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## **Suntan man's chair finds foreshore home**

The Gold Coast's very own 'suntan man', Al Baldwin, is to be remembered with a sculpture of the local icon's beach chair and hat as part of the revamped Surfers Paradise foreshore.

Al Baldwin became a well-known local identity on Surfers Paradise beach spraying suntan lotion on locals and holiday makers for more than 30 years.

Economic Development and Tourism Committee Chair Councillor Susie Douglas said the tribute to Al Baldwin would bring back a lot of memories for many locals.

"I think many people will look at Al's chair on the new foreshore area and it will take them back to a time when he was a fixture at Surfers beach," said Cr Douglas.

"As part of the redevelopment of the foreshore, there has been a strong emphasis placed on paying tribute to the city's beach culture.

"On many of the new structures on the foreshore we have historic images of the Gold Coast from the 1930s through to the seventies – with the idea that we want to connect the past with the present and celebrate our history.

"This tribute to the suntan man is in keeping with this and will make a wonderful addition to our foreshore."

Amber Baldwin said her late father was passionate about the Gold Coast and its beach culture.

"Dad loved the beach and had a strong connection with the community at Surfers Paradise," said Miss Baldwin.

"It's fantastic to have a permanent place for him on the foreshore overlooking the beach he loved – I know he would have been chuffed at that."

The sculpture will be officially unveiled on the Surfers Paradise foreshore tomorrow morning (26/2) at 10am.