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Campbell Newman MP

Premier of Queensland



Queensland is a great state with great opportunity. The priorities for my Government are growing our economy, rebuilding Queensland and making our communities more resilient for the future.

We are developing a four pillar economy by focusing on our four great strengths – tourism, agriculture, resources and construction. In identifying these four pillars we are better able to support businesses and investors, adopting a pro-business, pro-jobs outlook.

Queensland is a state getting back on track, and Southport is an electorate that is truly representative of that statement. In 2018 the Gold Coast will host the Commonwealth Games, boast a first-class transport system and a Health & Knowledge precinct to rival the best in the world. Southport is primed to become a true economic powerhouse within our state.

My Government is governing for growth and pursuing public-private partnerships for qualifying projects

around Queensland. These projects offer opportunities for investors to partake in the growth and rebuilding of Queensland.

I encourage you to make the trip and visit Southport the Gold Coast's CBD and Queensland; you will not be disappointed. We are a Great State with Great Opportunity.

Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland

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Rob Molhoek MP

Member for Southport



As we look *Towards Twenty 18*, I believe the future of Southport and the Gold Coast is very bright. I was born here and grew up here. I've seen Southport grow from a sleepy sea-side hamlet to become what it is today; a significant centre for business, education, health and government services.

2018 will be our centenary year and boy have we come a long way since our declaration as a "town" on April 14 1918. Back then we were highly

regarded as an ideal place to get away from "*the rigorous winters of the Darling Downs with its chilling westerlies and the snow and ice of the southern states*". Today Southport is the official CBD of the Gold Coast, the city's engine-room, a major centre of economic activity.

In 2018, the Gold Coast will host the Commonwealth Games, one of the world's biggest events. Southport will welcome tens of thousands of visitors, media and athletes from around the world. The Games will

shine a huge spotlight on Southport and the Gold Coast as a world-class city.

2018 will be an exciting time for our city. It also presents us with a wonderful opportunity to show the world just what we're made of, what we have to offer and more importantly to create a strong legacy. Let's work together to make the most of what lies ahead.

This book has been designed and written to highlight both our heritage and our future. Just look at this place, Southport has so much to offer. Now it's up to us to show

ourselves off to the world. Please work with us by sending this book on to your family, friends or business partners.

Together we can show the world just what a great place Southport is to live, work and play; together we can attract new businesses and investment; together we can work to ensure Southport not only shines but thrives for the sake of our kids and the generations to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Molhoek".

Rob Molhoek MP
State Member for Southport

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***Twenty 18* will be a very exciting year for Southport and the Gold Coast – not only will we celebrate Southport's Centenary but this is the year the Commonwealth Games comes to town.**

The Commonwealth Games and associated spin-offs will inject an estimated \$2 billion into our local economy, create significant demand in the local construction industry and generate up to 30,000 full-time equivalent jobs.

Southport will be the Games epicentre, home to the Parklands 29.4 hectare Commonwealth Games Village and the city's new \$50 million Aquatic Centre in the heart of Southport's magnificent Broadwater Parklands.

About Southport “towards” Twenty 18



Southport has always been something of an epicentre for the Gold Coast, traditionally known as the Gold Coast's Centre for Business. Today Southport is the engine-room of the Gold Coast's Health and Knowledge industries, and has recently been declared a "Priority Development Area" by Gold Coast City Council. Council's new master plan ensures Southport is well positioned to leverage every opportunity in the coming decade to cement its place as the Gold Coast's CBD.

As we look *towards Twenty 18* it's important we reflect on the kind of future and legacy we hope to create in this next decade. We've come a long way since our declaration as a

town on April 12, 1918. No longer are we just a summer resort favourably thought of in most parts of Queensland, we are a thriving centre for business, education, health and government services.

One can only wonder what was going through the mind of our first Mayor Edward Hicks when he presided over Southport's coming of age and its separation from Nerang Shire to secure its own identity.

A few years later in 1925 then Mayor of the day, Washington Waters said:

"The progress of Southport has been phenomenal, especially during the last decade. That is evident by the number of very fine

up-to-date buildings, such as the Southport School (which is shortly to be replaced with an even more pretentious building), Star of the Sea Convent, St Hilda's, the Southport State School, Post Office, Ambulance Centre, Regnant Picture Place and many fine up-to-date hotels and business premises."

Southport, this is our decade.

The progress is remarkable, the new Gold Coast University Hospital and breathtaking expansion of Griffith University are just the tip of the iceberg. We have so much to be excited about; the new Gold Coast

Aquatic Centre and Broadwater Parklands are world class.

As we look *towards Twenty 18*

it's up to us to leverage every opportunity to make the most of the Commonwealth Games and work together to create a lasting legacy. Not only great facilities, but sustainable long-term businesses and with them permanent jobs and opportunities for our kids and the generations that follow.

City of Gold Coast



TOM TATE
MAYOR
CITY OF GOLD COAST

Australia's
Gold Coast is
inspired by lifestyle
and driven by
opportunity.
We're home of the
'have a go' spirit.



Located only eight hours from Asia, the Gold Coast is perfectly positioned as an investment, lifestyle and holiday destination.

Twelve million tourists visit annually, contributing \$4.6 billion to the local economy.

The Gold Coast has a population of 525,000 and has access to an economic catchment of three million people. It is the second largest city in Queensland. Since 2001, the local economy has grown from \$15.7 billion to an estimated \$23.3 billion.*

Securing rights to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games™ has boosted investment interest with several infrastructure projects already underway. In 2014, the Gold Coast will launch Queensland's first light rail network, connecting entertainment, education and business districts. A vision for the Gold Coast



Cultural Precinct in the heart of the city has been endorsed, and plans are underway for a cruise ship terminal, integrated resort and associated tourism infrastructure in the city's Broadwater adjacent to Southport.

Southport is fast developing as the city's hub for education, health, innovation and business. That is why the City of Gold Coast has commenced preparations to declare Southport as a priority development area (PDA) under the *Queensland Government's Economic Development Act 2012*. The PDA will stimulate economic development and provide business confidence to position Southport as the city's true central business district.

As Southport develops into the Gold Coast's CBD, a number of significant projects are currently underway – some of which will be completed very shortly – with investment from both



government and the private sector. Just some of these significant projects include: the development of a Chinatown precinct and the light rail system, which will connect the city's key activity and economic growth areas.

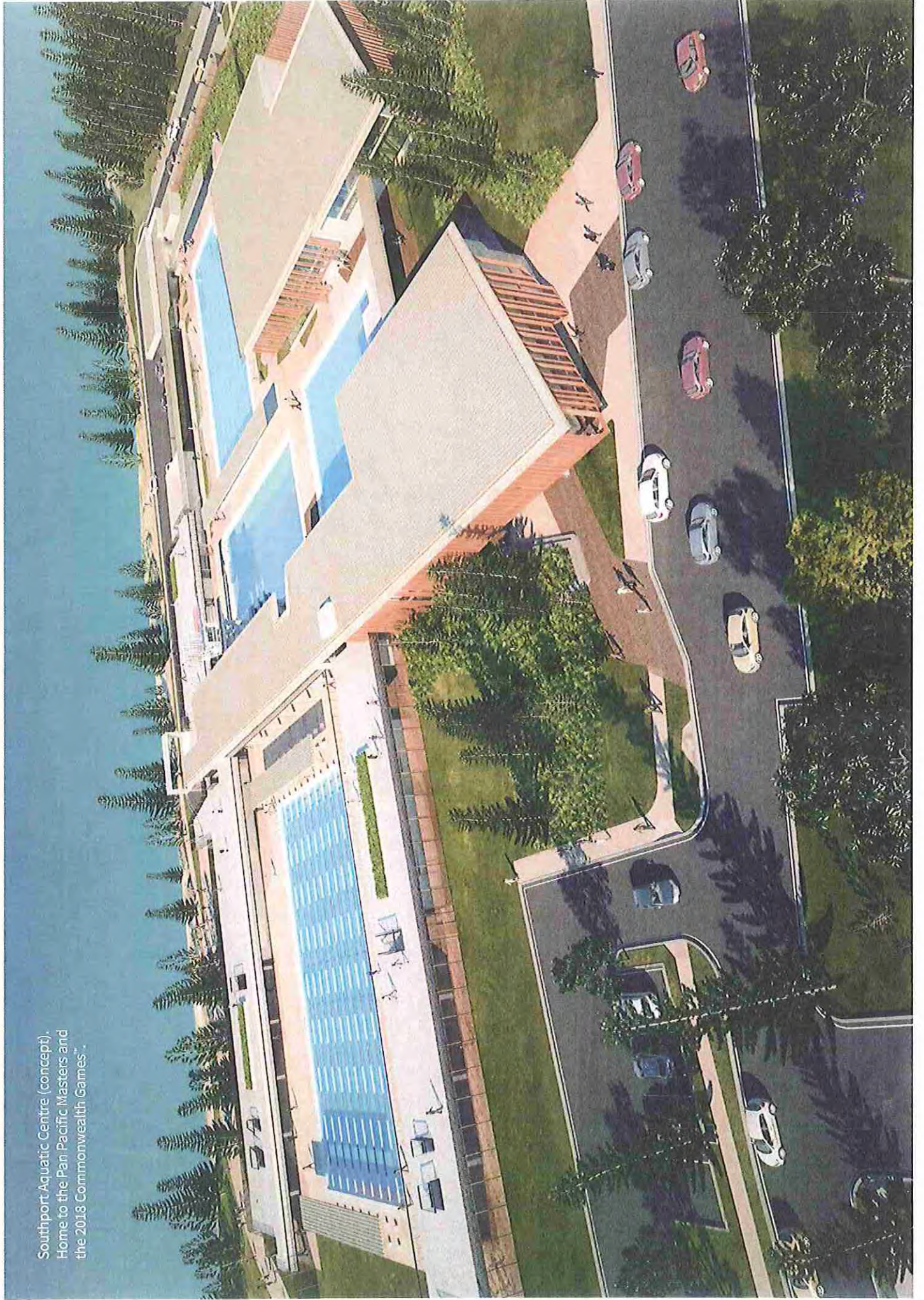
The Gold Coast is 'open for business' and we are determined to elevate our wonderful city to the world stage. City of Gold Coast's Investment Attraction Program can assist in the relocation, expansion or establishment of a business on the Gold Coast. The program offers financial assistance, introductions to local industry networks and more.

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Griffith story unfolds



Professor Ian O'Connor

It is the moment
when construction
meets vision.

Griffith University Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor is animated as he talks about the future of the campus and its neighbourhood unfolding before his eyes.

He is also wearing a hard-hat and steel-capped boots as he explains that Griffith's research is internationally ranked above world standard in so many areas.

Professor O'Connor is standing on the top floor balcony of the new Griffith Health Centre, an imposing \$150 million, 11-story building that will be the flagship of the University's medical studies. From this vantage point he and his audience, a hand-selected group of business leaders and commentators, can take it all in.

They can get a feel for the impressive structure beneath them, see the full grandeur of the imposing new Gold Coast University Hospital literally across the road, follow the \$1 billion light rail track snaking in from Southport with two stops at the University campus – one of them opposite the site of the 2018 Commonwealth Games athletes village. This is action central.

The Pro Vice Chancellor (Health) Professor Allan Cripps is keen to point out the collaboration between the University and the Hospital - from medicine to research to technology. He and the Vice Chancellor have conducted this tour several times as the building nears completion.

"This isn't just for the University or just for the Hospital – it is for the whole community. We will be conducting health and dental clinics in this building too," he says. "But there are great things happening in the ICT (information communications and technology) area as well."

"The IT industry is a major pillar of the Gold Coast economy, and this fits nicely with the development of the Knowledge and Health Precinct as well as the ongoing and increasing need to deliver more skilled ICT graduates to the region."

It is an incongruous setting atop an almost completed building, but seeing the transforming urban landscape while listening

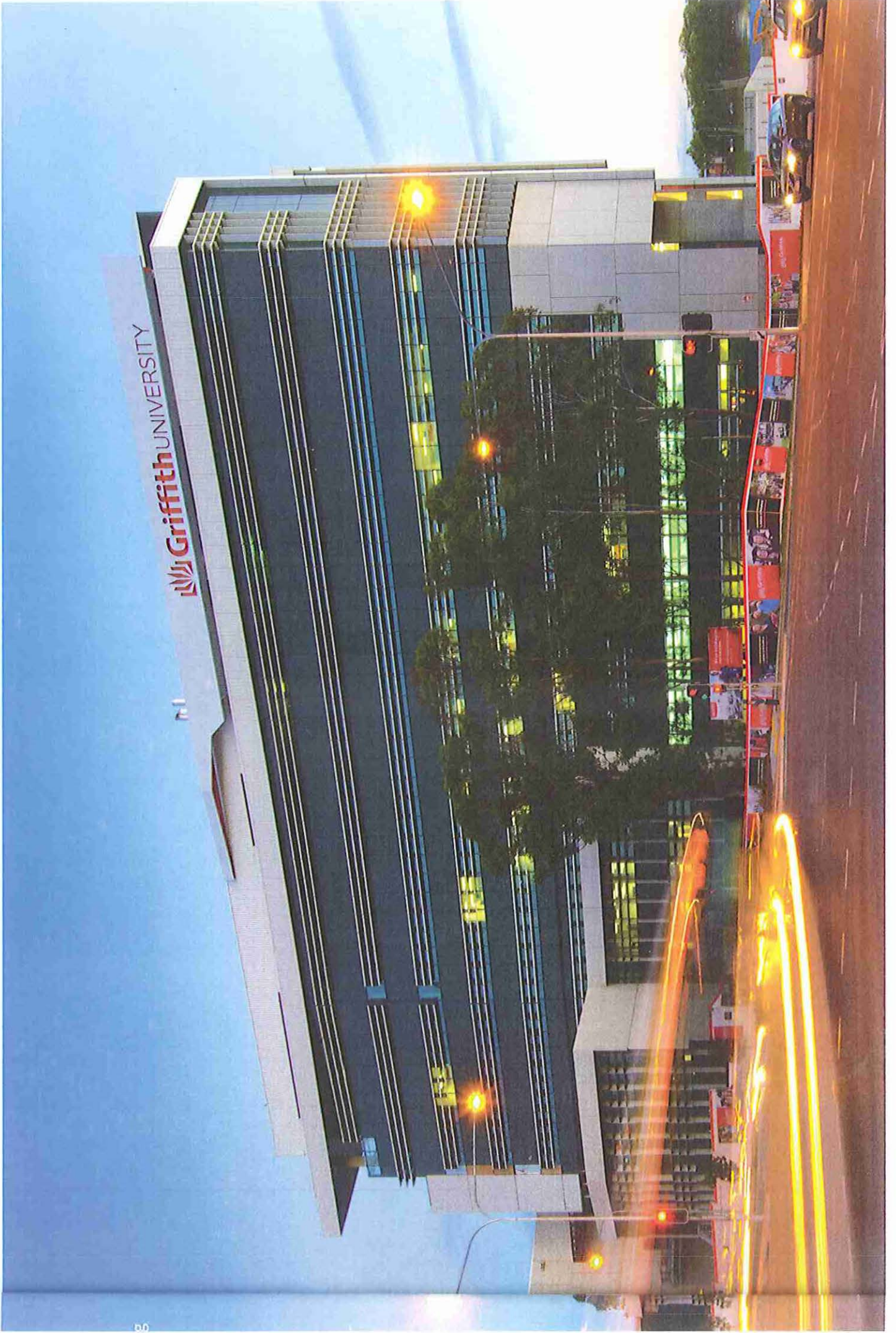
to stories from beneath the microscope, so to speak, is a powerful combination.

"I believe there is no more exciting university precinct in Australia," says Professor O'Connor.

To celebrate this watershed moment in the University's history *The New Griffith 2013-16* was launched. It is a program of initiatives combining new state-of-the-art facilities, new degrees, online offerings and ever-improving student experiences.

The Gold Coast campus is now home to 17,000 students and is in the final straight of a \$500 million building program. The new Health Centre will open this year and will be followed by the new Griffith Business School building,





an eight-story \$37 million teaching and research centre that will include a fully-operational mock trading room.

Already gleaming and open are the \$40m International Building across the famous Griffith Bridge that straddles the Smith Street Motorway; the \$1.2m worth of tennis and basketball courts; the \$20m library extension and serendipitously, Gold Coast City Council is revamping the Griffith Athletics Track made famous as a training ground for London Olympics gold medal hurdler Sally Pearson, a former Griffith student herself.

“What we are doing here is creating a truly world-class university on the Gold Coast with the very best of research, teaching and the best students,” Professor O’Connor says.

“The creation of a talented and educated workforce is going to be really important for the future of this city.

“You have to create the aspirations and the pipeline for young people.”

Griffith’s impact extends beyond its lecture theatres and research laboratories. The latest analysis from Ernst and Young estimates the University is worth \$585.8m to the Gold Coast economy each year, contributing more than 4000 jobs.





The buildings are important and have created an enormous economic benefit for the region but they are only the opening chapter. It is what happens inside them that makes Griffith special.

The likes of Professor Cripps share the campus with Professor Mark von Itzstein whose team at the Institute for Glycomics is making dramatic inroads into the treatment of influenza, malaria, rotavirus and even leukaemia.

Professor von Itzstein, whose own work is breaking new ground on how childhood leukaemia is tackled, has built the Institute from inception in 2000 to the best among only six of its kind in the world. In 2010, Professor Michael Good joined the institute and brought with him his world class work on a malaria vaccine which this year entered the very first phase of human trials. If successful, it could save up to one million lives a year.



Working away in his fourth story office on the other side of the campus is Professor James Skinner, one of Australia's leading experts in drugs in sport and head of the Department of Tourism, Hotel and Sport Management. Within his department are some of the best tourism researchers in the world. The Gold Coast high-rise skyline in the distance boasts several Griffith hotel management graduates now running top-end resorts .

“What we are witnessing at Griffith on the Gold Coast is that we are increasingly able to attract the best students and the best teachers. People want to come here because they know the reputation of the place,” Professor Skinner says.

It's not an idle boast.

Griffith is consistently ranked in the top five percent of the more than 10,000 universities worldwide. The Academic Rankings of World Universities, the QS World University



rankings and the Leiden Rankings in recent years have seen Griffith's credentials continue to climb by a number of objective measures.

“Griffith's great research and learning and teaching is overlaid with the unique opportunity to work alongside a brand new teaching hospital of significant scale in a city that is preparing for one of the biggest sporting and cultural events of the decade,” Professor O'Connor says.

“This is a pretty special moment in this University' history and we have been preparing for it for some time.

“The Gold Coast is very proud of its University and we are proud to be here.”



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Allamanda Private Hospital

Allamanda Private Hospital is committed to continue expanding health services in Southport, with the construction of the Gold Coast Private Hospital in the soon-to-be-completed Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct.

Allamanda is set to move its current suite of services to the Gold Coast Private Hospital (GCPH) when it opens in 2015, alongside the new Gold Coast University Hospital. Its sister facility, the Pacific Private Day Hospital, across the road from the current Gold Coast Hospital, will continue to operate as a day surgery facility.

Allamanda General Manager David Harper said the move to the \$220 million GCPH site would be bitter-sweet for the Allamanda family.

"We've been here since 1979 and have seen Southport grow up around us," David says.

"In that time we've gone from 79 beds to 220, and introduced the first private rehabilitation service and the first cardiac catheter lab on the Gold Coast. We provide a 24-hour Emergency Care Centre for the local community as well as participate in numerous local events and community activities.

"We've got nurses working here now who were born here and we've really become a part of the community in Southport. Having said that, the new facility will herald a new era of health care on the Gold Coast – it will be unrivalled by any other in the region and equal to the best hospitals in Australia."

Mr Harper said the design phase for the GCPH was now complete.

"The planning has been a lengthy and in-depth process but we wanted to make sure we ticked all the boxes and got everything right from the start, so we can build a hospital better than the Gold Coast, Queensland and possibly Australia has ever seen," he said.

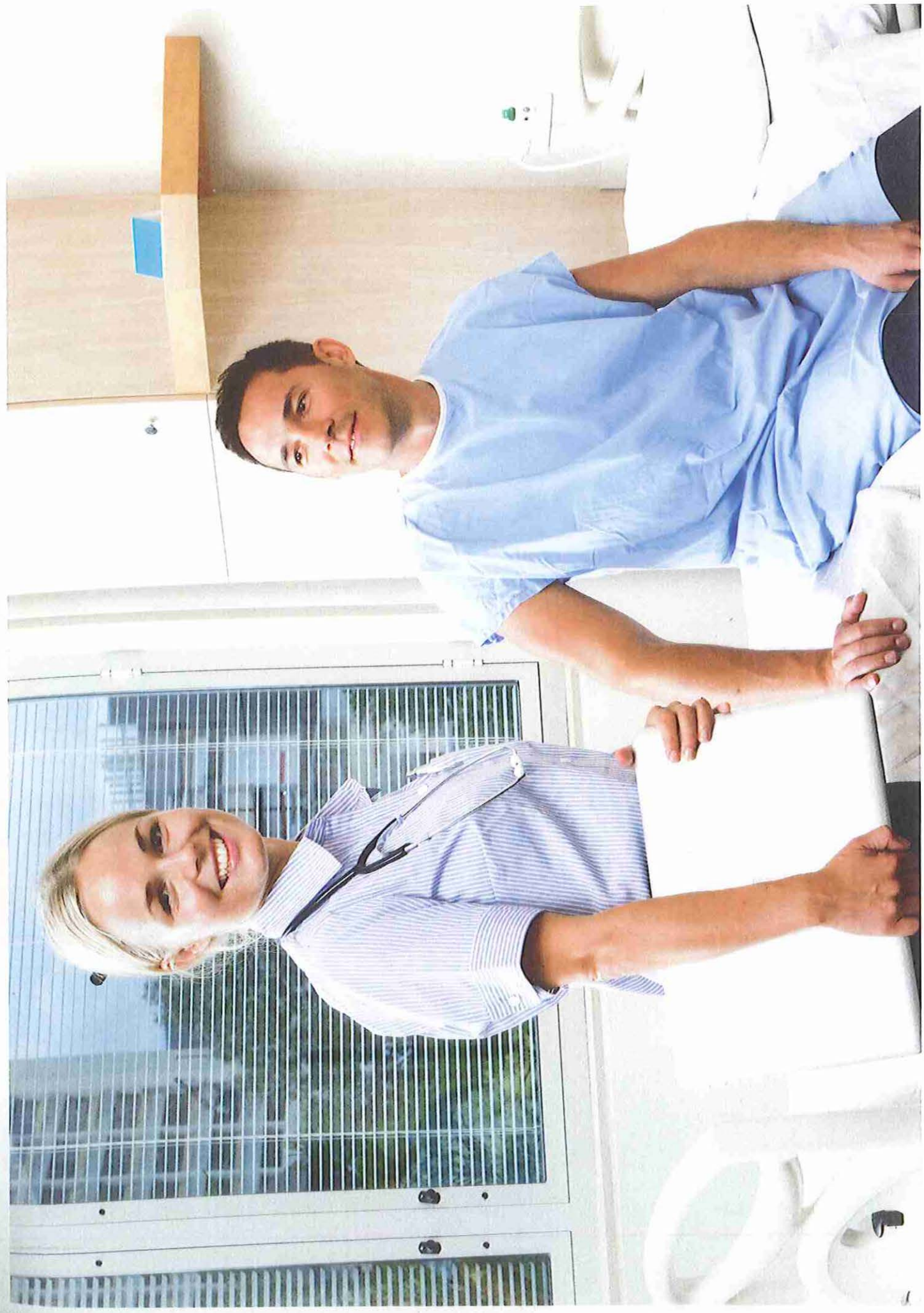
"From the design and fit-out, to the equipment, doctors, staff and procedures available, we are determined to surpass all expectations and set new levels of treatment and care for the people of the Gold Coast."

The 284-bed private hospital will offer a 24-hour emergency care centre, level 2 special care nursery, intensive care unit and a dedicated haematology/oncology day unit, along with 11 integrated operating theatres, a hybrid theatre and cardiac catheterisation laboratory, and expansion space to increase to 18 theatres.

In addition to an emergency department, a full range of medical and surgical specialties are intended to include cardiology, oncology, urology, orthopaedic, neurosurgery, cardiac surgery, obstetrics, gynaecology and a new paediatric service. The site will be supported by providers of imaging, pharmacy and pathology services.

Initial plans were for a 230-bed facility, but following a flood of support for the new hospital, that was revised to 284 beds, with the capacity to expand and accommodate more than 400 beds in line with future demand.

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“As we have been approached by a large number of doctors who have pledged their services, we have increased the size of the hospital, the number of beds and therefore our capacity to treat patients,” Mr Harper said.

“We have also incorporated rehabilitation services that were originally planned to remain at Allamanda Private Hospital, which will greatly benefit the Gold Coast community.”

Mr Harper said the enthusiasm shown by doctors who wanted to be part of the state-of-the-art hospital had been very encouraging.

“Since the announcement of the GCPH, we have attracted and retained a high calibre of doctors at Allamanda who want to move with us to the new hospital,” he said. Doctors can see the many opportunities created by

the GCPH and want to be part of this exciting new project from the onset so they can help shape it and see it become one of the best hospitals in Australia. The fact we are now able to warrant opening with additional beds is a good indicator of things to come and an excellent outcome for the Gold Coast.”

Mr Harper said Allamanda had been expanding its services in preparation for the move to the GCPH in 2015.

“Our development plan is well underway and involves the establishment and expansion of many services at Allamanda, to ensure that once we move into the GCPH, our service offering is world class,” he said.

“We will continue offering our existing suite of surgical, medical and neurological services and will continue to expand services such as

emergency, cardiac and paediatrics in preparation for our move to the GCPH and to better service the people of the Gold Coast.”

Upon completion of the new facility, all acute services will be relocated to the Gold Coast Private Hospital.



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Savills - Leading global property services group



“Southport has always been the CBD of the Gold Coast for me”.

~ Kevin Carmody

Founder and managing director of the Gold Coast office of international commercial real estate firm Savills, Kevin Carmody says in recent decades, governments and planners invested a lot of energy into Surfers Paradise, Robina and Broadbeach. Meanwhile Southport sat by patiently until it's now firmly back in position to claim the title of the Gold Coast's central business district.

“Southport has always been the CBD for me,” says Mr Carmody, who bought a commercial building and moved the business into Southport in 2004.

“It has always been, and always will be, the legal, health and knowledge centre of the Gold Coast. It has excellent access to major surrounding centres and the M1, and has all the existing CBD infrastructure in place.”

Now there are also about a dozen highrise towers and thousands of permanent residents living in the CBD area.

Mr Carmody says with permanent residents comes business and vibrancy, and Southport has the potential to develop along the lines of the Brisbane CBD, albeit on a smaller scale.

“Following the development of residential buildings along the riverfront in the Brisbane CBD, people now live in the city centre. And that's driven a demand for all sorts of new retail tenants – for example you now have several supermarkets in the city centre,” says Mr Carmody.

“With continued residential development overlooking the Broadwater, Southport has incredible potential as a place to live, work and play. With the redevelopment of the Broadwater parklands and Southport pool, the athletes' village, and of course the light rail, we're starting to get all this amenity and infrastructure that can only aid its growth.”

Another thing Southport has going for it, says Mr Carmody, is that it has an atmosphere unlike other newer areas of the coast.

“You've got a bit of old and new like other major cities in Australia. You've got laneways and people starting funky little businesses,” says Mr Carmody.

“And of course with an increasing student-resident population and Chinatown coming up, there's an increasingly eclectic international mix of people living and doing business in the CBD. It's taking on a wonderful multicultural flavour and has the potential to develop into a really vibrant historical and cultural district. I think it certain to develop in a major way.”



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Jupiters Hotel & Casino



The consolidation of Southport as a dynamic city centre will help build the strength of the entire Gold Coast, says Broadbeach-based Jupiters Hotel & Casino managing director Aaron Gomes.

Established in 1985, the casino and 592-room hotel complex – also housing eight bars, seven restaurants, a convention centre and ballroom, and a state-of-the-art theatre – is the centrepiece of the Gold Coast’s entertainment scene.

Mr Gomes says the Gold Coast is coming of age as a major city and Jupiters strongly backed the work going into developing the strength of Southport.

“It isn’t about one area outshining another, it’s about us working to create, develop and support the



unique aspects of each centre,” he said.

“In Southport we now have a real CBD vibe starting to emerge, alongside the fabulous amenity of the Broadwater Parklands, the new hospital and the continued growth of Griffith University and more.

“The success of Southport is essential to keep building the city as a whole, which will benefit everyone on the coast. It will mean the growth of more business, further investment in the city and yet another reason for people to visit.”

Mr Gomes said the light rail would help tie together the key hubs of the Gold Coast – like Southport and Broadbeach – like never before.

“Southport will be a major hub for athletes and other visitors during the games and the light rail means



all those visitors can make it down to Jupiters and other areas to really enjoy all the coast has to offer,” he said.

“This is important not only for the Games but beyond, as it brings the coast together as the complete tourist destination. A strong city isn’t just about a CBD and it isn’t just about tourist attractions – it’s about offering the whole package and that’s what we’re seeing being created now.”



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History of Southport - Home of the Saltwater people

Long before the white settlers arrived, the Kombumerri people (of the Yugambah family) had lived in the Southport area and enjoyed the many benefits of the coastal lifestyle. Known as the Saltwater People, they swam, fished and rowed boats – occupying most of the land between the Coomera and Nerang Rivers.

While the first white settlers were farmers and timber millers, Southport was first recognised as an idyllic seaside resort in the late 1800s. With just a handful of residents when it was established as a township in 1875, word soon spread to Brisbane where it was marketed as “southern Queensland’s fashionable watering place of the future”. An increase in visitors motivated the construction of holiday accommodation, and the Gold Coast’s first development boom had begun. By the end of the century Southport’s population had swelled to more than 1000.

Located on the beautiful Broadwater, allowing ocean and river access, it’s easy to see why the area thrived for both recreational and business reasons. The railway from Brisbane was extended to Southport in 1889 and soon the once quiet hamlet became one of the earliest business and administrative centres on the Gold Coast.

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TOWN OF SOUTHPORT

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The Station, 45 Nerang Street



Originally built in 1922, this 2-storey award winning building boasts a rich history on the Gold Coast.

Located on Nerang Street, the building is situated in the centre of Southport's CBD and close to many key business landmarks.

The Southport Ambulance Centre was established in 1919 to service the area from Coomera to Burleigh Heads. A voluntary committee raised sufficient funds to build an ambulance station appointing Percy Raby as the first superintendent. The Station opened on the 2nd of December 1922. After 41 years at the helm, Percy Raby retired at the age of 73 leaving behind a staff of 53.



In 2002, at the ripe old age of 80, the building was purchased and restored to its former glory by the Howe family. Southport architects Burling Brown were appointed to carry out the historic adaptation of the Old Ambulance building to a modern, unique and multi award winning office space.

In 2013 The Station as it is now known has undergone another adaptive reuse. The building has been retrofitted to reflect the latest international practices in office co working via a project called Co Spaces.

Co Spaces chairman John Howe said "It is a delight to see once again this beautiful and historic building being able to be used for such exciting new innovative business trends.

"Our vision has been to build a unique facility that engages professionals to connect, collaborate and create great

work on the Gold Coast. By creating a low overhead environment we are helping new and small existing businesses evolve and prosper. We also provide a cost effective space for interstate and international companies from which to explore and develop future business investment on the Gold Coast."

Amongst the professional organisations already recognising the value of Co Spaces are Quantity Surveyors Rider Levett Bucknall, Architects ML Design, Norman Disney Young, Compliance Specialists The MacKenzie Group and International engineers, The Robert Bird Group.

To honour the history of 45 Nerang Street, a coffee shop is opening in the ground floor foyer, named "Percy's Corner" after the first superintendent, and after all these years, The Station at 45 Nerang Street maintains the tradition of benefiting and serving the community of Southport.



CO SPACES

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TSS - The Southport School

Established in 1901, The Southport School (TSS) has come to be regarded as one of Queensland's most prestigious GPS day and boarding schools catering exclusively for boys from preschool to year 12.



TSS was founded by The Right Reverend Horace Dixon and built upon a firm foundation of Christian values, has a long and proud history enriched by timeless traditions. Headmaster Greg Wain said the school had earned an enviable reputation for the outstanding quality of its education and the achievements of its graduates. He attributes this largely to the emphasis the school applies to understanding and meeting the special educational and emotional needs of boys.



Mr Wain has invested considerable time and energy in researching the work of the world's leading educators in identifying the vast differences between boys and girls in respect to thinking and learning, applying this knowledge throughout the school's two campuses.

TSS offers a learning experience that is balanced and holistic, one that moves outside the classroom to complement academic achievement with the development of a wide range of life-skills. Across the broad spectrum of the school, the varied subject matter and programs include Lego® robotics, learning supported by integrated computer technology, extensive sporting programs, leadership development, emotional intelligence, a gifted and talented program and access to university subjects.



The school's facilities are extensive, providing for every pertinent academic, sporting, cultural and social aspect of a boy's education and development in the fullest sense. Contained within the 51.7 hectare riverside campus TSS provides world renowned state of the art facilities with a 600-seat drama and music theatre, five modern and purpose building boarding houses and 24-hour health centre, a complete wireless campus, nine ovals and extensive sporting facilities including a heated 12-lane Olympic sized pool.



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St Hilda's School



“It was an extraordinary venture since only a decade earlier, the population of Southport numbered less than 30,” says Mr Crawley. “The success of the school increased the town’s population, boosted the local economy and launched Southport as a centre for excellence in education.”

In 1914, despite wartime uncertainty, then headmistress Catherine Bourne bolstered optimism in Southport by investing £1000 of her private funds in local realty. She bought 25 acres of bush land “up on the hill” at High Street, which she offered to the Church of England conditional upon construction of a brick school building on site, which was built soon after and opened in 1918.

Today St Hilda’s is still leading the way in primary and secondary school education on the Gold Coast. The school is remarkable for its integrated learning technology, creative learning programs and structural designs, and global learning programs including Australia’s largest international exchange program.

St Hilda’s continues to expand its facilities to meet the needs of the community, and offer girls the benefits of a healthy education by the sea.



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

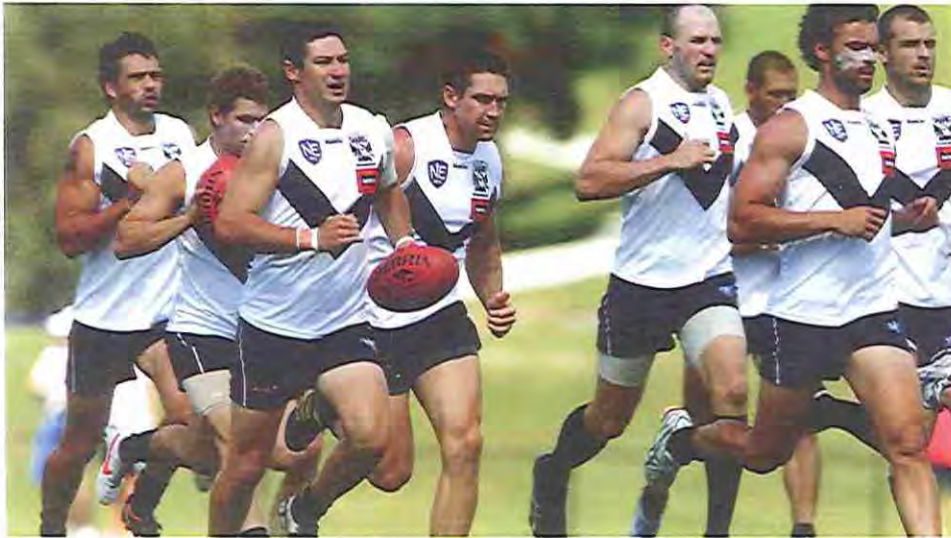
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Education is one of the key industries driving the growth of Southport today, and a look back at the history books shows that has been the case since the town’s very inception.

In 1882 – just seven years after Southport was established – Ipswich headmistress Anne Davenport relocated her modest girls’ school in order to offer students a “healthy education by the sea”. Initially known as Goyte-Lea, the school was bought by the Church of England in 1912 and renamed St Hilda’s.

St Hilda’s Head of School Peter Crawley said the school was a success from the outset and helped lay the foundations of the town as an all-round holiday, business and education hub.

Southport Sharks



Since 1000 spectators turned up to the club's inaugural match at the oval behind the old Grand Theatre in 1961, Southport Sharks Australian Rules Football Club has been an integral part of the local community.



With more than 50,000 members today, Sharks CEO Dean Bowtell said the club was proud to provide Southport residents with a precinct that offered a variety of activities including sport, dining and entertainment.

"We welcome up to 20,000 members and guests per week, providing a social hub for people of all ages to meet and interact in a relaxing environment," he said.

Mr Bowtell said the club's success over the years could be measured both on and off field.

"On field we have won 22 premierships from local and state league competitions since 1961," he said.

"We also play a major role in the development of junior football on the coast with 400 registered players in

the club, and have taken on the responsibility of supporting the Gold Coast Suns through the Patron Partnership Program.

"Off the field, we are committed to supporting local groups, charities and schools through our community benefits scheme. We take pride in promoting local entertainment, supporting local producers through our farmers' markets, and being a local employer of more than 250 people."

Started by 11 football enthusiasts as the first Australian rules football club on the Gold Coast, the club today boasts extensive facilities including, five bars, two restaurants, a café, events centre, fitness centre and more.

Mr Bowtell acknowledges that without the contributions of its founders in 1961 and the club's "Game Changers", Dr Alan Mackenzie, Gerry Carmody and Wally Fankhauser, the club would not have achieved the success it has to date.

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Parkwood International



Established in 1987, Parkwood International was the first resort golf course built in the Southport area.

Set in naturally undulating bushland, the 18-hole, par-71 championship course mixes traditional Australian golf course features with the Gold Coast resort style in mind.

Australia's Gold Coast is a vibrant, cosmopolitan city offering fantastic opportunities.

With a change of ownership in 2010, Parkwood International is now focussing on establishing itself as a vibrant, world-class events and leisure precinct within Southport. Stage 1 of redevelopment was completed in 2011 with new function and events facilities, restaurant, undercover



driving range and mini-golf course, adding to the existing golf course and clubhouse.

With recent development of the surrounding area, the venue is now located within the emerging northern Southport university precinct – less than a minute from the new Griffith University Hospital and Commonwealth Games athlete precinct, and soon to be better connected to the rest of the coast by the light rail.

Managing director Luke Altschwager said more plans were underway and Parkwood International aimed to add a major element to Southport's leisure and entertainment infrastructure.

"The Southport region is forever growing, and as such deserves new facilities and opportunities to entertain the entire community," Mr Altschwager said.



"Our goal is to offer a unique venue that mum and dad and the kids can all enjoy. The Southport region is continuing to grow and develop leading up to 2018, and it's an exciting time to be a part of what lies ahead."

Parkwood International now hosts events for the community, from weddings and conferences, to corporate golf days and kids mini-golf parties. Plans are underway for additional of redevelopment, increasing the size of its events and leisure precinct in the Southport region towards 2018.



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Friends of Southport



'Uncle' Graham Dillon

Graham Dillon is known as Uncle Graham to the Saltwater Communities and he is the Kombumerri Gold Coast clan Elder.



Ted Fong

Long time local resident, restaurateur, President of Gold Coast Chinese Association and China Town Committee.



Darrell Brown

Director of Burling Brown & Partners Pty Ltd. Registered Architect since 1970. Rotarian since 1972.



Karen Phillips

One of Australia's most sought-after strategists in brand management, client communication and team improvement.



Ian O'Connor

Griffith University Vice Chancellor and President Professor Ian O'Connor has overseen the remarkable growth of the University in recent years.



Mick Veivers

Born in Southport, Mick Veivers went on to become a rugby league international and was the Member for Southport from 1987 to 2001.



Hans Torv

Broadcaster, publican, creator of one of Australia's unique radio stations Hot Tomato 102.9FM.



Jim Raptis

Long time coast property developer Jim Raptis played a lead role in rejuvenating the Southport CBD.



Harry Triguboff

Regarded property developer who helped to change the face of Southport.



Denis O'Connell

Mayor of the Gold Coast at the time of the construction of the Southport Seaway and Broadwater advocate.



Gary Baidon

Former Gold Coast mayor who helped shape Southport as a key business district on the Gold Coast. Current Gold Coast Waterways Chairman.



Ian Hollindale

A member of one of Southport's pioneering families and dairy industry figure, Ian Hollindale is a long time community champion.



Lester Hughes

Alderman 9 years, Foundation Chairman Leukaemia foundation Gold Coast, Chairman RDA, Chairman Family Support Group and Deputy foundation chairman St Stephens College.



Cavill Family

Jim Cavill opened the Surfers Paradise Hotel. The family still own and operate the iconic Cav's Steakhouse in Labrador.



Dr John Kearney

Gold Coast East Eye Clinic operator. Dr John Kearney is also a member of the Committee for Southport, focused on building Southport into a thriving business and tourism hub by 2018.



Peter Lawlor

Former local member for Southport, Tourism Minister and long time Southport resident.



Peter Hobart

Local businessman, Ray White Southport, Rotarian since 1975, TSS Board Member, Griffith University Board member, RACQ President. (Now retired).



Fred Allison

Southport community identity, Southport North Rotarian, Scouting Leader, business retailer since 1939.



Max Christmas

Elder statesman of the Gold Coast real estate scene and former councillor, Max Christmas played a significant role in developing Southport.

Keith Hunt

The former Gold Coast Mayor who helped put the Gold Coast on the world stage.



Rob Borbidge

Member for Surfers Paradise who went on to become the Premier of Queensland.



Dawn Crichlow

Colourful Southport councillor since 1991, Dawn Crichlow was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for service to the community.



Ken Lister

School captain of SSHS. Local teacher for 50 years; a member of Parish Council at St Peter's Anglican Church; Rotarian for 27 years; and a committee member of various organisations.



Tony Cochrane

Southport resident and founder of V8 SuperCars Australia.



Vicki Batten

CEO of Southport disability services organisation FSG Australia, Vicki Batten grew the organisation into one of the largest employers in Southport.



Ian Langdon

Founding member of the Griffith University Council, Chairman Gold Coast Health and Hospital Service.



Bruce Lynton

From humble beginnings in 1974, Bruce Lynton's car dealership still holds its original Nerang Street site, and he is an active member of the Southport community.



Keith Williams

Water ski Champ, tourism pioneer, business man, developer, founder of Sea World.



John Howe

Chairman of the Committee for Southport leading the regeneration and repositioning of Southport as Gold Coast's CBD.



Kevin Litfin

The Litfin family has been a name well respected in the development of Southport and districts and is still active in business ventures.



Hinze Family

The Hon. Russell James "Russ" Hinze presided over an era in Queensland politics that included setting up of the Racing Development Fund and the licensing of Jupiters Casino.

Freeman Family

The first Southport business to open (a steam driven saw, planing and joinery works and blacksmith) became Johnston and Freeman and shifted to Nind Street in 1886.



Louise Carroll

Southport based public relations and marketing professional with over 25 years experience.



Ted Molhoek

Arrived on the Gold Coast in 1954 looking for a new life away from war ravaged Europe. Contract painter worked on Kinkabool, the Sands, Iluka, Tiki Village, Focus and Sea World.



Hetty Johnston

Founder and Executive Director of Bravehearts - Australia's pre-eminent advocate for child safety.



Paul Broughton

Rugby League legend, supporter of indigenous youth, founding Chairman of the Gold Coast Titans.



Thea Jeanes-Cochrane

Southport resident and representative for the Queensland Plan and Bid Team Member of CGA presentations at Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Bid Ltd.



Professor Lyn Griffiths

Professor of Molecular Genetics Director, Griffith Institute for Health and Medical Research and Dean (Research Griffith Health). Leading research into Cancer for over two decades.



Robert Akes

Akes Plumbing is Southport's longest running business in continual operation since 1919.



Stuart Bruce

Southport business owner with strong family connections to the city.

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Southport - CBD of the Gold Coast, Queensland Australia

Commonwealth Games

From 4 to 15 April 2018, the Gold Coast will host the 21st Commonwealth Games.

While it will only last 11 days, the Games offers a decade of opportunity for the Gold Coast, and particularly for the Games' hub – Southport.

This will be the fifth time Australia has staged the Games, and the first time it will be held in a regional Australian city. It will be the biggest event in Australia in more than a decade and the biggest event in the Asia Pacific in 2018, alongside the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

The Games brings together the members of the Commonwealth of Nations in an effort to raise the bar of sport for all humanity and provide a level playing field where athletes compete in a spirit of friendship and fair play.

Although there are 54 members of the Commonwealth of Nations, 71 teams participate in the Commonwealth Games as a number of British overseas territories,

Crown dependencies, and island states compete under their own flag including the four home nations of the United Kingdom.

Throughout the Games, more than 500 TV cameras will capture and broadcast more than 1000 hours of live coverage to a global audience of 1.5 billion. A media contingent made up of more than 3000 photographers and journalists will deliver close to 100,000 media stories, leading to an expected 86 million website page views.

It's the promotional opportunity of Southport's lifetime.



Australia Fair



Since 1983, Australia Fair Shopping Centre has been the retail heart of Southport. It has seen the CBD grow up around it, and in turn influenced its development.

That pattern looks set to continue with a Chinatown Precinct earmarked for development alongside Australia Fair West, in Young and Davenport Streets. Centre marketing manager Louise Jurgs said plans were being considered to redevelop the centre to align with the Chinatown masterplan.

“Once the masterplan is finalised we will consider the options but they could include the redevelopment of the entire western annex opening onto Young Street,” Ms Jurgs said.

“Being centrally located in the new Chinatown Precinct, there is potential to develop the centre in a way that complements the surrounding area as it grows. Ideally, there could be a mix of dining options including restaurants and other food offerings with a focus on al fresco dining in Young Street.”

Australia Fair Shopping Centre acts as a hub for Southport CBD, with more than 210 retail stores including Coles and Woolworths supermarkets, Kmart and 900-seats in two food courts. Additionally it houses a Birch Carroll and Coyle 10-cinema complex including Gold Class options, plus a five-storey commercial office tower.

Services include Australia Post, medical and dental centres, Medicare, Medibank, Crown Currency Exchange, and RACQ.

Australia Fair West, originally known as Scarborough Fair was the original stage of the centre. It housed a Franklins supermarket, Treasureway department store and 40 specialty shops. Construction of the bigger \$300 million northern section of the complex overlooking the Broadwater started in 1989 and opened in April the following year.

Ms Jurgs said Australia Fair would benefit from the future plans for Southport while the new Chinatown Precinct would further attract locals, tourists and business investors alike to the district.

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Southport's sporting culture

Since its early days as a beachside getaway, Southport has offered residents the opportunity to make the most of the healthy, outdoor lifestyle. It's not surprising the suburb has a rich sporting history, with numerous sporting clubs and facilities, and countless successful athletes.

Southport has bred dozens of sportspeople who have gone on to represent the country at the top levels of competition. Current and recent local stars include Olympians Sally Pearson and Grant Hackett, rugby union Wallabies James O'Connor

and Nathan Sharpe, tennis player Bernard Tomic, motorcycle racing champion Casey Stoner, and St Kilda AFL Club captain Nick Riewoldt.

The Southport Sharks Australian Rules Football Club is the largest club on the Gold Coast and patron partner of the national competition's Gold Coast Suns. The Sharks have won 22 premierships in local and state competition, while its local cricketing counterpart, the Southport Labrador Tigers has won 30 since its origins in 1883.

Southport will also be a hub for a variety of sports during the Commonwealth Games including gymnastics, basketball, netball, swimming and diving, as well as providing the start and finish of the

marathon, road walks and triathlon. The Broadwater Parklands will also be the location for one of the live sites where people can watch the action on screens provided while enjoying the atmosphere of the Games.

Sporting Clubs

Southport Tigers Rugby League
Parkwood Sharks Rugby League
Southport Sharks Australian Rules Football Club
Labrador Tigers Cricket Association
Gold Coast Netball
Southport Pony Club
Southport Golf Course
Southport Amateur Fishing Club
Southport Surf Life Saving Club

Southport Yacht Club
Southport Gymnastics
Queens Park Tennis
Southport Croquet Club
Musgrave Bowls
Southport Bowls
Colleges Rugby Union
Southport Sea Eagles
Labrador and Gold Coast Hockey

Southport Indoor Pistol Club
Southport Rifle Range & Gun Club
Gold Coast Turf Club
Gold Coast Athletics
Musgrave & Southport Soccer
Aust Synchronised Swim Squad
Southport Pool



Southport at a glance



Situated alongside the Gold Coast's tourism centre Surfers Paradise, Southport is most well known as the city's business, administration and health centre. The CBD boasts more than 100,000sqm of office space – more than any other suburb on the Gold Coast. It is home to the Southport Courthouse and many legal and accounting firms.

Its reputation as an entertainment centre has lapsed somewhat in recent decades in favour of Surfers. However with the magnificent revitalisation of the Broadwater Parklands and a number of inner-CBD residential/retail developments like the \$700 million Southport Central breathing new life into the city streets, Southport is experiencing somewhat of a renaissance as a place to go to eat, drink, and play.

Low level residential housing and a number of suburban shopping centres surround the business hub. At the 2011 Census the population of Southport was 28,315. The median age of residents was 36, there was an average of 2.1 people per household, the median weekly rent was \$320, and the median weekly household income was \$881. To the north, the state electorate of Southport includes the suburbs Arundel, Ernest, Labrador, Molendinar and Parkwood.



Highlights



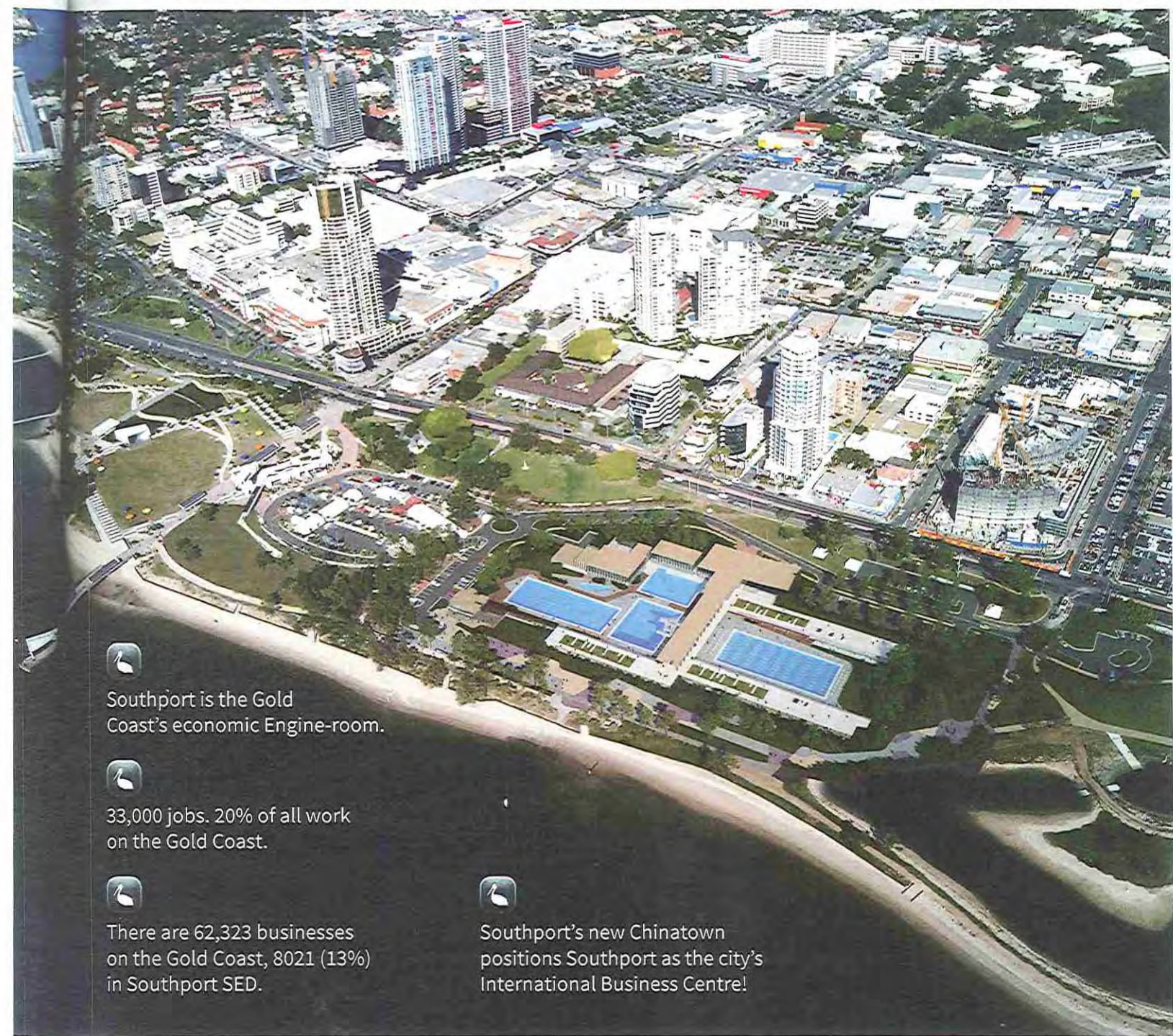
The transformation of Southport represents huge investment opportunities.




As a health & knowledge hub business has never looked more promising than now!



Located side by side Griffith University and the new Gold Coast University Hospital are set to become a Health & Knowledge Mecca for the Southern Hemisphere!




 Southport is the Gold Coast's economic Engine-room.

 33,000 jobs. 20% of all work on the Gold Coast.


 There are 62,323 businesses on the Gold Coast, 8021 (13%) in Southport SED.


 Southport's new Chinatown positions Southport as the city's International Business Centre!

 Nowhere else in Australia is quite like Southport and the Gold Coast!

 Served by 6 Light Rail stops and the city's major public transport interchange.

 45 minutes from the State's Capital.

 Accessible from two International Airports: Gold Coast (30 minutes) Brisbane (60 minutes).

 Minutes from some of the World's best surf beaches.

 This is the Decade of Southport.

 Home to the Parklands Commonwealth Games Village & new Aquatic Centre.

 Gold Coast City Council have declared Southport a Priority Development Area.

Chinatown



Located in the heart of the Southport CBD, Gold Coast Chinatown is one of the projects spearheading the revitalisation of Southport. Focused on Young and Davenport Streets, the City of Gold Coast has committed \$3.5 million dollars to undertake streetscape improvements, with further funding allocated to cultural embellishments such as lanterns, public art, signage and street furniture. The City is also working in partnership with four of the Gold Coast Sister Cities, Beihai and Zhuhai in China and Taipei and Tainan in Taiwan to design and donate the Paifang which symbolise the entrances to the precinct.

Gold Coast Chinatown will strengthen relationships with the Asia-Pacific region by providing opportunities for cultural exchange, trade and investment. Chinatown will be the place locals will go to celebrate and be immersed in Asian culture and it will bring a sense of home and community to the thousands of tourist and international students who visit the city each year.

Adjacent to one of the busiest light rail stations, Chinatown will be a vibrant retail and dining destination which will bring people into Southport at all times of the day and night.



The place to
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Gold Coast's
diversity through
culture, design,
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Southport today

Population

Gold Coast - 544,165
 Forecast Projection - 798,417 (2031)
 Southport SED - 56,714
 Born Overseas - 41%
 Speak a second language - 31.5%
 Median Age - 36.1
 Aged 15 to 64 - 70.3%

Businesses

Gold Coast - 62,323
 Southport - 8021 (13%)

Jobs

Gold Coast - 185,465
 Southport SED - 33,138

Place of Employment by Industry

Place of Employment by Industry	Southport SED	Gold Coast	%
Manufacturing	3282	15814	21%
Construction	2512	14763	17%
Accommodation & Food	1648	19886	8%
Professional & Scientific	2305	11904	19%
Education & Training	3451	15178	23%
Health Care & Social Assistance	6663	22506	30%
Retail	3404	24580	14%
ALL Industries	33138	184583	18%

Statistics quoted sourced from Queensland Treasury and Trade, Government Statistician, June 21 2013.
 SED = Southport Electoral District.

Law & Order, Health & Emergency Services -

Southport is home to one of the state's best serviced Police Stations, its own Ambulance and Fire Stations, Headquarters to Gold Coast Emergency Rescue Services, the new Gold Coast University Hospital and

9 other specialist and private hospitals. Gold Coast Courts are located in Southport serving the region from Pimpama in the north to the Queensland Border at Coolangatta.

Southport looking forward



Southport is the traditional administrative, legal, commercial and medical heart of Gold Coast City, employing 14% of the workforce in 2011. It is also a major educational hub.



The Council is seeking to fast-track higher intensity projects in the Southport business centre, to coincide with the new Light Rail and creation of Chinatown prior to the Commonwealth Games 2018.



Advancement of the Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct, with the opening of the Gold Coast University Hospital and the planned Athletes' Village, continues to cement Southport's role as a centre for innovation.



According to Queensland Government projections, Southport SED's population could increase by 40% to 80,000 people by 2031. This partly reflects the expected impact of the Light Rail.



A recent study by Bond University and Integran Infrastructure Management estimated a 2.5-4 times multiplier effect from Government spending along the Light Rail corridor. This could translate to \$20 billion in urban revitalisation over 20 years. There are several major projects already planned for Southport.



Southport's reputation as a more affordable centre contributed to the 5% increase in the number of businesses since 2007. In 2011, Southport and environs accounted for 8,700 businesses and 36,500 jobs, or 20% of the workforce on the Gold Coast. Its central position on the Light Rail will only enhance Southport's role as a preferred business location.

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Southport Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Laird Marshall, Catherine Palin-Brinkworth, Colin Coverdale, Brian Sohler

Southport has a unique window of opportunity to harness momentum building towards the Commonwealth Games, says the Southport Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber president Laird Marshall said the Games were an opportunity to establish the foundations of a stronger city.

“Thanks to the Games, we are now in an upward spiral of business confidence that will culminate in 2018,” he said.

“The Games only last for a few weeks but what’s going to happen between now and then, means by the end of it, we should have the infrastructure and big business to support a sustainable city for business.”

Mr Marshall said the city had to focus particularly on attracting big business to invigorate and sustain economic independence.

“We need to be able to overcome the plateaus of boom and bust conditions like the Gold Coast has experienced in the past four or five years,” he said.

“The sun and the surf, for a reason to be here, are simply not enough. We now have the opportunity to attract big multinational businesses that will bring better jobs for more educated, experienced people. That will have a flow-on effect for small and medium businesses on the coast, and we will

be able to compete with other capital cities in a business sense.”

Mr Marshall urged local businesses to join the chamber to help not only their own business, but the strength of the Southport chamber to help capitalise on the coming opportunities.

“The chamber is a non-profit organisation that exists to serve members and the local business community,” he said.

“As a united group, we provide a voice to lobby for the interests of our members. The more businesses we have on board, the stronger we are.”

Mr Marshall said the chamber offered regular breakfast and evening networking events, with topical speakers that otherwise would be virtually unavailable to meet with.



SOUTHPORT
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and Industry

Visit

www.southportchamberofcommerce.org.au for details on coming functions or call 5531 4577.

BUSY At Work



An increase in job opportunities will leave a stronger local workforce long after the Commonwealth Games are gone, says Southport Apprenticeships organisation BUSY At Work.

BUSY At Work was established in Southport in 1977 by local lawyer Martin Punch. While the organisation now employs 200 staff across Queensland, it started off around a kitchen table as “Backing Unemployed Southport/Surfers Youth”. Initially a community and support service, BUSY At Work now specialises in apprenticeships, skilling people for work and helping businesses train or recruit new staff.

BUSY At Work CEO Paul Miles said the organisation had helped countless numbers of local people break into the workforce over the years, and the Games would be an excellent opportunity to continue that work and develop the local workforce.

“The key to a strong economy is a skilled and educated workforce,” he said.

“So if we can use this opportunity to skill up the local workforce before 2018 then it will help us continue to develop the local economy and provide ongoing employment for local residents.”

Mr Miles said the announcement of the games had created a buzz in the local business community and jobs

were already starting to come online – at this stage mostly in construction for projects such as the light rail and redevelopment of the aquatic centre. As it gets closer to the games there will be increasingly more jobs in tourism, hospitality and security.

BUSY At Work has dedicated staff that will be meeting employers and holding events and forums to teach businesses how they can access apprenticeship and traineeship funding. Businesses and job seekers should get in touch with BUSY At Work via its website www.busyatwork.com.au to learn how it can help them, and check out their new Apprenticeship and Traineeship website ApprenticeshipCentral.com.au.

Mr Miles said BUSY At Work had been helping school leavers for many years and reminded current students there were now many opportunities for school-based apprenticeships.



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FSG Australia



Southport is home to FSG Australia (FSGA), one of Queensland's largest not-for-profit community organisations.

FSGA was founded in 1979 by a small group of parents on the Gold Coast who wanted a better deal for their children with a disability. Today, FSGA employs up to 700 staff and 300 volunteers who provide a range of disability and mental health services, vocational and accredited training, children and family services, and operate several social enterprises across the South East Queensland and Fraser Coast regions.



FSG Australia is part of Queensland's Disability Service G8 Summit and joins forces with the state's eight largest non-government disability service organisations to discuss unmet needs and to advocate for rights as a united voice.

CEO Vicki Batten says "Guided by our values of Freedom, Social Justice and Growth, we are continually determined to ensure all our practices uphold the rights of all people to have choice and regard throughout their life."

FSGA also operates several social enterprise initiatives including an Op Shop, Cafe, (which were launched in Southport), a Nursery and Green Shop.

Vicki says "Our Social Enterprises offer social, training and employment outcomes for the people we walk alongside as well as offering shoppers the opportunity to make a social difference in their community."

"Having FSGA's Head Office based at Southport makes good business and social sense. The Gold Coast is the fastest growing city in Australia and Southport is at the epicentre of it. This is where the community is - why would we be anywhere else!?" says Vicki.



Contact:

For more information on FSG Australia's services and enterprises, or to make a donation please visit fsg.org.au

Did you know?...



Southport was known as Nerang Creek Heads until it was surveyed and declared a Shire in 1875.



Southport was named after an English seaside resort and due to its location as Queensland's southern most port at the time.



Much of the area was tea tree swamp before it was developed.



The first white settler in the area was Richard Gardner, arriving in 1869 before building a home and a wharf at the river end of what is now Queen Street.



The Town of Southport was officially recognised and recorded in the Queensland Government Gazette April 12 1918



The Lodgers were the first family to settle in the area, establishing a farm beside a salt water creek to the south of Queen Street, before moving to a hill overlooking what is now Lodgers Creek.



No land sold in 1874 when it was first offered for sale to Brisbane residents. However 22 one acre allotments sold the following year.



In 1876, Robert Johnson opened Southport's first business – a steam-driven saw, planing and joinery works and blacksmith and hardware shop in Nerang Street.



Brisbane resident Frederick Bauer was the Gold Coast's first property developer. He paid 400 pounds for 117 acres of land adjoining Queen Street and subdivided it into 180 marine villas that were offered at public auction.



Queensland's Governor Sir Anthony Musgrave frequented Southport in the late 1800s, raising its profile as an upper middle-class holiday destination.



Before the first bridge was built across to Main Beach in 1925, a ferry used to take people across the river and link with a horse and buggy to Surfers Paradise.



Bauer Street was the original landing point for the Pacific Cable Station making Southport a strategic communications hub to the world in the early 1900s and throughout the war years. Today Southport has been prioritised for early roll-out of the NBN.



The water flowing through the kids' rock pools in the Southport Parklands is pumped from the Broadwater rather than drawing from the city's fresh water supply.



A state of the art storm-water management system collects, filters and cleans stormwater from the Southport CBD before it enters the Broadwater, reducing the annual gross pollutant load by 90 per cent.



Gold Coast City Crest - the design was taken from the original Town of Southport Crest from the early 1900s incorporating the pelican, a surf lifesaving reel, fish from the Broadwater and Council Chambers opened in 1935.



Southport's census population was 230 in 1881, 1230 in 1901, 3551 in 1921, 4218 in 1933, 8134 in 1954, 12,746 in 1961, 18,930 in 1986. Today Southport SED has a population of 56,714.

St George



Longtime Southport business St George Bank backs Council's bid to have Southport designated as a Priority Development Area (PDA).

St George opened in Southport in the late 1980s and its local client base includes businesses in the IT, financial planning, accounting, law and government sectors, and a large dealer finance network on the coast including James Frizelle's Automotive Group.

Southport branch manager Wendy Kawan said designation as a PDA would enable the area to take advantage of opportunities in the leadup to the Commonwealth Games to become a true CBD.

"Southport has unofficially been seen as the CBD of the Gold Coast and it should continue to build on this strength and reputation," Wendy said.

"The designation of Southport as a PDA would help attract larger businesses to the area to take advantage of the lifestyle opportunities it provides. The development taking place is creating a rarely seen hub that allows the community to live, work and play, while also attracting the tourism industry.

"In particular the light rail will greatly increase the ease of access for medical and university commuters to reach the centre of Southport, not to mention an attraction for those visiting."

Ross Gillam, head of St George Retail Bank for Queensland, said the strength of Southport's economy was underpinned by the large professional base in the local legal, medical, educational, financial and retail sectors. The bank's customer base has grown to include a larger retiree population who need assistance with retirement planning, downsizing, re-financing and relocating. Meanwhile families and small to medium-sized businesses are also continuing to expand and grow.

Mr Gillam said over the past 25 years the Southport branch had expanded its services to include mobile and home lending, financial planning, business banking, and auto-finance. This change led to the refurbishment and expansion of the branch, which is now a hub for its 'Business Connect' technology model, which services small business through virtual banking.



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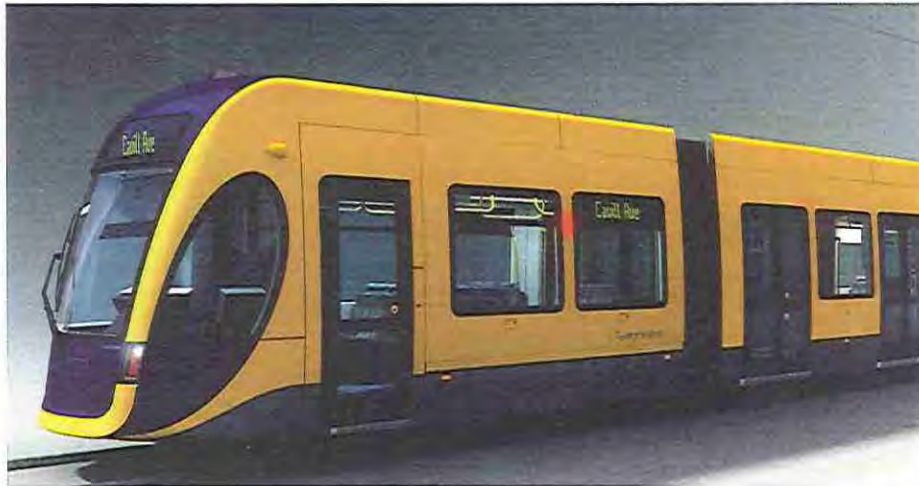
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GoldLinQ



In 2014 the Gold Coast will be home to Queensland's first contemporary light rail system.

John Witheriff, chairman of project developer GoldLinQ, said the light rail system would be a city-defining project.

"Within the next two decades, as more residents and businesses move into the light rail corridor, a fundamental change will occur with regards to how people choose to live and work in the city," he said.

Mr Witheriff was born and bred on the Gold Coast and spent much of his working life here, and says he has observed the city evolve into the vibrant community it is today.

"Many would find it hard to believe that when I went to school in Southport, just over 45 years ago, the sealed roads finished near the Southport School and families would travel all the way to Nerang for family picnics," he said.

"The construction of the light rail has facilitated the upgrading of the city's infrastructure to facilitate the growth in population over the next 25 years. It has also meant that we can retain one of the most important elements of this liveable city namely our ability to move around with ease and reliability.

"Our climate, natural beauty and excitement have been the reasons why so many people have flocked to this city. They will remain the reasons why so many more come to join us here on the Gold Coast.

Mr Witheriff said Southport was at the heart of the system and would be connected seamlessly to other key centres of the Gold Coast.

"What will flow from this is more development, leading to more jobs, and a positive change in the economic diversity of precincts such as Southport," he said.

"This type of permanent infrastructure is what attracts business and people to invest around it."

The GoldLinQ consortium consists of GoldLinQ Pty Ltd, McConnell Dowell Constructors Pty Ltd, Bombardier Transportation Australia Pty Ltd and KDR Gold Coast Pty Ltd.



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Our billion dollar health industry



A look at the health infrastructure projects in the pipeline in 2013 paints an exciting picture of the Southport that is just around the corner. Over the next few years the inverted commas around “CBD” can rightfully come down. Southport’s future is definitely looking healthy.

With a new start-of-the-art hospital, the Commonwealth Games Village, and new sporting, entertainment and cultural facilities all linked by a modern transport system, the business hub of the Gold Coast – Australia’s sixth biggest city – is well on the way to becoming one of the country’s most dynamic city centres.

GCIT - Specialist Training Health Services

Situated in the centre of the Southport Central Business District the GCIT Southport campus is within close proximity to the Australia Fair Shopping Centre and provides easy access to an abundance of shops and cafes. The Southport campus provides specialist delivery in a range of programs including commerce, nursing, justice, marketing and Education Support.

I CAN! International Institute for Neurodiversity

As part of Southport’s vision to be the leading Health & Knowledge precinct in the Asia Pacific Region plans are underway to establish an International Centre of Excellence for health and disability care. The dream is to cluster services and research through unique public-private partnerships for the Clinical Advancement of Neurodiversity (I CAN!). Boasting state of the art integrated disability, medical and mental health services, clinical teaching and research all into one area to create a first-of-its-kind centre and many new jobs for the region.

Gold Coast University Hospital

The 2013 opening of the \$1.76 billion, 750-bed Gold Coast University Hospital (GCUH) brings world-leading health services to Southport. Made up of seven main buildings and a total floor space of around 170,000 square metres, it will provide the technology to support high level service delivery for the benefit of both patients and staff, as well as state-of-the-art training facilities and on-site research facilities for students.

Health and Knowledge Precinct

The new hospital is a key component of a fully integrated health, medical, technology, research and innovation centre. Combined with Griffith University’s Gold Coast campus and the new Gold Coast Innovation Centre, the precinct will become a vibrant hub of research and innovation, leading the way for the Gold Coast to be one of Australia’s leading cities.

Healthscope

Healthscope is a 4,300 bed hospital network in Australia. A new 284-bed private hospital to be built in Southport will offer a 24-hour emergency care centre, level 2 special care nursery, intensive care unit and a dedicated haematology/oncology day unit, along with 11 integrated operating theatres, a hybrid theatre and cardiac catheterisation laboratory, and expansion space to increase to 18 theatres. The new facility will herald a new era of health care on the Gold Coast – it will be unrivalled by any other in the region and equal to the best hospitals in Australia.

Southport timeline

1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1889 1890 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950



1874

Crown Reserve at Nerang Creek Heads surveyed and established as the town of Southport the following year.



1900

First Southport Show.



Background image (screened):

Unidentified male diving into the swimming pool attached to the Southport Pier, Southport, Queensland, circa 1930s.
George A. Jackman, photographer.



1889

Railway from Brisbane to Southport opens as the population reaches 1000.



1884

First main jetty built and passenger boats start regularly calling in at the town. (Population 350 with 80 houses.)



1901

The Southport School founded and plans made for a courthouse in Southport.



1913

Church of England Grammar School for Girls (St Hilda's) founded.



1925

The Jubilee Bridge between Southport and Main Beach is opened.

Jubilee Bridge, Nerang River, circa 1926. Photographer unknown.



1932

Water supply to Southport completed.



1918

Town of Southport officially gazetted on April 12th 1918.



1914

Southport Pier built.



1937

Population of 7500 recorded.

Unidentified family playing beach cricket on The Broadwater foreshore near Main Beach, circa 1930s. George A. Jackman, photographer



1941

Southport Pier and Theatre
circa 1941. Photographer unknown.





1970

Keith Williams gains lease of 50 acres of Crown Land on The Spit and establishes Seaworld.

Dolphins leaping, the monorail and train at Sea World, The Spit, Queensland, circa 1980s. Margaret Steley, photographer



2005

Griffith University builds a medical education facility next to the existing Gold Coast Hospital and plans for the new university hospital are announced.



2010

The Gold Coast wins the bid to host the 2018 Commonwealth Games.



1940

Mineral Deposits Ltd's treatment plant where Rivage Royales currently stands.



1986

Southport Seaway opens.



2009

The Southport Broadwater Parklands redevelopment officially opened.



2013

Southport's population estimated at 56,714.



1947

Gold Coast Hospital established.



1979

New Southport general hospital opened.



1988

Opening of Southport Mall and Marina Mirage.



1956

Southport Yacht Club opened.



1968

The Southport Hotel demolished to make way for the Sundale Shopping Centre in 1969.



1990

Sundale Shopping Centre closes and Australia Fair completed and opens.



2018

Gold Coast to host the XXI Commonwealth Games.



1960s

Gold Coast Aquatic Centre opens.



1971

South Coast Council Crest.



1966

Nerang River Bridge completed at a cost of £609,226.



2014

Expected completion date for Stage 1 of the Gold Coast Rapid Transit Light Rail System.



Southport arts and cultural scene



Southport is home to a vibrant underground cultural community, with a growing number of galleries, studios and art schools emerging.



The Broadwater Parklands is also home to the Gold Coast Art Festival – an annual celebration of local artists which transforms Southport's Broadwater foreshore into a giant outdoor gallery.

The presence of the art community can be seen in the streets and spaces of the CBD. Gallery on the Lane is an independent art space dedicated to showcasing the work of artists without the overheads of commercial galleries. Overlooking the Fig Tree Courtyard in Australia Fair, the Gold Coast Art Festival Gallery is another space fostering and promoting local talent, while also providing a new display for locals and visitors to experience every month.

Retro art cafés such as 42 Fifteen are providing meeting places and opportunities to inspire creativity. Plans are underway to decorate the backstreet laneways, and open unused spaces within these previously neglected areas for art galleries and workshops.

Established nearly two decades ago, the Gold Coast Art School on Nerang Street continues to provide support to budding amateur and professional painters. Local artists are also planning to open an art precinct in the CBD to provide a physical home for the local art community, from which individuals can be brought together to inspire creative expression that can be shared with the broader Southport community in the future.

What tourism means to the Gold Coast

Tourism is the key driver of the Gold Coast economy, contributing almost one dollar in every five generated within the city.

The Gold Coast is widely regarded as Australia's most popular leisure holiday destination, attracting more than 11 million overnight and daytrip visitors each year.

(Tourism Research Australia - National and International Visitor Surveys YE June 2012).

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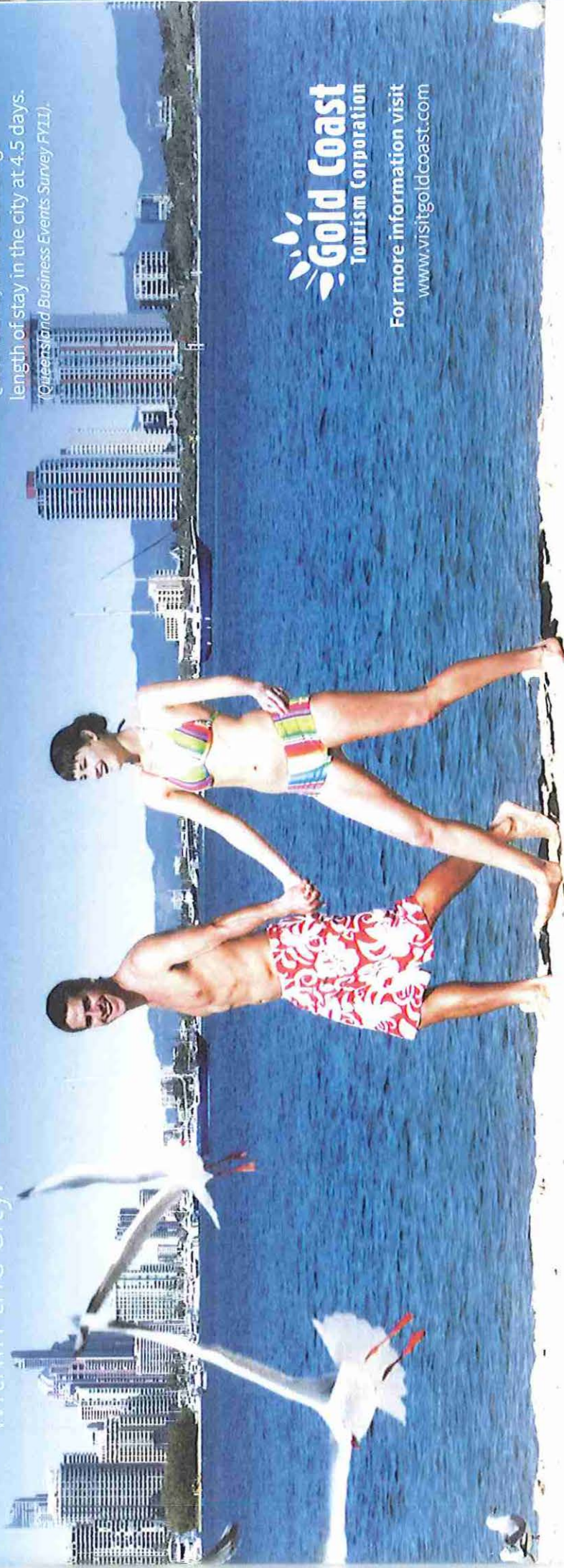
Each year, visitors to the Gold Coast spend an average \$4.5 billion and the city's tourism sector employs 35,300 people, reflecting the value of tourism to Gold Coast residents and businesses. *(Gold Coast City Council).*

The ultimate canvas for business events is the Gold Coast and its popularity with corporate visitors is evident, attracting 1,200 business events each year worth \$273 million to the local economy.

(Queensland Business Events Survey FY11).

The Gold Coast holds a 46 per cent market share of all business event delegate days hosted in Queensland, with the average length of stay in the city at 4.5 days.

(Queensland Business Events Survey FY11).



Gold Coast
Tourism Corporation

For more information visit
www.visitgoldcoast.com

Committee for Southport

The Committee for Southport is an apolitical and independent organisation that strategically analyses and advocates issues that impact Southport beyond short-term electoral cycles.

Committee Chairman John Howe said the organisation brings together Southport's most influential property owners and substantial employers to work collaboratively to enhance Southport – economically, socially and environmentally.

“By working together with other Gold Coast leaders to ensure the city's liveability and prosperity, our mission is to act as a courageous, innovative and far-thinking catalyst to enhance Southport as a dynamic, commercial, technological, intellectual and cultural capital of the city,” Mr Howe said.

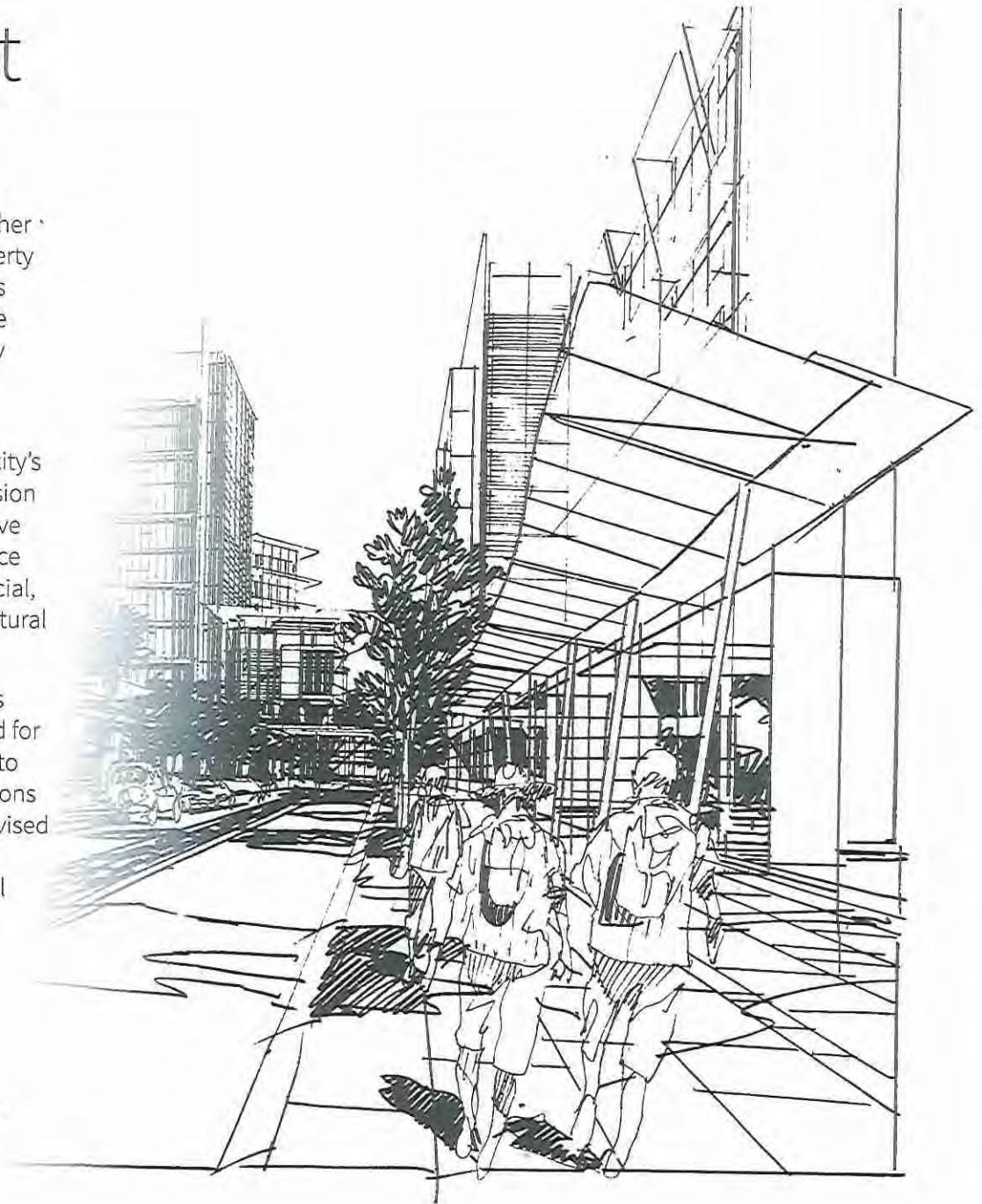
“With the centenary of Southport's proclamation as a town scheduled for 12 April 2018, it is now opportune to ensure that governments, institutions and industry are informed and advised as to Southport's strengths and to take its interests into account in all decision-making.”



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Bartercard



Bartercard says Southport has been the ideal location for its global headquarters since 1991, and is confident other large companies will find a comfortable home in the CBD in coming years.

Bartercard International Group Chief Operating Officer Trevor Dietz said he expected more major multinational companies would move into the city as it geared up towards the Commonwealth Games in 2018, and Southport had the right mix of attributes to support all facets of a large business.

“As a large employer, Southport has offered us an excellent range of cost effective office accommodation, good parking for large numbers of employees, excellent public transport links and a good range of quality shopping and entertainment venues,” Mr Dietz said.

“This has helped us attract and retain quality staff both locally, from interstate and internationally – Southport has it all.”

“For an international business, Southport has the advantage of quick and easy links to two major airports and is just a 45 minute drive to the Brisbane CBD.”

Mr Dietz said Southport was gaining a new dynamic as a modern CBD and an all round lifestyle hub.

“We’ve got an enlarged TAFE, new high rises, new office buildings, focused legal prescient, major investments by prestige motor vehicle dealerships and continued refurbishment of existing buildings,” he said.

“Despite all these changes, Southport retains its open, safe, friendly, affordable and positive community spirit that makes working, living and studying in Southport such an easy thing to do. Combine this with quality schools and centres for higher education and Southport has a winning combination.

“The addition of a Chinatown precinct has confirmed Southport as an emerging cultural hub in what is fast becoming a multicultural city. Every CBD in every major city has a China Town and they are all the richer for that addition.”

From its Southport base, Bartercard International Group has grown to 72 offices in seven countries.



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The *Twenty 18* Challenge - Your Invitation



Come join the
Twenty 18
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Come do Business
in Southport,
Gold Coast,
Queensland,
Australia!

Southport, this is our decade. As we look *towards Twenty 18* it's up to us to leverage every opportunity to make the most of the Commonwealth Games and work together to create a lasting legacy. Not only great facilities, but sustainable long-term businesses and with them, permanent jobs for our kids and future generations.

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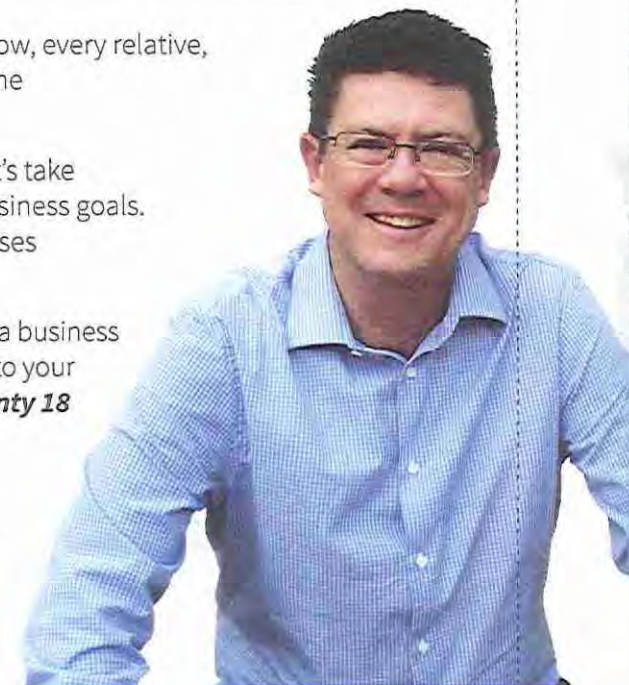
As a community let's open our homes and hearts by inviting every person we know, every relative, every friend, every family member or colleague to come and join us in 2018 for the Commonwealth Games. Together let's help fill every seat at every stadium!

As business leaders let's aim to really shake things up! Let's chase every lead. Let's take service standards to new levels. Let's set ourselves some great big audacious business goals. Could we double our turn-over by 2018? Could we attract another 8000 businesses into Southport and double today's workforce to 60,000 by 2018?

If you share our vision and would like to discuss opportunities to relocate or grow a business in Southport then send us your details. If you'd like us to send copies of this book to your personal contacts then just let us know. A member of the Southport *Towards Twenty 18* Team will be in touch. All details you provide are private and confidential.



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