community bbq hosted by the [Northcliffe Surf Life Saving Club](#).

It is open 9am to 5pm from Monday through Friday and replaces the highly successful temporary location at Australia Fair in Southport.

As the tourism heart of the Gold Coast, Surfers Paradise Boulevard will be serviced by five light rail stations located at regular intervals along the boulevard, from Main Beach Parade to Remembrance Drive.

A number of [local industry participation targets](#) are also in place for the project to create local jobs on top of the direct and indirect benefits a project of this size provides to the local economy.

Businesses of all sizes are embracing the ‘Love Our City’ campaign and a range of materials including stickers, posters and badges are available for those wishing to promote they are open for business and offering a great service to their community. These initiatives will also have links to GoldLinQ’s future sponsorship, community grants and schools programs. For more information [visit the GoldLinQ website](#).

footpath closures may be required for [safety](#) reasons and alternative pedestrian routes will be provided.

Work will be carried out between 6:30am and 6:30pm, Monday to Saturday. Timing of this work is subject to wet weather conditions and construction activities.

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



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