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Light Rail Mail

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Say hello
to 'the **G:**'

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

G:et on board!

The Gold Coast light rail reached an enormous milestone last month with the arrival of the first trams and the launch of the operations brand, [G:Link](#).

On Friday 20 September, [Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Scott Emerson MP](#), joined City of Gold Coast Mayor, Tom Tate, GoldLinQ Chairman John Witheriff, GoldLinQ CEO, Phil Mumford and a host of other dignitaries and Gold Coast locals to welcome the G: to its new home.

The G:, the light rail's affectionate name, is poised to revolutionise the face of public transport on the Gold Coast. With a bright, bold and outgoing personality, G:Link matches the Gold Coast's modern coastal lifestyle.

G:link will show that great social infrastructure is the critical connector between people and their environment. It helps the local community to welcome visitors through a reliable, comfortable and enjoyable public transport experience in one of the world's most sought-after locations.

The G: will soon be part of the fabric and culture of the Gold Coast with tram testing underway and major construction advancing with more than 85% of rail now laid.

[G:et on board and ride the G: in 2014.](#)



Major milestone for project



Project news



Love Learning initiative

Trams moving on tracks in Southport

Gold Coasters are getting used to seeing trams in the city with testing now underway in Southport.

The 43m long, 60 tonnes [Bombardier Flexity 2](#) trams are moving on the tracks, testing the overhead power, signals and onboard light rail vehicle systems. The testing commenced from the Depot building in Southport near Olympic Circuit southeast along Queen and Nerang Streets to Southport Station in the heart of Southport's CBD.

The testing zone will soon expand to cover the area from the Depot to Griffith University and the underground Gold Coast University Hospital Station on Parklands Drive.

The tram's movement on the tracks in Southport has given the community a chance to see the trams in action and increased public interest in the system and light rail as a mode of modern transport. The project has been inundated with enquiries regarding tram driver recruitment opportunities, not just from the Gold Coast but from Australia and overseas.

[Check out our website](#) for more information on tram movements, how to be safe around the trams and exciting employment opportunities.

Nerang River crossed

The final girder for the Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Bridge across the Nerang River in Southport was lifted into place last month, connecting the light rail route from Southport in the north to Surfers Paradise and Broadbeach in the South.

The LRV Bridge is 375 metres long and is supported by 26 bored concrete piles with steel liners. The bridge is made of twelve spans, the distance between two piles. Two barges were used to complete piling and lift precast concrete beams into place, each beam weighing 60 tonnes and measuring 32 metres in length. Work is now advancing on the bridge decks to allow rail to be laid across the structure.

Construction of a shared pedestrian and cycle bridge has commenced with the barge Leanora now moved to the eastern side of the existing traffic bridge and undertaking piling activities. Once complete, the pedestrian bridge will replace the narrow pedestrian path on the Gold Coast (Sundale) Bridge with a five-metre wide shared pedestrian and bicycle path.

To view a timelapse video of construction of the LRV bridge, [click here](#).

Gold Coast Light Rail Science Tram launched

Primary school students can now gain a unique insight into the science and engineering behind the light rail after the launch of the Gold Coast Light Rail Science resources.

Drawing on the knowledge of local school teachers and students, the resource consists of nine online lessons hosted on [YouTube](#) and [iTunes U](#) designed to easily integrate with classroom activities and objectives.

[Minister for Education, Training and Employment John-Paul Langbroek](#)

said the resource was developed with the help of Benowa State School teachers for students to experience science.

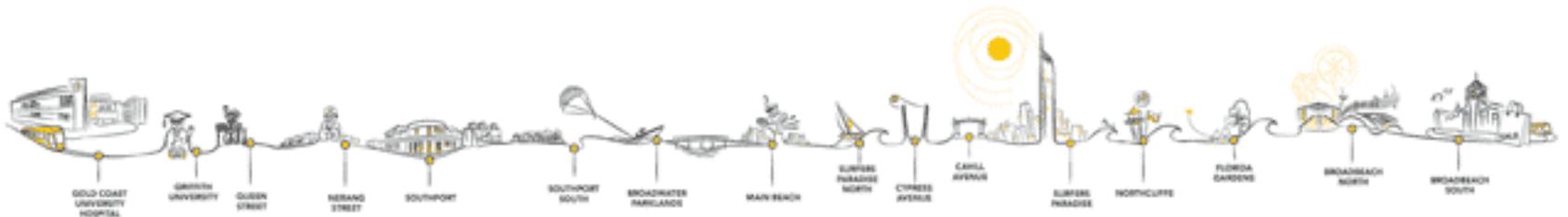
["The Gold Coast Light Rail Science resources](#) are a unique example of innovation and partnership between local industries and schools to develop material on everyday examples of science," Mr Langbroek said.

GoldLinQ CEO Phil Mumford said the project had worked with a range of educational providers.

"To date the project has put together these web episodes, worked with [Griffith](#) and [Bond](#) Universities on research and employment partnerships and hosted school excursions on the light rail corridor as well as partnering with students from

[Gold Coast Institute of TAFE](#) to design staff uniforms,” Mr Mumford said.

The project’s [Love Learning initiative](#) aims to work with local schools, colleges and universities to engage students with the Gold Coast light rail project and we are excited about a number of activities planned for the coming year.



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