

NEW PLACE STRATEGY TO ENHANCE THE FUTURE OF GOLD COAST WATERWAYS

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- The waterways of the Gold Coast are much loved by visitors and locals alike.
- The best long-term future of Gold Coast waterways will require a considered planning approach that strikes the balance between existing values and future opportunities.
- Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA) is developing a comprehensive Waterways Place Strategy to facilitate future planning, investment decision-making, and management activity both on and surrounding the Gold Coast waterways.
- GCWA wants to hear from the community to help inform this future planning.
- The community and stakeholders are invited to have their say via an online survey until Sunday 28 April 2024, or meet with GCWA at various waterway locations starting from Saturday 6 April 2024.

GCWA are developing a plan for the future of Gold Coast waterways. As South East Queensland continues to experience rapid population growth, more locals and visitors are accessing Gold Coast waterways and the places surrounding them.

The Gold Coast has the most extensive and diverse waterway network in Australia, with incredible natural beauty. The Gold Coast waterways support our unique lifestyle and culture, contribute to the regional economy, and hold significant natural environmental values.

To effectively plan for the future, and shape what the Gold Coast waterways will look like in decades to come, the Waterways Place Strategy (the Strategy) is needed. The Strategy will draw together information about our waterways, including community and stakeholder feedback on the attributes, character and qualities of waterway places.

The Strategy is being developed in consultation with First Nations people, the community, industry, and stakeholders, with opportunities for everyone to have their say over the coming months.



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GCWA are currently seeking feedback on the aspirations and ideas for Gold Coast waterways. During April, the community and stakeholders are invited to meet with Gold Coast Waterways Authority starting from Saturday 6 April, 8am to midday at Paradise Point Parklands, weather dependent.

Further details of pop up stands to be held at Labrador, Jacobs Well, Tallebudgera Creek, Currumbin Creek and HOTA markets will be posted to the GCWA Facebook page.

An online survey is also available to be completed at www.gcwa.qld.gov.au and closes Sunday 28 April 2024.

In July GCWA will check back in with the community and stakeholders. We will summarise the key themes and feedback received, and the aspirations and ideas for Gold Coast waterways.

In September the community and stakeholders will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Strategy before it is finalised by November this year.

Quotes attributable to the Chief Executive Officer of Gold Coast Waterways Authority, Chris Derksema:

‘Gold Coast waterways contribute so much to our community identity, economy and lifestyle. Gold Coast Waterways Authority manage the waterways to provide waterway access, connections and destinations.

‘We are looking forward to working with the community and industry on solutions that will help us better respond to emerging challenges and future opportunities for our waterways city.’

‘We are putting people at the heart of our planning and want to understand what you value, so we can plan places for everyone to enjoy. We will focus on local needs, local solutions and the unique environment of the waterways and the surrounding land.’

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