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## **New foreshore area opens for holiday season**

A new area of the Surfers Paradise Foreshore Redevelopment opened today in time for the busy Christmas holiday season.

Chair of Economic Development and Tourism Committee and Divisional Councillor Susie Douglas said the opening was another great milestone for the project.

"We are so happy to be able to open another part of the foreshore in time for the busy holiday season," said Cr Douglas.

"With all the recent rain, the project team and contractors have done a fantastic job to get this area completed ahead of schedule just before Christmas.

"The new section, which forms part of stage two - between Hanlan Street and Trickett Street - features two beach shelters, lookout points, showers, an oceanway path and large promenade areas.

"The ANZAC memorial has been reinstated in a new position which will provide a much improved area for services on the beachfront."

Cr Douglas also said another key feature of the new area was the volleyball courts, which with new terraced seating, offered a better space for volleyball events.

Surfers Paradise Alliance CEO Rowena Howe said early completion of the new area was a welcome surprise.

"This is great news for us - it means we will have more space, more beach access and more facilities for locals and visitors to enjoy over the busiest time of the year," said Ms Howe.

"The opening of this new section so early is fantastic as it will be the perfect vantage point for revellers to view the Surfers Paradise New Years Eve midnight countdown, which ends with the largest single fireworks display in Queensland.

"The foreshore redevelopment is an incredible piece of urban design which will completely transform the world famous Surfers Paradise beach."

"Its completion, alongside other key projects in 2011, will mark the culmination of an exciting phase of rejuvenating urban growth for Surfers Paradise."

Construction on the Surfers Paradise Foreshore Redevelopment will break for Christmas at the end of the week, with work resuming in the new year.

The entire foreshore redevelopment is expected to be completed by June 2011.