



# NEWSLETTER

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LIGHT RAIL TRACK AT COOMBABAH CREEK READY FOR TESTING AND COMMISSIONING.

**If you've travelled past the corridor lately, you may have noticed construction of the light rail stations at Parkwood, Parkwood East and Helensvale, which are all on schedule for completion in time for the testing and commissioning phase of the project.**

**Next month we'll be powering up and testing Stage 2 of the light rail!**

Testing and commissioning of the trams will begin at night, running along the corridor from Gold Coast University Hospital station to Helensvale station. The number and frequency of trams will increase during testing until reaching the operational timetable.

Remember to follow the traffic signs, signals and road rules at the intersections of Olsen Avenue and Wintergreen Drive and Napper Road and Smith Street, Parkwood.

This is an exciting time for Stage 2 of the light rail; the start of the finish of the project, with completion still on schedule in time for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Landscaping has begun across the corridor as well as work to upgrade the approximately 3.5 kilometre shared pedestrian path from Olsen Avenue to Driftwood Park, along the Smith Street Motorway. Remember; the path won't be re-opened until Stage 2 is completely operational early next year.

## Landscaping

Bird and butterfly attracting plants and shrubs are being planted alongside the light rail. Species such as Acacias, Melaleucas and Banksias will border the corridor together with a variety of native grasses.



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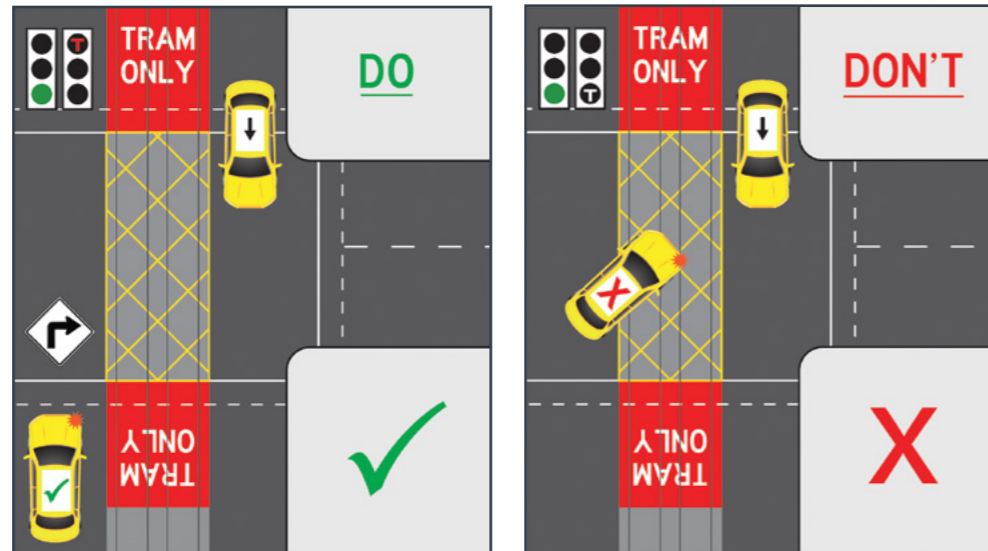
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## Tracks are for trams

The light rail system has been designed so motor vehicles do not drive along the tracks. Motor vehicles should only drive over the tracks at intersections and when directed by traffic lights. Trams cannot steer around vehicles, so remember not to queue across tracks at the intersections at any time.



## Working near the system

Once the overhead wires are powered up, any work around or within the light rail hazard zone must be authorised by the light rail operational team. Call 1800 064 928 or visit [ridetheg.com.au](http://ridetheg.com.au) for authorisation to work within the hazard zone.

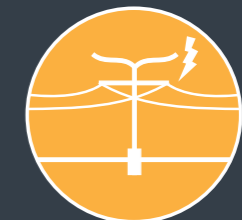
The overhead wires are approximately 5.8 metres above road level and are supported by poles and supports either side of the track.



## Light rail testing – keeping you safe!

To ensure the Gold Coast light rail system operates safely before commencing services, the system goes through a rigorous testing program

### Get ready



### POWERING UP

The electrical equipment is tested once the overhead wires become 'live' with electricity supplied by the Traction Power Substations.

### Get set



### TRAM MOVEMENTS

In the second phase, the trams will start moving slowly, then working their way up to operational speeds of up to 70 kilometres per hour.

### GO!



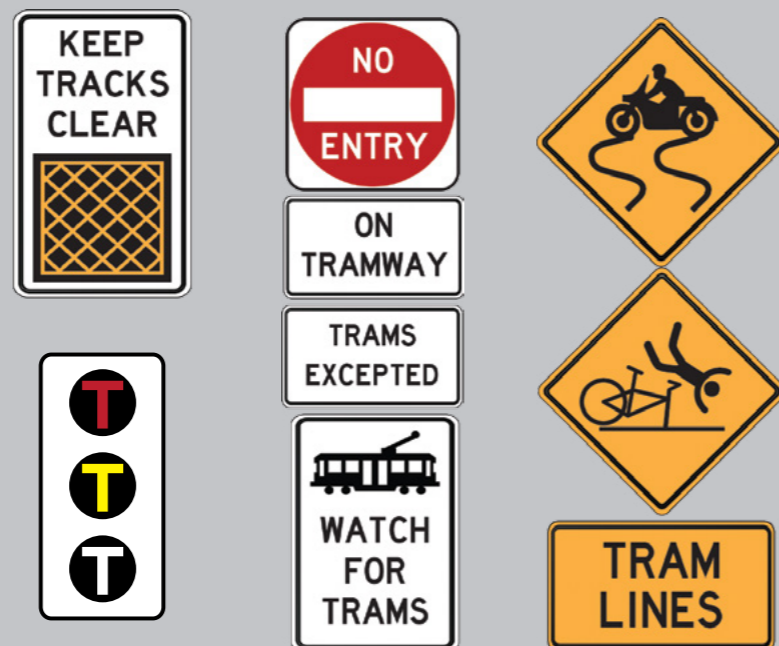
### PASSENGER SERVICES

Once all testing is complete and the system is certified as safe, passenger services will commence.

## New road signs

It's very important for motorist, passenger and pedestrian safety, to follow all Queensland road rules around the light rail system. Most importantly, remember that U-turns are only permitted where there is a 'U-turn permitted' sign.

New signs and traffic signals will be installed at the intersections of Olsen Avenue and Wintergreen and Parklands Drive, and Napper Road and Smith Street. These signs are important, so remember to obey them at all times.



## Be alert – watch for trams

Pedestrians should stay focused on their safety when moving around the light rail system and not get distracted by mobile phones and headphones.

- Always cross at the designated crossings and look both ways before crossing the road and light rail tracks.
- Listen out for the 'ding ding'. Tram drivers will sound the tram's bell if they see pedestrians putting themselves in danger by being in the track area.



## Constructive kids graduate

Three students from Year 12 at Southport State High School recently graduated from the Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 Constructive Kids' Traineeship with a Certificate II in Civil Construction. The trainees spent one day a week with the project participating in on-the-job work experiences that reflect 'real world' work situations. As well as classroom time spent at the project office, the students were onsite most Fridays learning from qualified tradespeople across a broad array of construction activities. The program has been a fantastic opportunity for the students, who all intend to pursue a career in civil construction upon leaving school. Well done kids!



STUDENTS FROM SOUTHPORT STATE HIGH SCHOOL.

## Project information

Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 involves the design and construction of a new 7.3km route which runs from Helensvale heavy rail station adjacent to the Gold Coast Line, then adjacent to the Smith Street Motorway to connect with Stage 1 at the Gold Coast University Hospital light rail station.

The \$420 million dollar project is funded by the Queensland Government (\$270m), the Australian Government (\$95m) and City of Gold Coast (\$55m).

GoldlinQ and CPB Contractors have committed to completing the project in time for the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

## Cycling near tram tracks

When cycling near the system please follow the tips below.

- Stay alert and don't get distracted.
- Look both ways and cross at designated points.
- Always cross the tracks at a right angle.



- Tracks are for trams - never ride along the tracks.
- Prepare to cross the tracks well in advance.
- Remember to use correct hand signals to make other road users aware of your intentions.
- There will be facilities close to each station to secure bikes as only folded bikes in storage bags can be taken on the tram.
- Cyclists should only cross at designated pedestrian crossings to reach stations.
- Continue to follow the Queensland road rules around the light rail system.

## CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM

If you have any questions or would like to register for more information, please contact the CPB Contractors Project Team on **1800 425 799\*** or email **[gclrstage2@cpbcon.com.au](mailto:gclrstage2@cpbcon.com.au)**.

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