



**Our waterways,  
our future.**

**2019 / 2020**





## 2020 - EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR OUR WATERWAYS CITY

Our waterways have a natural capital value of \$26 billion, they support 6,000 direct and indirect jobs and contribute \$770 million directly and indirectly to the local economy every year. This is why we're committed to ongoing input from the local community and continue to work to support safe, navigable access in our waterways city – access that's vital for all waterways users.

Under our Gold Coast Waterways Management Plan 2019-2023 we'll be progressing a number of key projects in the 2020 calendar year including:

### Economic



- \$1.59 million investment in maintenance dredging, including West Crab Island channel
- \$3.35 million investment in upgrading the Sand Bypass System's jetty deck to support ongoing operations to keep waterways safe and navigable



### Waterways City



- Maintain more than 2000 buoys, beacons and signs
- Manage abandoned vessels through *War on Wrecks*
- Commence Jacobs Well boat ramp upgrade





## 2020 - EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR OUR WATERWAYS CITY

### Environment & Sustainability



- Participate in Sea Cities forum March 2020
- Finalise study into health of seagrass beds in Gold Coast waterways



### Community



- Invest \$5.03 million in upgrading facilities at Moondarewa Spit and constructing the Seaway Promenade as part of The Spit Master Plan Implementation



### Waterways Innovation



- Introduce technology through university partnerships to monitor waterways and support maintenance activities



## 2019 - DELIVERING BENEFITS FOR OUR WATERWAYS CITY

Under the Waterways Management Plan, Gold Coast Waterways Authority delivered a range of achievements and key highlights in 2019 including:

### Economic



- Completion of the \$10.3 million Coomera Dredged Sediment Management Facility and associated Coomera River dredging campaign
- Sand Bypass System pumped 667,000 cubic metres of sand north of Seaway to keep waterways safe and navigable



### Waterways City



- Installed new pontoon and boat queuing facility at Alberton improving waterways access between the Logan River and northern Gold Coast waterways



- Successfully completed speed limit trial in the Coomera River and set new speed limit of 30 knots for vessels less than 6.5 metres in length
- Introduced new 6 knot speed limit zone in Paradise Point channel near Sovereign Islands to increase area available for kayaking, small boat sailing, stand-up paddleboarding and temporary anchoring
- Completion of South Wave Break Island channel dredging



## 2019 - DELIVERING BENEFITS FOR OUR WATERWAYS CITY

### Environment & Sustainability



- Completed first waterways users and uses study to support future planning
- Installed 100 kilowatt pilot solar system at Sand Bypass System to reduce carbon footprint and help meet daytime energy needs. As at 20 December 2019 it has saved more than 31 tonnes of carbon, the equivalent of planting 104 trees



### Community



- ‘Sow a Seed for The Spit’ community day resulted in 2,000 trees being planted and 1,500 pieces of rubbish collected
- Showcased the Sand Bypass System at Gold Coast Open House 2019
- Encouraged community feedback through 3 Meet The Board events



### Waterways Innovation



- Supported launch of ‘Big Bird’ research buoy under research partnership



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