

## **GOLD COAST DEVELOPMENTS AND UPGRADES 2011**

### **Peppers Broadbeach**

Location: Broadbeach

Product Category: New accommodation and retail

To be Completed: March 2011

The Gold Coast's first, five-star accommodation to open in a decade has welcomed its first guests. Peppers Broadbeach, operated by the Gold Coast based Mantra Group, is the largest property within the Peppers portfolio and the brand's first foray into the metropolitan market. Peppers Broadbeach is one of the most cutting-edge properties in Australia, harnessing the latest in portable technology, and guest services. The architectural design of the property includes 505 one, two and three bedroom apartments in two towers and reflects a distinct fusion of city sophistication and coastal relaxation. Both towers feature extensive use of life spaces including Zen gardens, tai chi lawns, private cinemas, guest lounges, teppanyaki barbecues, steam rooms, saunas and lap, plunge and resort pools. Peppers Broadbeach will do things differently to other holiday apartments by providing an extremely high level of personalised customer service and indulgent amenities. The property will offer curbside check-in via an iPad, a mini-bar with a focus on local and organic products and, once food and beverage facilities are operational, will provide a unique pre-order gourmet pantry delivery service. Mantra Group signed an exclusive agreement with Niecon Developments to manage its \$850 million twin residential tower. Located in the heart of Broadbeach and bounded by Elizabeth Avenue, Surf Parade and Charles Avenue, Peppers Broadbeach is in walking distance to Jupiter's Casino, the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre and Pacific Fair. Bookings can be made through a travel agent or by calling 1300 987 600 or visiting [www.peppers.com.au/broadbeach](http://www.peppers.com.au/broadbeach)

### **Hilton Surfers Paradise Hotel and Residences**

Location: Surfers Paradise

Product Category: New Accommodation and retail

To be Completed: 2011

Hilton Hotels & Resorts has recently opened the first stage of Hilton Surfers Paradise, the brand's first combination hotel and residences in Australia. This first stage of the new-build \$700 million Hilton Surfers Paradise, called the Boulevard Tower, comprises 134 residential apartments, managed by Hilton Worldwide. The Orchid Tower, featuring a dedicated 169 room Hilton hotel and further residential apartments, is scheduled for completion in late 2011. Both towers are orientated to maximise views of the ocean, hinterland and city. Leisure and recreational facilities offered at Boulevard Tower will include an indoor lap pool and spa, sauna, gymnasium and barbecue pavilion. Guests who enjoy shopping can indulge their passion when the first stage of a boutique shopping mall within the complex opens. Hilton Surfers Paradise is located in the heart of Surfers Paradise just one block from the iconic Surfers Paradise Beach and in close proximity to restaurants, bars and upmarket shopping areas. To download images and read more about Hilton Surfers Paradise Residences, visit [www.hiltonglobalmediacenter.com/surfersparadise](http://www.hiltonglobalmediacenter.com/surfersparadise)

### **Soul by Juniper**

Location: Surfers Paradise

Product Category: New Accommodation and retail

To be Completed: 2011

This \$850m project will feature 289 modern apartments including a sub-penthouse collection and a record setting super penthouse. Set on the beach front of Surfers Paradise, Soul will offer an exclusive

and personal shopping experience, equipped with a \$100m retail precinct offering designer labels and a wide variety of other products. [www.soul.com.au](http://www.soul.com.au)

### **Gold Coast Stadium Redevelopment**

Location: Surfers Paradise

Product Category: Redevelopment

To be Completed: June 2011

The \$126 million redevelopment of the Gold Coast Stadium began in October 2009 with demolition works being undertaken at the site in Carrara. The redeveloped facility is a key part of the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games bid and will also become the official home of the GCFC national sporting team in the AFL, the Gold Coast Suns. The Federal Government's \$36 million contribution was part of the Economic Stimulus Plan to support jobs by building long-term infrastructure. This new, 25,000-seat AFL and sports stadium at Carrara will deliver an economic boost to the Gold Coast economy. Data provided by the AFL shows that, over a 10-year period, this project will generate \$415 million of economic activity, as well as a direct tourism impact of \$34 million every year through day trips and overnights stays for AFL matches. This first-class sporting infrastructure for the Gold Coast is being delivered in partnership with Queensland, Gold Coast City Council, and the AFL. It will develop the code in south-east Queensland and encourage young people to get active in sport at a community and professional level. The redeveloped Gold Coast Stadium is scheduled for completion in mid 2011. The Australian Commonwealth Games Association will make a decision early in 2010 if Australia is going to bid. A final decision on the host city for the 2018 Commonwealth Games will be made in late 2011. <http://www.austadiums.com/news/news.php?id=410>

### **Surfers Foreshore Redevelopment**

Location: Surfers Paradise

Product Category: Redevelopment

To be Completed: June 2011

Gold Coast City Council is undertaking a \$25 million upgrade of the Surfers Paradise foreshore. The new design will reconnect the heart of Surfers Paradise to the beach and create a safer, more accessible public space with improved infrastructure for recreational activities and major events. The project will be completed by June 2011 and is funded by Gold Coast City Council (\$20 million) and Queensland State Government (\$5 million). For more details visit [www.surfersforeshore.com.au](http://www.surfersforeshore.com.au)

### **Gold Coast University Hospital**

Product Category: Major new development

To be Completed: 2012

A new \$1.549b, 750-bed tertiary hospital will open its doors by the end of 2012 as part of an exciting health precinct being developed to expand clinical services to meet the current and future demand for services from Gold Coast residents. The new Gold Coast University Hospital will offer a higher level and greater range of complex care to its patients, delivering specialist cancer and cardiac services, neurosciences, trauma and neonatal intensive care in a world-class facility that integrates patient care, teaching and research. To be constructed adjacent to the Griffith University, Gold Coast Campus at Parklands, the hospital will create a new and innovative environment where medical research and the teaching of doctors, nurses and allied health professionals become a natural part of hospital life. This new health facility will take a unique approach to service delivery, with learning viewed as the key to the future sustainability of a skilled and motivated clinical workforce, the expansion of research programs and ultimately, higher quality health care services and improved health outcomes for a growing population. As a teaching and research hospital, Gold Coast University Hospital will operate in

conjunction with nearby educational facilities, Griffith University, Bond University, the new Smart State Academy and other educational partners, fostering an active learning environment. Significantly, the university hospital is just one part of an integrated network of health services being developed on the Gold Coast to support the regions' rapidly rising population. These include opening a new emergency department at Robina, increasing bed numbers and developing health hubs across the district. In fact, the Gold Coast is embracing a massive health infrastructure transformation, with more than \$1.5 billion being invested over the coming five years to provide the local community with 1,114 hospital beds – almost double the number currently available.

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/buildinghealth/qchospital.asp>

### **Gold Coast Airport**

Location: Coolangatta

Product Category: Terminal Redevelopment

Completed: March 2010

This \$100m terminal redevelopment commenced in May 2008 with tarmac and drainage works being the two initial focus points. The plan is also to more than double the existing 27,000m<sup>2</sup> building to cater for forecasted passenger growth over the coming 10 years. Upon completion the terminal will be the first purpose-built facility specifically designed to cater for Low Cost Carriers and their passengers. Focus is put towards: one main check-in area for all airlines with self-service kiosks, a single baggage collection and screening point along with one main departures/arrivals area. Key features of the new terminal building will include: More than double the size of the existing terminal – to 28,742 square metres (including 13,102 square metres of existing space with an additional 15,640 square metres added as part of the redevelopment), Common check-in area with 36 check-in desks and an increased number of airline self service kiosks, One common use terminal, 1 MegaLitre water harvesting facilities delivered via 20,000 square metre roof catchment to reduce overall water usage in the terminal, Floor-to-ceiling glass windows looking across the runway to the hinterland, Short walking distances and easy floor plan for speed of access, Expanded check-in facility for oversize baggage to allow for regular transport of golf clubs and surf boards to accommodate leisure visitors, Full check bag screening as required by Federal legislation, Double current baggage capacity and expanded inspection facilities for international arrivals, Common screening area for all departures with an additional screening point for Liquids Aerosols and Gels for departing international guests, Two swing gates to extend or minimise the domestic/international lounge mix, Very targeted mix of retail and food and beverage based on three years of passenger research. Retail outlets will include gifts and accessories, surfwear and lifestyle options, confectionary and internet points, Hard flooring for high traffic areas with carpet for dwelling and resting areas (such as the departure lounges), A neutral base pallet with splashes of colour to keep it timeless, Landside currency exchange, convenience store and bus information, Refurbished Rainbow Bay ale house, An additional currency exchange in the departures area, Parents room in each amenities block, 30% increase in the duty free area for international visitors, Expanded area for international meeters and greeters, Full transit facilities for international transit passengers, A facility that encourages a “holiday spirit” with full-facade windows overlooking the stunning hinterland.

[www.goldcoastairport.com.au](http://www.goldcoastairport.com.au)

### **Southport Broadwater Parklands**

Location: Southport

Product Category: New parklands precinct

Stage 1 Completed: August 2009

The \$42m first stage of the Southport Broadwater Parklands was completed in August 2009 through joint funding from Gold Coast City Council and the Queensland Government's 150th Legacy Infrastructure Program. The first stage stretches one kilometre from the Southport Pool to the Short

Street alignment. It includes the reconnection of the Southport business district to the Broadwater, the construction of a 105-metre pier, two new event lawns, Pandanus Point for weddings and special ceremonies, a landscaped 200-vehicle car park, reclamation work to widen the parkland and refurbishment of the Queensland heritage-listed Southport Bathing Pavilion. A central building called the Pier Pavilion - contains a cafe and visitors centre. While the Pavilion rooftop is an ideal location for a function or viewing of major events. Events bring the community together and two event lawns at the Broadwater Parklands, with supporting infrastructure, are at the heart of the stage one redevelopment. The Great Lawn and the Little Lawn are available to host a diversity of cultural, corporate and community events. The Southport Broadwater Parklands is keen to attract festivals, corporate events, conferences in marquees, tent/marquee dinners, cocktail parties on the rooftop or the pier, weddings, advertising opportunities etc. Arrival by boat is a good point of difference for sponsors etc. Some of the city's largest and most exciting events will take place here, including the annual Gold Coast Triathlon and the Gold Coast Airport Marathon, which attracts up to 25,000 competitors. A shelter/stage called 'The Porch', holds a large outdoor screen for watching movies on summer nights, listening to live music or watching small performances. The Broadwater Parklands welcomes corporates, sponsors and others to make contact with the Broadwater Parklands Management (Tony Duffy: [aduffy@goldcoast.qld.gov.au](mailto:aduffy@goldcoast.qld.gov.au)) to discuss opportunities for corporate launches, conference dinners, tent style dinners and parties, outdoor events, markets, performances, movies, advertising opportunities and movie shoots, cocktail parties on the Pavilion rooftop or the Pier, and smaller events or ceremonies at Pandanus Point (small deck overlooking the water). As a point of difference, corporates, major sponsors and event guests can arrive by boat at the Parklands as there is a pontoon connected to the Southport Pier. Contact person for further information : Sarah Chalkley, Landscape Architect, 0414 180 177 [www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au](http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au)

### **Southport Broadwater Parklands**

Location: Southport

Product Category: New parklands precinct

Stage 2: Currently under construction

Stage 2 was completed in December 2010 with just over \$18M of works. These works included relocating the ANZAC memorial to the southern reclamation area, improving facilities to cater for larger crowds. Landscape improvements further south in the reclamation area have provided additional shelters, bbqs and services such as an amenities building including a green room. All picnic shelters and tables can be removed for events/concerts; as they were for the GC600 V8 Sounds Festival in October last year. The Rockpools are a free-to-public water play-park located on the foreshore adjacent to the Nerang St Pier, along with upgraded play and picnic facilities. A central Hub Administration Depot has also been built at the Nind St entry to the parklands. Integrated artwork throughout the park includes a unique night time show off the pier as well as sculpture within the park.

### **Gold Coast Rapid Transit**

Location: Gold Coast

Product Category: New major infrastructure

To be operational: 2014

The Queensland Government has committed \$464m to the Gold Coast Rapid Transit project. This funding, in conjunction with commitments by the Federal Government and Gold Coast City Council allows the project to transition from the planning phase and into procurement with early works activities scheduled to commence in late 2009. The Gold Coast Rapid Transit project has received a great kick-start with the Federal Government announcing funding for the project. The \$365m in Federal funding means the Gold Coast will have improved public transport sooner. The construction of the corridor from Griffith University to Broadbeach is expected to start in 2011 and become fully operational by early

2014. The project will generate 6,300 direct and indirect jobs during construction and commissioning, and will move 10,000 people an hour. The Gold Coast Rapid Transit project is a transport project to reduce congestion and improve public transport services across the city. Stage 1 of the project will link Griffith University (Southport campus) with Broadbeach, passing through the key activity centres of Southport and Surfers Paradise. The South East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program (SEQIPP) estimates the total cost of the project to be \$1.67 billion. For further information contact the Gold Coast Rapid Transit project on 1800 967 377 [http://www.translink.com.au/gc\\_rapidtransit.php](http://www.translink.com.au/gc_rapidtransit.php)

### **Gold Coast Concert Lawns**

Location: RACV Royal Pines – Benowa

Product category: Redevelopment

To be completed: November 2010

The Gold Coast is now able to host a range of international music performers previously unable to visit the city with the announcement of a new world-class outdoor venue. The Gold Coast Concert Lawns is a 10,000 capacity venue at the RACV Royal Pines in Benowa and is situated on a 16,000sqm site on the eastern side of the hotel. The project is the brainchild of respected local and international event manager and entrepreneur Peter Shiell, who has worked with some of the biggest names in world music. Mr Shiell's concert logistics company, Entertainment Logistics, plans to bring a range of world-class entertainment to the concert lawns. The venue includes cloak rooms and merchandise stalls, food and bar service areas, staged seating and an open standing room only section, with concert goers able to access the RACV Royal Pines public dining and entertainment facilities. Due to its flat configuration and flexible set up and pull down design, the venue will also be able to host the likes of visiting elite sporting teams, such as English football club Fullham who visited the Coast recently, who can stay and use the resort facilities and grounds as a national training and touring base. The venue also benefits from its central location with easy access through park and ride facilities, the nearby Nerang Train Station and major arterials such as the Nerang Broadbeach Road and the M1.

[www.royalpinesresort.com.au](http://www.royalpinesresort.com.au)

### **Robina Town Centre**

Location: Robina

Product Category: Shopping Centre Redevelopment

Completed: 2009

Robina Town Centre boasts a diverse range of shopping, entertainment and dining experiences to choose from and modernised event cinemas. The \$300 million overhaul makes Robina Town Centre the largest shopping centre in Queensland - and is now home to the Gold Coast's only David Jones department store as well as Big W, Target, Kmart, Coles, two Woolworths Supermarkets and more than 300 specialty stores. The centre is home to a new world class fashion mall featuring some of Australia's most iconic brands and boasts a massive 900 seat Food Atrium with a choice of 14 dining options, the event cinemas plus an array of restaurants ideally located alongside the picturesque lake which adjoins Robina Town Centre. Ph: +61 7 5575 0400 [www.robinatowncentre.com.au](http://www.robinatowncentre.com.au)

### **QT Gold Coast**

Location: Surfers Paradise

Product Category: Refurbishment and rebrand

Completed: 2011

2011 marks a new beginning for The Gold Coast International as it transforms into QT Gold Coast, the first designer hotel in the QT Hotel range launching Australia wide. After years of preparation and six months of extensive renovations, the refurbishment of The GCI is a bold move by owners AHL

(Amalgamated Holdings Limited) to unveil the entirely new QT Hotel brand within Australia. The architecturally redesigned lobby boasts slick interior design, rich floor to ceiling wood panelling, artist crafted feature walls and custom lighting for mood as well as function, setting the stage for a memorable and inspiring stay. QT Gold Coast also houses three hot new venues that cater to all aspects of the Surfer's Paradise scene. The luxurious yet relaxed Stingray Lounge boasts an extensive mixologist crafted cocktail list, delicious Californian meets Mexican tasting menu, and international resident DJs. Meanwhile the invigorating excitement of Bazaar restaurant puts a unique spin on hotel dining, offering an interactive marketplace style concept from award winning chef George Francisco. Fixx is the third new venue for QT Gold Coast. As a more casual haven Fixx offers delicious treats and beverages for an on-the-go breakfast snack, freshly baked muffins, pastries, picnic hampers or simply a barista made coffee from 7am daily. [www.qtgoldcoast.com.au](http://www.qtgoldcoast.com.au)

### **Jupiters Hotel & Casino**

Location: Broadbeach

Product Category: Refurbishment

Completed: 2009

Jupiters Hotel & Casino has undergone a \$53m casino refurbishment and a \$16m accommodation refurbishment. The opening of the Atrium Bar sees a million dollar makeover completed to complement the new look. [www.jupiters.com.au](http://www.jupiters.com.au)

### **Skilled Park**

Location: Robina

Product Category: World Class Stadium

Completed: January 2008

This newly established world class stadium, with a \$160m price tag, was handed over to the Major Sports facilities Authority by the builders - WATPAC, in January 2008. With a capacity to seat 27 000 fans it is also the home of the Gold Coast Jetstar Titans - the local National Rugby League team. [www.skilledpark.com.au](http://www.skilledpark.com.au)

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