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GOLDLINQ AND SURF LIFESAVING QUEENSLAND GOLD COAST PARTNER TO EDUCATE KIDS

GoldLinQ has partnered with Surf Lifesaving Queensland Gold Coast to help educate and encourage local kids to be safe in and out of the water.

As Surf Life Saving Queensland celebrates its 105th anniversary this year, GoldLinQ will help fund the expansion of the Nippers schools education program, as well as sponsor surf sports events and the Under 14 Life Saver of the Year award.

The Nippers schools education program currently reaches around 6,000 school kids along the coastal corridor on the Gold Coast. With GoldLinQ's assistance, the education program will be expanded into the Gold Coast Hinterland to target children who may not visit the beach as often as their coastal counterparts, but still need to be aware of beach and surf safety.

GoldLinQ Chairman John Witheriff said the organisation will also roll out light rail safety education as part of this program, helping ensure Gold Coast youngsters are prepared and know how to be safe around trams when they are on tracks in 2014.

“With light rail coming to the Gold Coast, children who grow up here will know to be aware of trams in the city’s public transport network as well as the importance of beach safety thanks to partnerships like this one,” Mr Witheriff said.

“Gold Coast Nippers have a fantastic school talks program and I’m excited GoldLinQ will now be a part of those talks reaching more than 6,000 children.

“Being a sponsor of surf sports events and a great award such as the Under 14 Life Saver of the Year means more kids can enjoy more events and be rewarded for their efforts,” he said.

With South Coast and Point Danger branches alone having a membership of more than 15,000, including about 6,000 Nippers, Surf Lifesaving Queensland Gold Coast and GoldLinQ’s partnership will make a lasting impact on the safety and education of children in Gold Coast and surrounding areas.



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News in Brief

GoldLinQ Provides Parking in Southport

A new paid parking facility with 55 spaces is now open in Southport, providing more off-street parking for Southport motorists and shoppers.

The car park, located on Queen Street near the busy Scarborough Street retail precinct, was previously used as a laydown yard for construction and has been converted to help alleviate the pressure on local businesses as car parks are permanently removed along the corridor to make way for the public transport system.

The car park has been contracted by

GoldLinQ, McConnell Dowell & Bombardier Help Tigers Get New Stripes

Southport Tigers Junior Rugby League Football Club has received \$2,000 in the latest round of Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grants. The funds will be spent on much-needed new jerseys for two junior rugby league teams.

GoldLinQ’s Design and Construction Joint Venture (D&C JV) partners McConnell Dowell (MacDow) and Bombardier Transportation (BT) presented the grant to the Tigers in a ceremony at their club’s home soil last month.

“It’s great to see grassroots organisations making a difference in

Myth Versus Fact

Myth: There will be boom gates and level crossings along the light rail corridor.

Fact: Cars and pedestrians should only cross the light rail tracks at a signalised intersection. Normal intersection traffic lights will manage car, bike, bus, pedestrian and tram movements. The traffic light phasing for trams will be integrated and normal road rules apply.

Myth: Trams are difficult for disabled people to use.

Fact: The Gold Coast light rail system complies with the relevant disability legislation, regulations and guidelines.

GoldLinQ's Design and Construction Joint Venture (D&C JV) partners McConnell Dowell (MacDow) and Bombardier Transportation (BT) for temporary car parking to be operated by a private parking company, with no profits going to GoldLinQ.

GoldLinQ's Communication and Stakeholder Engagement team continues to work closely with parking providers and Gold Coast City Council to maximise car parks around construction areas.

D&C JV Project Director, Simon Bradbury, said the new car park would help offset short-term paid parking spaces removed to make way for construction and future operation of light rail on Scarborough and Nerang streets.

"The area provides 55 spaces to help free up the remaining on-street parking in Southport so customers can shop and eat locally," Mr Bradbury said.

GoldLinQ CEO Phil Mumford said facilitating parking solutions in business centres across the light rail corridor was one element of the Love Our City campaign aimed at supporting businesses during construction.

"We are continuing to put the call out to the Gold Coast community to come and support their local retailers during construction," Mr Mumford said. Sections of on-street parking will be progressively and permanently removed along the 13-kilometre Stage One corridor, however traffic and pedestrian movements will be maintained.

the lives of local kids. Southport Tigers represents an organisation that is committed to building strong community bonds. Many people may not see beyond the boys and girls on the field, but around them is a thriving community of mums, dads, brothers and sisters who gather locally in support of one another's families," D&C JV Project Director, Simon Bradbury said.

"The Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grants program is about assisting those smaller and often forgotten organisations in our key areas of operation, like the Southport Tigers, to achieve their goals and enhance their ability to support our communities," Mr Bradbury said.

McConnell Dowell and BT established the Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grants program in mid-2012. The program aims to deliver financial and social benefits to the communities in which they are constructing.

Additionally, community grants aim to support 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.

The next round of Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grants will be open for submissions in early 2013. For more information visit www.goldling.com.au

The grants will seek applications from projects and groups that will provide lasting community benefit in the areas of:

- Healthy and active living
- Community
- Safety
- Youth
- Environment
- Public transport.

All aspects of the system design including light rail vehicles, stations and access to stations are based on compliance with Disability Discrimination Act and Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport requirements.

When the tram pulls into a station the door entry will be virtually level with the platform, this is called 'at grade boarding'. The level can alter a few centimetres depending on the number of people on-board the tram. The platform and the tram have been designed to make it as easy as possible for everyone to board and exit the tram at the platform without the need for ramps.

Myth: Light rail is not environmentally friendly.

Fact: The light rail will reduce local greenhouse gas emission by 114,000 tonnes over the first 10 years of operation.

Light rail vehicles produce less noise than the equivalent volume of automobile traffic. A single 43.5 metre long tram set that will operate on the Gold Coast system is able to carry up to 309 passengers safely and has the potential to remove up to 235 cars from the road during peak periods.

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