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Welcome to GoldLinQ's 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.

GoldLinQ temporarily returns on-street parking in Southport

Businesses have welcomed the move by GoldLinQ to temporarily return car spaces in Nerang Street as the government funded early works for the light rail project reached completion in Southport.

In February GoldLinQ made 140 parking spaces available until late 2012 as the consortium finalised its construction schedule in Southport.

GoldLinQ Communications Director Jason Ward said a majority of the parking is free two-hour parking, with time limits monitored by Gold Coast City Council parking officers.

"The free parking is available until about September when we begin to lay the two light rail tracks," Mr Ward said.

Nerang Street businessman Dean Fuller praised the move and is looking forward to light rail travelling past his business.

"Although there is still parking in Southport it is great to have the on-street parking back in Nerang Street, even temporarily," the Manager of Allans Music and Billy Hyde Southport said.

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

GoldLinQ will start laying light rail tracks and building the station at the front of the Gold Coast Hospital early next year.



News in brief

LinQing the Gold Coast Community



Message from the project team

Gold Coast's favourite Osprey pair are moving house

They say the grass is always greener on the other side. With sweeping views from the Broadwater to the sea, the Sundale Bridge Osprey pair are moving house this month!

As part of the construction of the Gold Coast light rail, GoldLinQ will build a new shared pedestrian and cycle bridge, just east of and parallel to the existing Sundale Bridge.

To keep the Osprey safe from construction activities, they will live the dream life in one of the Gold Coast's finest addresses; enjoying unobstructed views of the Broadwater in their new home only 50-metres away!

The Osprey nest relocation has been carefully planned. GoldLinQ's design and construction partner McConnell Dowell worked closely with the Gold Coast City Council and the Queensland Government to give the Ospreys a new and improved view of the Broadwater.

As part of the project's overall environmental management process, an extensive monitoring program was implemented to ensure the nest is relocated clear from any construction activity.

GoldLinQ provides a \$8.7 million boost to the local economy

GoldLinQ is committed to contributing to the local economy and has a number of local industry participation targets to meet during the three year design and construction program.

In the last quarter of 2011, GoldLinQ provided the local economy with an \$8.7 million boost through the recruitment of 92% of subcontractors from the local Gold Coast and surrounding areas during the Design, Investigation and Geotechnical Phase.

The beginning of 2012 sees the priority shift to blue collar recruitment, with the aim also being to source the majority of workers locally. For more information on employment opportunities during the design and construction phase of the project visit the McConnell Dowell or Bombardier career pages.

Information is available via the <u>ICN</u>

<u>Gateway portal</u> for companies interested in supplying goods and services to the project.

Introducing Vivienne King

GoldLinQ is pleased to introduce Vivienne King, KDR Gold Coast's Managing Director. KDR Gold Coast will be the Operator and Maintainer of the Gold Coast light rail.

As Managing Director, Vivienne will be responsible for managing the initial operations and maintenance delivery commitments for GoldLinQ as well as the long term delivery of passenger services, planning, operations and development strategies.

Vivienne joins the light rail project with 16 years experience in rail transportation. She has worked across infrastructure, crewing and operational areas, building on her knowledge, design and delivering on various efficiency programs.

Vivienne was heavily involved with the Olympic Games - Sydney 2000 where she managed the Train Planning Division of New South Wales State Rail across the Olympic planning and delivery phases.

From mid 2014 trams will carry passengers along the Coast, connecting them with bus services and local attractions across the 13-kilometre corridor.

McConnell Dowell will delicately relocate the existing pole and nest to the new location where the Ospreys will continue to enjoy a 360 degree view of the Broadwater and surroundings.









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