



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

GoldLinQ's Christmas wish for traders

This month marks a major milestone for GoldLinQ with civil works beginning in the tourist centre of Surfers Paradise Boulevard.

At the same time GoldLinQ are busy re-programming to halt construction between View Avenue and Beach Road during the Christmas period following feedback from the [Surfers Paradise Precinct Advisory Group](#).

CEO Phil Mumford said that in the lead up to the works, [GoldLinQ's Communications and Stakeholder Engagement team](#) has been working closely with the Surfers Paradise traders, organisations and the [Surfers Paradise Precinct Advisory Group](#) to develop strategies to minimise the impact of construction.

"GoldLinQ will commence civils work at the Elkhorn intersection from 12 August. Surfers Paradise Boulevard will become one-way southbound from View to Cavill Avenues. Southbound access to Chevron Island will be maintained for the majority of construction via a right hand turn from Surfers Paradise Boulevard onto Elkhorn Avenue."

"We'll work in this area until the Christmas school holidays, then demobilise to enable businesses to take advantage of their busiest tourist season."

"We want to accommodate the needs of businesses in the tourist centre of the Boulevard so visitors and locals can rediscover the excitement of Surfers Paradise. I think this a great outcome for the city."

"The change in construction schedule will not affect overall delivery of the project as we have 13-kilometres of undergrounds services, civils and track works to get on with to make sure trams are operational come mid-2014," Mr Mumford said.

To keep up-to-date with construction activities across the corridor [click here](#).



News in brief

Future proofing the Gold Coast

Supporting Education

A Top 100 infrastructure project in the world

The Gold Coast light rail system has been named as a Top 100 infrastructure project, rubbing shoulders with developments such as the World Trade Centre Redevelopment in America and the South American Fiber Optic Ring.

One of only two projects from Australia identified in the Infra 100 Report, the \$1 billion Gold Coast light rail is being keenly watched on the global stage.

The report, which reviewed world developments that are transitioning and future proofing cities, highlighted the project as a noteworthy ‘urban mobility project’ with efficient, cost-effective and green forms of urban transportation and GoldLinQ couldn’t be more excited!

The Gold Coast light rail was one of the first Public Private Partnerships (PPP) undertaken in Queensland post-GFC and was acknowledged for its creative finance and two-tier delivery structure. This two-tier structure involves government-funded early works, such as undergrounding utility services, widening and improving roads and intersections; and a PPP with GoldLinQ to build, operate and maintain the light rail system.

GoldLinQ CEO Phil Mumford said projects named in the second annual report embody the spirit of innovation and stand as examples of exemplary

Services upgrades key to city’s future

Buried beneath the streets of the Gold Coast is a vast array of vital services that keep the city running smoothly.

As part of construction of the Gold Coast light rail, one of the largest and most complex upgrades of underground services being undertaken in South East Queensland is now underway. Construction along the 13-kilometre light rail corridor provides an opportunity to simultaneously complete major maintenance and improvement works of telecommunications and electricity cables as well as gas, water, sewerage and stormwater pipes.

GoldLinQ CEO Phil Mumford said while work occurring above ground was what people saw a large portion of the city-building activity was actually occurring below the streets.

“The major future proofing and upgrade works occurring in some of the city’s oldest suburbs will help the Gold Coast deal with future growth and ensure less disruption in years to come,” Mr Mumford said.

GoldLinQ’s Design and Construction partner McConnell Dowell is working closely with service providers including Energex, Telstra and Gold Coast Water to facilitate additional conduits to be put in place and pipes upgraded to support future enhancements.

Building bridges of a different kind

This year’s Gold Coast Science and Engineering Challenge hit ‘Gold Fever’ with McConnell Dowell, GoldLinQ’s Design and Construction partner, sponsoring the Gold Fever Bridge Building Activity as part of its Schools and Education program.

The challenge, held at the Queensland Academy for Health Sciences, saw over 500 students participate in the two-day event which was open to class-sized teams of year 9 and 10 high school students.

Design and Construction Joint Venture Project Director, Daryl Young, said project engineers enthusiastically joined the two-day challenge judging the Gold Fever Bridge Building Activity, which saw schools weight testing their paddle pop stick bridges.

“Investing in the students of today and engaging them in science and engineering activities is something we are passionate about. As a project we are building five bridges across a 13-kilometre corridor and a lot of science and engineering principles go into getting these structures right,” Mr Young said.

“It’s important that students are aware that science and engineering happens all around them every day and we are thrilled to be a part of schools and education activities around the Gold Coast.”

infrastructure to city leaders all around the world.

“The GoldLinQ consortium members are energised by this acknowledgement and we are thrilled to be delivering such an important city-changing project for the Gold Coast”, Mr Mumford said.

“We are now well and truly entrenched across the 13-kilometre Stage One route and we look forward to seeing the trams running in mid-2014.”

The project is a A\$1 billion 18-year Public Private Partnership (PPP) contract with the Queensland Government to design, build, finance, operate and maintain a light rail public transportation system on the Gold Coast.

Design and Construction Joint Venture Project Director, Daryl Young, said future proofing works included installing more than 8 kilometres of stormwater drainage, with pipes ranging from 30 centimetres up to 1.8 metres in diameter, 64 kilometres of Telstra conduits, more than 50 kilometres of Energex conduits, 7 kilometres of water and sewerage pipes and hundreds of manholes and pits.

“Additionally, 240,000 pairs of copper communication cables need to be individually cut over by hand. Construction for the light rail has provided a unique opportunity to map, relocate, maintain and upgrade services and stormwater drainage,” Mr Young said.

“In many ways this project is a once-in-a-generation upgrade to the underground services that allow a modern city to run smoothly, with a world-class light rail system placed on top.”

The winners of the challenge, Trinity Lutheran College on day one and Coombabah State High School on day two, are both now eligible to enter the Queensland State Challenge.



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