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17th February 2008

The Hon Anna Bligh
Premier of Queensland

I would like to present to you a Report on the Federation Walk project at The Spit on the Gold Coast.

It is ten years since the Main Beach Progress Association applied for Queensland Centenary of Federation funding and this Report encapsulates the success and achievements of the project.

On behalf of the community of Friends of Federation Walk I would like to thank the State Government for ensuring the longevity of the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve by Gazettal action and funding to rejuvenate and create public access for the whole community.

Sincerely,

Lyn Wright.
President



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FEDERATION WALK PROJECT – REPORT TO STATE GOVERNMENT

109th Community Cabinet Meeting - Gold Coast
17th February 2008

The initial funding by this Government of the Federation Walk project has enabled Friends of Federation Walk Inc to bring together the whole community, the Australian and State Governments, the Gold Coast City Council and Sponsors to ensure the long term future of this unique Coastal Reserve for the future generations of Australia.

Over the ten year period since the Main Beach Progress Association applied for Queensland Centenary of Federation funding, the project has attracted overwhelming community support and requests for involvement from a very broad and diverse range of Government, Commercial, and Community organisations nationally and internationally.

Since inception, monthly Community Planting Days have planted over 100,000 plants by over 20 volunteers per month, maintained and watered weekly in drought conditions through access to the recycled water pipeline. Over 6000 local and International students have assisted in the rejuvenation of this Reserve undertaking educational and recreational programmes.

The project has participated in Keep Australia Beautiful, Clean Up Australia Day, National Tree Day, Weeds Symposium, and Weedbusters' Week.

This Report indicates the high level of community appreciation for the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve and with continued funding will ensure the longevity of this worthy project.

Thank You,


Lyn Wright
President



STATE GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

- Grant of \$75,000, under the Queensland Community Assistance Program administered by the Centenary of Federation secretariat of the Premiers Department.
- Community Benefit Fund Grant \$ 6,371
- Smart State Smart Stories: http://www.smartstate.qld.gov.au/ssproject_e5w.shtm
- Allocation yearly of \$100,000 to the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve. To be managed by the Gold Coast City Council and overseen by the Spit Community Advisory Committee established at the direction of Deputy Premier Anna Bligh

STATE - Department of Natural Resources and Water

- "The eastern side of Seaworld Drive is sacrosanct" Minister for Environment and Minister for Natural Resources Honourable Rod Welford.
- Gazettal of Reserve to Park, Environmental, Beach Protection and Coastal Management purposes" July 2003 by Minister for Natural Resources and Mines Stephen Robertson.
 [The Spit Gazettal.pdf \(PDF 182kb\)](#)
- Plaque dedication to commemorate our Centenary of Federation community project to protect this coastal reserve, January 2004 by Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Stephen Robertson. Allocation of \$25,000 to the project by the Minister.

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT GRANTS/INVOLVEMENT

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| • Envirofund - National Heritage Fund | \$12,471 |
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| • NRM-SEQ (now SEQ Catchments) | \$21,760 |
| • SEQ Catchments Key Investment Area Funding | \$19,782 |
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| • Community Water Grants | \$44,842 |
| • Envirofund - National Heritage Fund | \$23,000 |
| • Voluntary Environment and Heritage Organisations (GVEHO) | \$1300.00 |

Mosaic Map Project <http://www.nrm.gov.au/projects/qld/seq/index.html>

Federation Walk Coastal Reserve (FWCR) is recognised as a SEQ Catchments Significant Natural Area site, with involvement in SEQ Catchments Regional planning.

GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL

- Construction of pathway \$130,000
- Vegetation works \$20,000
- Supply of materials \$20,000
- Mulching of burnt out trees \$4,000

GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL cont.

- Connection points to effluent mains for watering \$1,000
- Supply of pump, hosing and water tank \$2,500
- Green Corps team partner agency \$7,000 approx
- Plaques and signs \$5,000
- Technical Advice to Friends of Federation Walk (in kind support) \$25,000
- Press releases media events such as Summer Splash.
- New Storage container \$2,600
- Reseal of Car park, replanting bollards \$10,000
- General Maintenance
- Water supply and electricity to site shed
- Equipment Grant - Laptop Computer, GPS including software, Projector and Screen
- Cr Susie Douglas, \$30,000.00 Divisional funding - Pathway maintenance & revegetation works.
- Establishment of FWCR Nursery – endemic Seed propagation.
- Research on planting technics of coastal vegetation.
- Partner FWCR Queensland Fire and Rescue Service: I – Zone Fire exercise
- Allocation of \$100,000 yearly to the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve, of which a Ranger is employed part time, to manage the Reserve as well to assist the Community Group activities.
- http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/t_std2.asp?PID=1222

SUPPORTER/SPONSOR INVOLVEMENT

- **PLANTMASTER PRODUCTS**
Supply of Fertiliser "Power pellets".
- **TOYOTA**
\$10,000 Sponsorship and involvement
- **GRIFFITH CENTRE FOR COASTAL MANAGEMENT**
Educational Support
- **JOB FUTURES - Gold Coast**
Greencorp - 6 month block @ 5 days P/W x 9 participants.
Greencorp - 6 month block @ 5 days P/W x 10 participants (current).
- **CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS**
Regular International and local volunteer programmes
- **ADVANTAGE TRAINING/Ebihara Foundation**
Work for the Dole - 5 x 6 month blocks x 9 - 15 participants
- **SEA WORLD**
Sponsored Planting Day to celebrate World Environment Day
- **ANZ Corporate Banking**
\$1000 Corporate staff Planting Day
- **WESTPAC**
\$10,000 Staff Planting programme

FEATURE ARTICLES

- Gold Coast Bulletin
- Gold Coast Sun
- Courier Mail
- Federation Walk: Walks of the Gold Coast
- The Casuarina Forest by Mathew Condon: Dreams of Land
- Destination Gold Coast: Voyeur (Virgin in flight Magazine)

AWARDS

- **2001**
 - Heart Foundation Kellogg Local Government Awards
 - EPA Clean Beach Challenge
 - Community Action Award
 - Queensland Finalist - Community Action Award
 - Gold Coast's Cleanest Beach
 - Queensland Finalist – Queensland's Cleanest Beach
- **2002**
 - EPA Clean Beach Challenge
 - Litter Prevention Award
- **2003**
 - EPA Clean Beach Challenge
 - Outstanding Accomplishment Award
 - Beach Spirit Award
- **2004**
 - EPA Clean Beach Challenge
 - Beach Spirit Award, Gold Coast and Queensland
- **2005**
 - EPA Clean Beach Challenge
 - Beach Spirit Award, Gold Coast
- Queensland Landcare Awards, Highly Commended
- **2006**
 - Queensland Arbour Day Awards
 - SEQ Region & Community Group Category - Winners
 - Clean Beach Challenge
 - Community Action Award - Gold Coast Winner and State Finalist
- **2007**
 - Clean Beach Challenge
 - Regional Environment Award,

VOLUNTEER GROUPS INVOLVED

- Main Beach Progress Association - Initiated the Federation Walk project in 1998
- Youth Enterprise Trust. Maintenance Day
- BP Solutions 3000 Conference Delegates Planting, Weeding and Beach Cleanup
- Soroptimist Club Planting day/fundraising
- UQ Environment Club Volunteers
- Queensland Police Force - Gold Coast District Planting Day
- The Southport School
- Southport Rotary Club
- Guardian Angles
- Nerang High School
- Pacific Pines State School Primary and Secondary
- St Mary's School
- Kumbari Avenue School
- Emmanuel College
- Trees for Mum – Sponsored planting day in Mothers' memory.
- WPSQ (Wildlife Preservation Society of Queensland)
- Burleigh Heads Scout Group
- Friends of Federation Walk - Community group specific to the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve. Continuous, monthly community planting days since 2000.