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Light Rail Mail

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

No Ref No Game

A Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grant helps to train referees

To recruit and train the next generation of referees, the Gold Coast and [District Rugby Referees Association \(GCDRRA\)](#) has been awarded a Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grant for the amount of \$2,000.

The funds will go towards training courses, cards, whistles and uniforms for ten new recruits who will be trained under the No Ref-No Game initiative, launched last year by GCDRRA in order to combat dwindling referee numbers.

"Referees are a vital part of the rugby community and underpin the participation of over 6,000 Rugby Union players on the Gold Coast," said Committee Member, Heath Claydon.

"The No Ref – No Game initiative highlights the vital part game officials play in our community and the Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grant will help us continue to support more than 20,000 members and spectators who engage with Gold Coast Rugby Union each year."

The [Gold Coast Light Rail Community Grants](#) program was established in 2012 to deliver financial and social benefits to the community during construction.

The grants support a wide range of organisations providing important services to local residents in the vicinity of Queensland's first contemporary light rail.



\$170 million spent locally



Info about fares and travel times

Follow, post a pic, retweet and win!

Gold Coast to get active with new competition

Gold Coasters love an active lifestyle and as part of the Love Our City campaign, GoldLinQ is giving locals the opportunity to win a unique foldable bike and bag which will be allowed on Gold Coast trams.

The My Active Gold Coast Lifestyle competition asks entrants to follow [@gclightrail](https://twitter.com/gclightrail) on Twitter and tweet photos of themselves enjoying an active Gold Coast lifestyle with the hashtag [#LoveOurCity](https://twitter.com/loveourcity).

Entrants go in the draw to win one of four foldable urban commuter bikes over four weeks. As a bonus, followers who retweet the competition using the [#LoveOurCity](https://twitter.com/loveourcity) hashtag will also be added to the final week prize draw (ie: reTweet for an extra entry in week 4).

The bikes come with a carry bag and collapse to a size ideal and approved to carry on buses, trains and the Gold Coast light rail once passenger services start in mid-2014.

The aim of My Active Gold Coast Lifestyle is to shine a light on the great ways Gold Coasters are keeping active and healthy as they move about the city.

Light rail a local build

With an average of 700 workers on site each day locals are playing a leading role in construction of the Gold Coast light rail.

CEO Phil Mumford said Gold Coasters delivering the project for their own city was a commitment the consortium had held from the first shovel in the ground.

“We are hitting targets of more than 90 per cent of workers from the local area and more than 80 per cent of those workers are Gold Coast residents by postcode,” Mr Mumford said.

“From traffic controllers and heavy machine operators to office staff and an operations workforce, GoldLinQ and its consortium partners are providing short and long-term employment opportunities.”

[Black Widow Civil](#) is one sub-contractor on the project, providing employment for about 60 local families and supplying light to heavy machinery to build the light rail system.

Managing Director Lee Andrews started the company 13 years ago on the Gold Coast, and having largely escaped the global financial crisis by heading north to find work, has returned to work with Gold Coast light

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Ticketing?

Ticketing for the Gold Coast light rail will be integrated with [Translink's](#) public transport network for South East Queensland and [go Card](#) will be the recommended way to travel.

Under the [current Translink structure](#), Stage one of the light rail covers two travel zones which represents a current adult go card fare of \$3.85 or \$3.08 during off-peak times.

These prices are under the control of Translink and are subject to change. For more information on go Card please visit Translink.com.au or call 13 12 30.

Travel Times?

The-end-to-end journey time from Gold Coast University Hospital to Broadbeach South will be around 37 minutes.

An indication of [journey times](#) are:

- Gold Coast University Hospital to Southport – 11 minutes
- Southport to Cavill Avenue – 14 minutes
- Cavill Avenue to Broadbeach South – 12 minutes
- Southport to Broadbeach South – 26 minutes
- Gold Coast University Hospital to Cavill Avenue - 25 minutes.

Active transport, or travel that involves exercise like walking, cycling or running, is critical to a healthy and liveable city.

Walking or cycling to and from work can be the easiest and most regular way to include physical activity in your daily routine.

To view entries in the competition, sign up for a Twitter account at www.twitter.com.au and search for @GClightrail.

rail for the past year.

“I started the business myself with one bobcat and a tipper and now run the company with my wife,” Mr Andrews said.

“Working on the Gold Coast light rail has given us the security we needed in this tough economic climate.

“It is great to see a project with so many local companies and local workers across the worksites.”

With more than 90 per cent of goods, services and employees locally sourced, Gold Coast light rail has injected \$170 million to the local economy in 18 months of construction.

From Monday to Thursday trams will run from 5am to 11:50pm.

Trams will run 24 hours a day on Friday, Saturday and on Sunday until 11:50pm.

Throughout the peak time of 7am to 7pm there will be a tram every 7.5 minutes.

Outside of the peak from 5am to 7am, and 7pm to 11:50pm there will be a tram every 15 minutes.

At the weekend trams will run half hourly all night on a Friday and Saturday night (00:15am to 5am).



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