

SURFERS PARADISE FORESHORE



A NEW HORIZON

NEWS

September 2010

Project update

The Surfers Paradise Foreshore Redevelopment is forging ahead, with all construction on schedule for completion by June 2011.

The \$25 million rejuvenation covers the area of foreshore from Laycock Street to View Avenue, with the exception of the area in front of the Soul development. This will be carried out by the development's owner, Juniper.

Stage one (between Elkhorn Avenue and the northern boundary of Soul) is due for completion by the end of September and will be open to the public in October.

Stage two (between Cavill Mall and Trickett Street) has been under construction since June and stage three (between View Avenue and Elkhorn) works commenced in August.

Overpass demolition

The pedestrian overpass, located south of Cavill Mall, was demolished following the decision by Centro Properties Group to surrender its lease on the structure. The agreement between Gold Coast City Council and Centro confirmed partial surrender of Centro's 50 year lease of the area in front of the Paradise Centre, which wasn't due to expire until 2031.

Divisional Councillor Susie Douglas said she appreciated the voluntary gesture made by Centro.

"The removal of the overpass is an integral part of the Surfers Paradise Foreshore Redevelopment. It has allowed us to create a wider, more open public space," she said.

Demolition works were completed on 23 July and allow the full vision of the master plan design to be achieved along the foreshore.



STAGE 2

Transitional Area

STAGE 2

Commencing June 2010

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Works funded and carried out by Juniper Group as outlined in conditions of approval for Soul Development

STAGE 1

February-September 2010

STAGE 3

Commencing August 2010

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Transitional Area



About the design

The redevelopment of the foreshore aims to improve accessibility and safety along the foreshore and improve the space for recreational use and major events. The design intends to re-establish the connection between the business district and the beach and enhance the experience along the foreshore for locals and tourists.

Features of the new design include four new toilet blocks, four beach shelters, a 20metre-wide pedestrian promenade, barbecues, picnic areas and new and improved beach access points with disability ramps.

For more details on the design and to see computer simulated vision of the new foreshore, visit www.surfersforeshore.com.au.

Road realignment

Road works between Cavill Mall and Hanlan Street are underway and should be completed by the end of October 2010. These works include removal of the median strip and installation of stormwater pipes before a new concrete road is poured.

Footpath works will be carried out on the western side of the road, between Cavill Mall and Hanlan Street.

The road realignment will match in with the new road in front of the Soul development, creating a more pedestrian friendly environment. The new road will foster a shared pedestrian and vehicle zone through the installation of flush kerbs and concrete bollards to delineate the traffic movement.

Council and its Managing Contractor Abigroup are working together to ensure the most practical and efficient program is in place to minimise disruption to businesses, pedestrians and traffic during these works.

Trees and vegetation

Careful consideration has been given to ensure maximum use of existing trees and vegetation in the redesigned foreshore. Where possible, large trees have been kept in their original location and redeveloped areas have been designed around them.

Around 95 Pandanus trees have been retained and will be replanted in new locations which further complement the new landscape. In the stage one area, the Pandanus trees have already been planted in their new locations along the side of the road and in the dunal areas.

Dunal vegetation will be planted along the foreshore areas. Plant species have been carefully selected to ensure they are suitable for the hardy, coastal environment and where possible, native species are selected.

Events

Council is working closely with event organisers to ensure effective and functional outcomes are achieved for all events during the foreshore redevelopment. The beachfront markets continue to operate just north of Staghorn Avenue on Wednesday and Friday evenings from 5.30pm.

Schoolies will take place in Surfers Paradise from 20–26 November 2010. For more details, contact the Department of Communities Schoolies Project Team on 5539 9155.

For details on all events in Surfers Paradise, please visit www.surfersparadise.com or www.goldcoastcity.com.au

Weekly updates

A construction update is emailed weekly to provide a detailed account of works onsite. To be included on this email list, please email the project team at info@surfersforeshore.com.au.



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