

THE SPIT – MEDIA REPORTS 1961 - 2005

The South Coast Bulletin March 1 1961

Spit Plan is under scrutiny..... “It is not known whether an application received for the development of the Southport Spit will be accepted and a lease granted”.....Mr. Fletcher (Minister for Lands) said that following an invitation for applicants in May last year four were received.

Gold Coast Bulletin 1964

Development for The Spit..... Coast Group's Aquarium Plan

The Courier Mail January 30 1965

Start made on Seaquarium..... Mr. (Tom) Perrin said the development of the Spit would be another reason for the retention of the existing Jubilee Bridge after the new Bridge was built. The existing Bridge would give easy and direct access to the Spit, whereas if it was demolished traffic chaos would certainly be created.

Gold Coast Bulletin March 11 1966

An Amusement Oasis.....proceeding is development of the 10acre Seaquarium....planned is a GCCC Caravan park-camping area.....

Gold Coast Bulletin Oct 7 1966

Plans for huge development on Spit.....Four major companies have outlined to the Queensland Government plans for a huge development of the Southport Spit area, on the Gold Coast. One company, the Sydney based Landmark Corporation Ltd, has proposed another Surfers Paradise. A city of 8000 residents, ...four hotels...a 6000 bridge across what is left of the Broadwater after reclamation (for the Broadwater car park).. the project would involve reclamation of a major part of the Broadwater.

Gold Coast Bulletin February 2 1968

Save our Spit - Protest Public Meeting Opposes Main Beach Mineral

Trucks.....Protest Public Meeting convened by the Main Beach Chamber of Commerce, strongly opposed a proposal to transport mineral sands by barge to a jetty on the Southport Spit (approved by GCCC). ...that industry should not be allowed to mar the beauty and tourist potential of the Southport Spit....the Surfers Paradise –Main Beach Council representative Ald Jock McIllwain told the meeting “The Mayor (Bruce Small) myself and other Alderman are not happy to see desecration of the Spit” ...Mayor had a plan for the development of the Spit and Broadwater to return \$3m profit to the Council and \$250.000 annually in rates..” motion “we, therefore oppose most strongly the attempt to establish this mineral sands depot at the Spit and the running of heavily laden trucks through any part of Main Beach”

Press Release February 1983

Doug Jennings, Member for Southport“I have stated on a number of occasions and recommended to the Government and the authority (Gold Coast Waterways Authority) that they take into consideration and set down as a matter of policy that the Southport Spit, with its long surf and still water beach frontages, sand dunes, boating facilities, exhibitions, restaurants and fun parks, is an area where the traditional family can have an outing and enjoy themselves away from the hurly burly and business tourist areas and this is the way it must be maintained”

Gold Coast Bulletin January 1986

Residents Driving for Halt to Spit Plans.....Main Beach Progress Association President Ted Dolby ...the Southport bar road will be opened in April so thousands more cars will be flooding into the Area,....perhaps if the Council started using ferry shuttle services across the Broadwater to the Tourist attractions a lot of traffic would stay on the Western side of the Broadwater.

Gold Coast Bulletin April 1986

\$590.00 to be spent on Spit Parkland.....the resort (Sheraton Mirage) is providing \$590,000 for the park beautification and will maintain the grounds... Ald Lester Hughes “the magnificent site between the ocean and the Broadwater can never be repeated”

Gold Coast Bulletin June 4 1986

Gold Coast Seaway opens.....

Gold Coast Bulletin August 24 1986

Transformation will leave little left on Southport Spit.....four sites under the control of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority, some involving seabed lease, are expected to be offered to the market "in the near future"....Manager Mr. John Hamilton

Gold Coast Bulletin November 29 1986

Spit lost to the Nibblers....."The Southport Spit is the lost victim of developments nibbling away at the area" "we have now lost a unique area of the city" warns a Gold Coast Alderman (Keith Thompson).

Gold Coast Bulletin March 18 1987

Broadwater faces a squeezeGold Coast Waterways Authority strategy plan for the development of the Southport Spit envisages narrowing of the Broadwater to only 400ms at one point and opening up the area to residential development (250 home Units, 1000sq mts of shops north of Fisherman's Wharf)"

Gold Coast Bulletin April 15 1987

Spit won't be a monument to greed....."The Southport Spit will never become a monument to greed, arrogance, negativity and lack of vision" Gold Coast Waterways Authority Chairman Bill Laver.

Gold Coast Bulletin May 12 1987

Russ Hinze "I'll quit rather than sell the Spit"..... "the spit was one of the most controversial and sensitive areas in Queensland"...I hold very strongly that there is to be no more development on the Spit"...he rejected the idea of rezoning and selling land to pay for works associated with the stabilization of the former Southport Bar...Queensland should carry the debt...

Gold Coast Bulletin May 16 1987

Group seeks Guarantee on Spit from Russ Hinze.....President of the Coast branch of the Wildlife Preservation Society Edith Gear,..."wants an ironclad guarantee (from South Coast MP Russ Hinze) that no further Public Open Space is alienated on the Spit", ..."secure all public land on South Stradbroke Island as an environmental park"... "its only a matter of time before the pressure will be again to develop the area"

Gold Coast Bulletin June 3 1987

Council orders Spit dunes rebuilt.....developers of the Sheraton Mirage have been ordered (by GCCC and Beach Protection Authority) to restore (60mts) of sand dunes (reduced by 3mts) to their original height of (9 1/2mts)

Gold Coast Bulletin June 3 1987

Spit is a prized target..... Re special facility rezoning of north of Seaworld setting a precedent for development Developers see dollar signs, others see priceless open space.

Gold Coast Bulletin June 19 1987

Fragile Spit prime real estate.....suddenly everyone wants to "save" the Southport Spit because of its fragility...all three (Labour, Liberal and National Party) candidates for the Southport by election, have all promised no development north of Seaworld and a careful revue of development south of the sea park.

Gold Coast Bulletin July 14 1987

Told "STOP".....The Brisbane Supreme Court granted an injunction to stop further razing of public beach next to the Sheraton Mirage site on the Southport Spit. "...dunes were bulldozed, 20 trees uprooted,

Gold Coast Bulletin August 30 1988

Spit Resorts special Treatment under fire..... Marina Mirage was given special treatment & may have breached a reclamation barrier.

Gold Coast Bulletin August 31 1988

Brawl Brews over Bid to Kill Spit Car Park Lease.....provision had been made for extra car parking but Seaworld had opted to build a new Hotel, Seaworld Nara

Gold Coast Bulletin November 14-15 1992

Spit Revamp Idea Backed..... Keith Williams strongly backed a plan to rebuild the spit. The developer and former owner of Seaworld and foundation chairman of the Gold Coast Waterways Authority Keith Williams, yesterday strongly backed a plan to rebuild The Spit..a bold landscaping plan could be implemented using casuarinas and coconut trees....

Gold Coast Bulletin November 15 1992

Greenies Plan Fight

Gold Coast Bulletin January 11 1993

Greens fight to save Spit..... GC & HEC secretary Lois Levy said" there was a real threat that the Spit could be lost to locals because of "vested interests" wanting to develop the area for personal gain" "the environment council (Gecko) has been chosen as the representative body on the official council committee which will discuss the Spit's future later this month"

Gold Coast Bulletin 7th April 1993

Huge Marine Park Includes The SpitMP Judy Gamin says that the Southport Seaway is now part of a 200000 hectare marine park covering waterways from Southport to Caloundra.

Gold Coast Bulletin April 30 1993

Greenies join to save Spit..... Australian Conservation Foundation Gold Coast President Peter Farrell "The latest proposals for the Spit do nothing to preserve its natural environment yet it is the Gold Coast City's last truly open space area"

Gold Coast Bulletin November 18 1994

Split on Spit ...The Minister (David Hamill) ...has laid the ghosts of grand foreshore development to rest.....GCCC long term strategy for the Broadwater and its shores is summed up in its Town Plan "The Broadwater and open space areas along its foreshores are among the city's most important recreational resources, both from a local and tourist viewpoint. The Council will seek to improve the management of the Broadwater and control its developments so that its natural character is not degraded by levels of activity which exceed its environmental capacity"

Gold Coast Bulletin July 14 1995

Call to develop Spit... should be redeveloped to include botanical gardens and an amphitheatre where people can pray and meditate... Democrats Surfers Paradise Candidate, Brad Farmer

Gold Coast Bulletin 7th August 1995

Leaders Resuscitate Bid For Aboriginal Cultural Centre..... Plans for an aboriginal cultural centre have been revitalised by tourism environmental & black leaders

Gold Coast Bulletin August 9 1995

Rickard keep Spit for Boats....."basically those waterfront sites like The Spit should be sacrosanct to development"

Gold Coast Sun November 27 1996

\$5.4m film tank may go on Spit..... a six hectare parcel of land on the beachfront north of the Marina (Sheraton) Mirage on the Spit has been selected as the preferred site for a proposed horizon film tank.....

Gold Coast Sun August 6 1997

Spit row flares... residents will fight to preserve park....

Gold Coast Sun 13th August 1997

Bell moves over movie Tank row..... Cr. Bell said it was too early for residents to be expressing the concerns about the Film tank.

Gold Coast Bulletin 16th August 1987

Vic push for film set tank..... Victoria risks losing world wide film facility... need a film tank set

Gold Coast Weekend Bulletin November 15-16 1997

Trouble on the Horizon..... Profit or preservation?

Gold Coast Sun November 26 1997

..the **Gold Coast Harbours Authority** was set up by the State Government in July (1997) to help sort out the mess that has been building up since the former Gold Coast Waterways Authority was disbanded by the incoming Goss Government in 1992.

Gold Coast Bulletin November 1997

Application to amend a planning scheme Part 31, Development Control Plan The Spit.....to provide for the precinct being developedfor the purpose of a horizon tank and associated film industry infrastructure...

Gold Coast Weekend Bulletin May 29-30 1998

Labour to dump horizon tank.....in the short term they will say we can't make a go of it, we want to make it into a theme park...Southport Labour Candidate Peter Lawlor.

Gold Coast Sun March 3 1999

Push on for Walk track on The Spit.....inaccessible areas of The Spit should be opened up to walkers, says Main Beach Progress Association which has applied for government funding to do just that....

Gold Coast Sun June 9 1999

Funds a gesture of Hope for Spitthe State Governments injection of \$75,000.00 into the Southport Spit Federation Walk project is being greeted by local residents as a sign that the area will not be subjected to further development.....

Gold Coast Sun Sept 1999

New interest in aboriginal centre plans..... The premier's representatives met with council & Cr Bell.

Gold Coast Bulletin Nov 19 1999

Estuary Fish in Decline.....Fish have slumped dramatically in the Broadwater due to the destruction of wetland habitats according to leading marine biologist.

Gold Coast Bulletin March 11-12 2000

Spit Revamp Plan....The Federation Walk initiated by Main Beach Progress assoc. has been earmarked for The Spit.

Lack of interest puts tank off horizon.....Councillors confirmed that the horizon tank had been kept off the proposed new planning scheme

Gold Coast Bulletin 11th April 2000

Spit plans could be a give-away.....The Beattie government and GCCC will come under fire over plans to develop an Aboriginal Cultural Centre on the spit

Gold Coast Bulletin April 8th & 9th

\$40m Aboriginal Deal For The Spit.....Aborigines will allow the spit land to be sold to developers to fund an indigenous theme park.

Gold Coast Sun July 19th 2000

Spit Deal Likely.....A deal between the State Government, Kombumerri people and private enterprise could see a Cultural centre built on the spit. Grice calls for answers.

Gold Coast Bulletin 26th July 2000

Rickard calls for a rethink on leases..... Rickard has called on State Government to allow community input into applications for commercial seabed leases.

Gold Coast Bulletin July 29-30 2000

Putting "spirit" into the coast.....Gold Coast aborigines are turning businessmen in a bid to settle their long running native title claim. David Dillon & Billy James

Gold Coast Sun 27th September 2000

Spit Walk Is Set To Be A Winner....About the progress of Federation walk

Gold Coast Bulletin 18th October 2000

Hotels target parks....Sheraton Mirage has requested from council to be allowed to use the dunes for functions

Weekend Bulletin

Sewage Given An Airing.....Restriction on boats such as houseboats and boats carrying more than 15 will be banned from discharging any sewage.

Gold Coast Sun 20th November 2000

Seaway Sewage Outlet Shocks..... High levels of E Coli bacteria found at the Seaway.

Gold Coast Sun 29th November 2000

Spit Walk To Extend Through Tank Site...Approval given to the Main Beach Progress Association to access through the controversial Horizon Tank site for the Federation Walk pathway

Gold Coast Sun 10th January 2001

Spit Track To Fill ' Green Gold' Role.....Cr Bell sings the praises of the new Federation Walk

Gold Coast Bulletin March 24-25 2001

Des's Sea Of DreamsDes Brooks vision for the Broadwater. Cruise ship terminal on Wavebreak Island. 350 room resort on southern end of Wavebreak. Bridge between Brisbane road and the Island.

Gold Coast Sun 9th May 2001

Broadwater Now "Narrow Water".....The Broadwater is now dangerously silted. . Community groups airing their opinions.

Weekend Bulletin 2nd June 2001

Brook's vision cruisers closer.... The campaign to lure ocean liners into the Broadwater may have received a huge boost via the Ballot box and Labours huge win.

The Local Newsletter June 2001

Gold Coast City Council Election Material - Max Christmas....."I have a strong commitment to maintaining the foreshores and enhancing the beauty of the Southport Broadwater and Wavebreak Island"

Weekend Bulletin 5th July 2001

Something Lasting And Grand..... Brian Mossops tongue in cheek plan for a Ponte Vecchio style bridge at surfers, to go with the other grand schemes including the Cruise line terminal.

Gold Coast Bulletin 13th July 2001

Charting Course For Cruise Port..... Southport Chamber of Commerce will lobby the state government to build the terminal

Gold Coast Bulletin 19th July 2001

Broadwater On Collision Course.....Letter from Peter Lawlor State Member of Southport, stating his commitment to protect the Broadwater from Commercial Development.

Gold Coast Sun November 21 2001

Walk Safeguards Spit open space.....Cr Christmas said if the three kilometer walk – from Philip Park to the Sand Pumping jetty – had not been constructed, there would always have been a danger that “people would get ideas” (about developing it)

Weekend Bulletin January 12-13 2002

Broadwater a Place of Lost Opportunities.....Editorial. About how nothing has been done about the management of the Broadwater.

Sea Change.....The push for a revamp of the Broadwater to include a cruise ship terminal is by no means new. The subject was first raised in the 1950's and Keith Williams produced a plan for such an enterprise more than 20 years ago.

Gold Coast Bulletin 30 January 2002

Spit needs a polish.....Cr Max Christmas has accused the State government of ignoring the Spit and the Broadwater despite collecting \$5m a year in land rent from properties on Seaworld Drive. He says that we get nothing back in return and the area needs sprucing up.

Gold Coast Bulletin January 30 2002

Give the Spit a Proper polish - Editorial.....Responsibility of the upkeep of the land is not really accepted by either the Gold Coast City Council or the Government.

January 31 2002

PRESS RELEASE...Cr Baildon said the area (Federation Walk project) was being transformed from a place where the public was once reluctant to visit to one of the City's most popular environmental attractions”

Gold Coast Bulletin 6 February 2002

Max Christmas.....Tunnel to fix Spit traffic woes..... A tunnel under the Broadwater linking Southport to Main Beach may be the long term answer to the Spit's traffic woes says Gold Councillor Max Christmas.

Weekend Bulletin 16-17 February 2002

Council Admits to its harboured ambitions..... A proposal presented to GCCC in the Vision 2020 report outlines plans to make Wavebreak Island a commercialised concern. Also recommended is an Oceanside park, bridges Etc.

Gold Coast Sun 20 February 2002

Harbour Plan aims to save Broadwater.....Gold Coast City Council has just revealed its Harbour Vision 2020 Project. The report indicates an intention to turn the area into a world class harbour, while protecting the natural assets of the area with the development of Wavebreak Island a key factor in the study.

Gold Coast Bulletin 20 February 2002

Letters.....Hands off Wavebreak. Jimmy Herman Ashmore
Leave it Alone J Coulson Labrador

Gold Coast Bulletin 27th February 2002

Storm over port plan.....Deputy mayor Alan Rickard has attacked the council Vision 2020 plan to turn the Broadwater into a world Class harbour. He does not support a plan for a bridge from Labrador to the Spit nor the development of Wavebreak Island.

Narrow View on the Broadwater..... Editorial. Vision 2020 is a grand document, big ideas floated by some of the city's big thinkers. It is disappointing to have Cr Rickard undermining it before the community has had a look at it.

Gold Coast Sun 27th February 2002

Clean up focus on the waterways..... Clean up Australia Day. Ian Kiernan founder of Clean up Australia was taken on a walking tour of Federation Walk by Mayor Gary Baildon and Lyn Wright president of Friends of Federation Walk.

Gold Coast Sun 27th February 2002

Rickard vows he'll scuttle Harbour..... Cr Alan Rickard has vowed to do everything in his power to block any attempts to develop Gold Coast Harbour. He does not object to all the aspects of the study which has many positive ideas, but believes it should be about management not development.

Gold Coast Bulletin 28th February 2002

Councillors' miss cruise ship forum..... A public meeting to brief the councillors of the Harbour Vision study was attended by only 4 councillors. Max Christmas and Alan Rickard whose divisions are most affected by the plan were missing. The object of the night was to get feedback from the public of their feelings towards the study so it was disappointing that so that so few councillors were there to hear the opinions.

Gold Coast Weekend Bulletin March 2-3 2002

***Should the Broadwater be developed?** ...Voteline

Weekend Bulletin March 2-3 2002

The Big job... Cr Max Christmas is a fan of the Vision 2020 plan. He advocates development of Wavebreak Island as a major residential and resort area

Weekend Bulletin March 2 -3 2002

Council's plans break own rules.....A decision on the controversial harbour study report has been deferred again until Gold Coast councillors have attended a half day workshop with 14 community representatives to debate the plans. Mayor Gary Baildon has urged all the councillors to attend.

Gold Coast Bulletin 4th March 2002

Vision of the Future.....A ritzy space age "Green" housing estate could be built on Wavebreak Island. - Just one of the options contained on the vision 2020 plan.

Broad Approach.... Editorial To those who oppose development on the Broadwater should be looking at the bigger picture rather than their short term political aspirations.

Gold Coast Bulletin 5th March 2002 (Tuesday liftout)

Where dolphins play..... What was once a road to nowhere is now the thoroughfare to a thriving waterside playground. Max Christmas talking about the change along Seaworld Drive to the spit. 1970's onwards

Gold Coast Sun March 6 2002

Backlash. Residents rally against the Broadwater proposal.

Southport MP Peter Lawlor will present a petition to State parliament to calling on the Government to stop any development on Wavebreak Island, or bridges from Labrador to the Spit. He says he will personally lead a protest march if the development of the Broadwater goes ahead.

Gold Coast Sun March 6 2002

Workshop to thrash out future... A workshop consisting of Councillors and 14 community representatives will thrash out the future of the Broadwater before the council embarks on more intensive public consultation. Various councillors have also made the views known

Gold Coast Sun March 6 2002

Letters. A way to ease our traffic congestion. Dominic Scullino Nerang
Support for Cr Rickard Jim Postell Hollywell

Gold Coast Bulletin 6th March **2002**

Battle for Cruise ships.....A brief history of who said what and when in regard to the Broadwater plans

Two Mikes harbour Broadwater plans.....Former labour and National Party state secretaries Mike Kaiser and Mike Evans are behind high powered plans to build a Cruise ship terminal on the Broadwater according to leaked council documents.

Gold Coast Bulletin March 6 2002

Open minds needed for the Broadwater - Editorial. Developers have had their eye on the Broadwater for many years. Can the vision of some individuals be accommodated without compromising the view of the broader community?

Cartoon of the landing of the white shoe brigade

Gold Coast Bulletin March 7th 2002

Strife on the Ocean Waves.....News about 2 consortiums plans to develop a cruise ship terminal has locals optimistic about tourism but worried about the environment. Locals' opinions. comments... Mathew Lister, (Manager Seaway Kiosk, The Spit) would be brilliant for tourism but the environment may suffer"

Mrs. (Peta-Kaye) Croft MP who campaigned on an "environmental stance" for the Broadwater, who wants Wavebreak Island to remain a place for families to visit.

Gold Coast Bulletin March 7 2002

***Result of votes open for one week.**

Should the Broadwater be developed? YES 36% **NO 64%**

Weekend Bulletin 9-10 March 2002

State okay for cruise port study.....State government has given a go ahead for by a consortium backed by Macquarie bank to investigate further the viability of developing a cruise ship terminal

Rough Seas Ahead..... Plans to develop a cruise ship terminal are gathering, but they face stormy seas ahead.

Gold Coast Sun 13th March 2002

Workshop to settle who's in workshop.....The group of people set to decide the fate of the Broadwater are to be selected by Councillors behind closed doors.

Gold Coast Bulletin 14th March 2002

MP Offered map to clear up confusion.....Cr Dawn Crichlow has offered to help MP Peter Lawlor get his bearings as to where the Broadwater begins and ends. Crichlow has accused Lawlor of making an extraordinary about face by backing the proposal to develop a cruise ship terminal

Weekend Bulletin 16 March 2002

MP's Stance vexes chamber.....The Southport Chamber of Commerce has attacked State MP Peter Lawlor on his anti -development stance for the Broadwater. Mr Soloman says the 2020 document is the best he has seen and "if we don't plan, we plan to fail"

Gold Coast Sun 20th March 2002

Locals vow to save the spit...yet again.....Lyn Wright from the Main Beach Progress Assoc. says they will continue their vigilance to protect the spit from developers. It has been a long fight dating back to 1968. She says that people are sick of the spit & Broadwater being used as emotional & political football

Gold Coast Bulletin 20th March 2002

Team named for harbour's future.... Mayor Gary Baidon and councillors have finally reached a decision on who will be involved with Vision 2020 study. Included will be State, Federal MP's as well as members of various community groups. It is likely that the committee will take up to a year to make any recommendations.

Wavebreak Claim a farce..... Ian Soloman from Southport Chamber of Commerce has described as "farcical" attempts to place an Aboriginal land rights claim on Wavebreak Island.

Gold Coast Bulletin 21 March 2002

Asking for more.....Qld Premier Peter Beattie has made 3 infrastructure promises to help the Gold Coast being the Cruise ship terminal. But here is no help in sight for the traffic gridlock problem.

Gold Coast Sun 27th March 02

Think tank to tackle Broadwater.....22 people have been picked to help decide the fate of the Broadwater. The Vision 2020 study has identified that unless the State and Federal governments are prepared to be involved that Environmental projects will not be privately funded.

Gold Coast Sun 3rd April 02

Hands off unanimous message.....The Main Beach Progress Assoc. will tell Premier Beattie that its members do not want a cruise ship terminal or other development on the Spit or Broadwater.

Gold Coast Sun April 24 2002

Bridges off agenda promises Rickard.....The deputy mayor said he was pleased that the extreme and controversial development options flagged on the vision 2020 report were no longer listed as part of council's vision.

Gold Coast Sun May 1st 2002

Marine Sewage discharge worry.....Cr Jan Grew is lobbying the state government for changes to its proposed legislation covering marine sewage discharge. An area of concern is that a large part of the Broadwater could be classified "southern Moreton bay" where sewerage disposal would be permissible in some circumstances.

Gold Coast Sun 15th May 2002

Mayor keen after talks on harbour..... Mayor Gary Baidon is happy with the "spirit of co-operation" he feels amongst the 33 member of the Vision 2020 advisory committee. He is confident that they can bring in a very good report on the fate of the Broadwater and Spit.

Gold Coast Bulletin May 29 02

Our own Cruise ship port.....Premier Beattie puts his sign of approval on a terminal for the Gold Coast. Tourism Minister Merri Rose said the government could resolve sensitive environmental issues for the project to proceed with funding from private investors.

Huge change of character for coast.....Editorial. A terminal would raise the profile of the Gold coast and allow the city to enter a new tourism market on its own merits

Gold Coast Bulletin 29th May 02

Full Steam Ahead.....Cruise ships ready to land after the Ok from the state Government

Gold Coast Bulletin 30th May 02

Beattie's Cruise missile.....Ships plan will target floating vote. The state government has made its intentions clear that it wants to be responsible for a big ticket item such as the Cruise ship terminal

Weekend Bulletin 1-2 June 02

Ships plan hits storm in council.....Premier Beatties plan for the terminal has hit a storm at the GCCC with councillors demanding to know where the money is coming from. No feasibility studies have been made and why do we need a terminal in Brisbane as well as the Coast.

Weekend Bulletin 8-9 June 02

Cruising giant on course for coast..... P&O pushes plan and will back the government to help speed plans for a terminal

Gold Coast Sun 12th June 02

Federation Walk opens.....The walk was officially opened last week by the Mayor Gary Baildon.

Gold Coast Sun 19th June 02

Cruise liner comes in as last priority.....At its second formal meeting of the vision 2020 committee a cruise liner

Gold Coast Bulletin 26 June 02

Vision sees old bridge rising again.....The old Jubilee Bridge could be reincarnated to solve traffic problems as part of the 2020 Vision project. The traffic management issues will be discussed at the next meeting on 24th July 2002 by the committee members.

Media inquiries 27/6/02

Premier & Trade - Decision has been made on a Ship Terminal for Brisbane

Gold Coast Bulletin 28th June 02

Rail, Cruise deals hinge on investors..... Gold Coast Combined Chamber of Commerce, President John Witheriff met with the Beattie Government last week, and says that the light rail and Cruise ship terminal will only be built with significant private investment.

Sunday Mail 4th July 02

Cartoon.....Weapons of Mass destruction on the Qld coast

Gold Coast Bulletin 12th July 2002

Seaway Ship Shock..... A report prepared by Councils Economic, development and major developments division, identifies that cruise ships using the GC Seaway would cause at least \$11.4 m damage to the Nerang river catchment. It identifies the Seaway has the favoured location only during very calm weather.

Weekend Bulletin 13-14 July 2002

Council Chases Cruise answers.....The city council will demand a "please explain" form the Qld Government when it forwards the \$32,000 report assessing the logistics of developing a cruise ship terminal.

Sun 17th July 2002

Report links cruise terminal to floods.....A terminal would wreak havoc during a flood causing some \$11.4 million damage to residential properties. Economic data on the terminal indicated the cruise ships would only have a limited impact on the GC economy.

Gold Coast Bulletin 17th July 2002

Cruises terminal dropped by Max.....Cr Christmas says the State Government should forget about the terminal and focus on creating another 1500 marina berths on the western side of Wavebreak Island.

Gold Coast Bulletin 18th July 2002

Readers cast fishing vote and reel in the Spit.....*Bulletin* readers nominated the Spit as the top fishing spot in "the best of" survey.

Gold Coast Bulletin 18th July 2002

A Cruise ship decision must be made wisely.....Letter - Michael McLoughlin, Paradise Waters, asking the GCCC to think carefully in regard to a terminal.

Gold Coast Bulletin 20th July 2002

Bring on the Cruise ships.....Letters ...Wayne Croker, Carrara In favour of developing a cruise ship terminal.

Gold Coast Bulletin 24th July 2002

Bridge plans face torrid reception.....Controversial plans for Broadwater bridges are expected to dominate the Vision 2020 Meeting. Cr. Rickard expects the meeting to be fiery and protracted as the committee slogs out the options.

Gold Coast Bulletin 25th July 2002

Meeting almost a bridge too far.....Had a vote been taken at the Vision 2020 Meeting last night the Broadwater Bridge issues would have been wiped from the agenda. However, a vote was not allowed by committee chairman Cr. Rickard. Lois Levy of GECKO said she felt as if the meeting process was gagging members.

Gold Coast Bulletin 26th July 2002

Terminal Terminator..... Qld Premier Peter Beattie appears to have backed away from his promise to deliver a Cruise ship terminal to the Gold Coast, opting instead for Brisbane.

Gold Coast Bulletin 26/7/02

Light Rail running costs low.....a light rail system between the Spit and Southport would cost 47.5 M in comparison to an improved bus service at 2.25m Mayor Gary Baildon - despite the higher cost he favours the light rail.

Weekend Bulletin 27-28 July02

Lull before the Storm..... Harbour idea is heading for a rough patch - Analysis from the Harbour Study Meeting.

Gold Coast Bulletin 31st July 2002

Sailors Nightmare But Surfers Dream...Crew safe in Seaway pounding.

Gold Coast Bulletin 1st August 2002

Death Trap Sand Bar.....The Southport seaway has become very dangerous due to the tonnes of sand choking it.

Weekend Bulletin 3-4 August 2002

Mariners MinefieldBoats run aground but there is not a dredge in sight.

Weekend Bulletin 3-4 August 2002

Bridges still part of Broadwater vision.....Crs Baildon & Rickard have failed in their bid to block plans for bridges in the Broadwater after approaching senior council bureaucrats.

Gold Coast Bulletin 6th August 2002

Save our Seaway..... Article by Peter Gleeson re the Broadwater and how choked it is becoming.

Gold Coast Bulletin 14th August 2002

Seaway Project Verdict Sought.....State development Minister Tom Barton has questioned the GCCC on its commitment to a proposed Cruise ship Terminal.

Gold Coast Bulletin 14th August 2002

Cartoon re the ship terminal

Gold Coast Bulletin 19th August 2002

Muddy waters in port Debate..... GCCC have been accused of trying to railroad debate over the possible cruise ship terminal by members of the community members of the vision 2020 group.

Gold Coast Bulletin 19th August 2002

Broadwater development a concern of all coasters..... Editorial on the above article.

Gold Coast Bulletin 16th August 2002

History in the breaking at the spit....Fight over Humphrey's Boatshed. Max Christmas wants it demolished but local historians say it must be saved for its heritage value.

Gold Coast Bulletin 2 September 2002

Engineers get half of study fee.....gone to the engineering firm behind a planned cruise ship terminal at The Spit

Gold Coast Sun 11 September 2002

Cruise terminal idea "ludicrous"..... is not only wildly ambitious; it is ludicrously unworkable, according to an international shipping company source

Gold Coast Sun 16 October 2002

Fresh Plans for Spit Boatshed..... could come home to many community organisations, under a proposal by the Northcliffe Surf Club

Gold Coast Bulletin November 2002

"Crazy" plan sure to make council spit.....Prime beachfront land along The Spit could be developed into a three story resort precinct as part of a \$300 million city council proposal... Mayor Gary Baildon is enraged by the plan.. Cr Baildon has moved to assure the community that councillors will ensure the development does not happen

Gold Coast Bulletin 13 November 2002

Editorial.... White shoe attitude is not on.....obvious the people of the Gold Coast in general like The Spit the way it is... .. the days of the white shoe brigade, the develop-at-any-cost are well and truly over...the Mayor and the Council must not let this issue die with the Report **Resort Plans for The Spit rubbished**.....Lex Bell State member for Surfers Paradise said he would never support the development of The Spit north of Seaworld. Particularly on the beachside...

Gold Coast Bulletin 14 November 2002

Mayor slams bureaucrats for Spit plan.....Cr Baildon was outraged to learn of an officer driven plan to develop four 5ha parcels into a resort precinct bordering the beach between Sheraton Mirage and Seaworld Nara.....Cr David Power.....defending the officers, saying it was their job to review all options no matter how unpopular with the public..."this is just getting out of hand. These people don't have a clue what strategic planning is about, and that includes the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor"

Gold Coast Bulletin 21 November 2002

Levy call to avert Spit land sacrifice.....Deputy Mayor Alan Richard raised the possibility of a "tagged rate".....and prevent public land being "sacrificed" for development

Gold Coast Bulletin 29 November 2002

Spit project non-starter..... "the City Council spent up to \$60,000 compiling reports for consultation The Spit development that was "never going to happen" said Max Christmas

Gold Coast Bulletin 30 November 2002

Its all for Christmas Coast..... Green thumbs and Greenies will join forces at the Federation Walk... a fun day a tree planting and guided walks.

The Courier Mail 30 November 2002

Spit Polish and a touch of Gold.....If you walk the length of the section between the Philip Park Car Park you will get an idea why it is important to preserve public spaces like this

Gold Coast Sun 11 December 2002

Call to save The Spit once and for all.....the people of the Gold Coast have been saying "hands of The Spit for more than 41 years"

Gold Coast Bulletin 13 December 2002

Pay as you play... Harbour levies planned.....“Everybody who puts pressure on the area should make a small contribution for upgrades” Robyn Wright and Thomas Clark.

Weekend Bulletin December 14-15, 2002

Broadwater (User-pays) Plan must be scuttled.....Certainly they deserve to be treated with respect and all efforts should be made to preserve them. But one of the gravest concerns is an underlying suspicion that much of this report is developer-driven. It classifies the Broadwater not as an area for the people but as a resource to be milked. Once the Broadwater and other areas like it are seen as a source of revenue it is only a short step to making them a commercial zone

Gold Coast City Council Meeting 24th January 2003

Proposal to change the name of the northern portion of Philip Park.....“Federation Walk Coastal Reserve” carried.

Gold Coast Bulletin February 4 2003

Protect The Spit against developers says group.....(Vision 2020) committee members agreed foremost with the need to protect public lands from commercial development.....

Surfers Paradise Chamber of Commerce February 3 2003

Gold Coast Harbour Vision 2020 Project Statement of Philosophy.....we oppose any options that involve construction on the eastern side of Seaworld Drive.

Gold Coast Bulletin February 25 2003

Squall over Spit Vision.....Members of the Gold Coast Harbour Vision Committee clashed last night over the future of public land at The Spit.....members were divided over the proposal to hand public land to the private sector to pay for maintaining the Southport Broadwater.

Gold Coast Sun June 18 2003

“Outrage over move to sell off Spit land”if the Gold Coast City Council pushes ahead for a proposal to allow oceanfront land on The Spit to be developed. (Vision 2020 Report)

Gold Coast Sun July 15 2003

Workshop vote KOs Spit land sale.....City Councillors have voted unanimously not to sell precious beachfront land at the Southport Spit to developers

Queensland Government Gazette No 62 11 July 2003 Schedule 14.

(Eastern side of Seaworld Drive from the Philip Park Car park to the Gold Coast Seaway)

Description

14.1 South East Region, Gold Coast District, Bundall Office, Title Reference 49103338, being Lot 2 on SP104014 registered in the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, area about 92.3 ha, county of Ward, parish of Gilston.

Purpose.

14.2 Reserve for Park, Environmental, Beach Protection and Coastal Management Purposes’

Trustee

14.3 Under the control of the City of Gold Coast as trustee

File Reference

14.4 RES.15536

288th Council Meeting 8 August 2003

Council Minutes of Vision 2020 Recommendations

“h) Creation and implementation of a Federation Walk Coastal Reserve Management Plan in line with the expectations of the Friends of Federation Walk and also recognising the important profile of this area in Australia’s leading tourist city so that the asset created can be of an enduring benefit to the Gold Coast”

Gold Coast Bulletin April 5 2004

Terminal Plan back on board.....A gold coast cruise ship terminal is back on board”...”Tourism Minister Margaret Keech stated.....Based on recent information from Cruise ships based in Australian ports it is conservatively estimated that a 1500 passenger vessel injects approximately \$1M into the local economy per call”

Gold Coast Bulletin April 6 2004

Full steam ahead.....Mr Evans and his Cruise Port International joined with Leighton Constructions, engineering consultations Sinclair Knight Merz and the Macquarrie Bank to work on a proposal more than two years ago. It included plans for two 300-metre berths with provisions for another two berths in the future, retail outlets, an eat street wharf precinct, commercial offices, a relocated fishing fleet, superyacht moorings, an indigenous tourist centre and a light rail connection to the Gold Coast proper.

Week End Bulletin April 10-11 2004

Cruise terminal plan shot down.....a terminal would require seaway dredging on kilometre out to sea with retaining walls that impeded the northerly sand progression, creating an increased tidal flow in canal areas.....

Gold Coast Bulletin April 16 2004

Editorial.....Ships Welcome.....The Broadwater is a wonderful playground and a prime part of Gold Coast life. A ships terminal could enhance its use and benefit the area.....

Weekend Bulletin April 17-18 2004

Adventure on the high seas.....the experienced Captain Howell questioned the feasibility of a terminal facility, “I’m not sure if the Broadwater would be big enough to house it”....you’ll always get more tourist money out of a Super yacht than a Cruise ship”

Gold Coast Bulletin April 16 2004

Uncharted Waters (Boating section)plans for a cruise ship terminal at the end of The Spit will, if approved, change the face of boating forever..... Experts say the days of unrestricted entry for recreational and commercial boats through the Seaway will be gone, as a new highly regulated Port system is introduced.....closed to all traffic when when huge cruise liners were mooring and departing.....the seaway walls would need to be extended up to one kilometre out to sea.....a massive dredging program also would be needed to establish and maintain a suitable depth of water for the big boats.

Gold Coast Sun June 16 2004

Cruise Ships to end Doug Jennings Dream.....The man whose name is on the park at the center of the State Government’s Cruise Ship Terminal proposal would be horrified by the attempted land grab if he was alive today, says Ann Davies

Gold Coast Bulletin July 16 2004

The Spit war.....plans to build a giant permanent movie set for big budget adventure movies are back on the agenda seven years after the horizon tank was skittled.....

Weekend Bulletin July 17-18 2004

Beattie vow to Spit: No tank on Horizon.....Premier Peter Beattie has given an assurance that a giant water tank used in making films will not be built on prime beachfront land at The Spit.

Gold Coast Bulletin November 18 2004

Full steam ahead and dam the torpedoes.....its on: the Gold Coast is set to get its cruise ship terminal. Beattie Government officials have told City leaders the project is going to move ahead in March and State Development Minister Tony McGrady backed it up yesterday.

Gold Coast Bulletin November 19 2004

Cruising for Coast bruising.....A cruise ship terminal would rip the heart out of the Broadwater say the greens. Spokeswomen Lois Levy....

Media Release Emailed December 3 2004

EPA Clean Beach Challenge.....Beach Spirit Award, Federation Walk Coastal Reserve

Weekend Bulletin December 18-19 2004

Coast is cruising for a Spit bruising - Your Forum..... “regarding your misguided and flippant quotes (Editorial GCB Nov 18) such as the greens are misguided and “environment concerns as “absolute rubbish” you should back it up with facts

Weekend Bulletin January 8 - 9 2005

Mayor Ron's 2005 Wish List (1-32)No 2. Persuade the State Government to invest in rehabilitating the entire Spit area as a prelude to the cruise ship terminal proposal. cont.....

Weekend Bulletin February 5-6 2005

Study points to plain sailing for cruise liners.....Minister Tony O'Grady said yesterday he had received a report of the computer simulation conducted at the Star Cruises Stimulation Centre Malaysia and they were encouraging.....

Gold Coast Bulletin February 08 2005

Fly Cruise bonanza.....Asian holiday makers will be able to fly directly to the Gold Coast and then take a Cruise Ship to Cairns under plans being drawn up by ship terminal and airport bosses....

The Sunday Mail February 27 200

Terminal condition Angry residents may scuttle Coast cruise plans

Gold Coast Sun March 09 2005

Main Beach “NO” to ship terminal.....nearly 150 residents at a Main Beach Progress Association's AGM voted to reject a proposal for a Cruise Ship Terminal on The Spit.....

Gold Coast Sun March 30 2005

Save Our Spit rally.....organisers hope thousands of concerned residents will turn out for this Sunday's Save Our Spit (SOS) rally against a cruise ship terminal on the Southport Spit....
People Power rallies to save the spit.....impact causes concern

April 06 2005

Tony O'Grady Minister for State Developmentif the community demonstrates they don't want it we're not going to force it on them....

Gold Coast Bulletin April 14 2005

Cruise Ship Bid....a rival plan emerges....a new player has emerged in the high-stakes battle to build a cruise ship terminal as part of a redevelopment of The Spit..... a second bridge across the Broadwater...a major parklands development...75 Berth Superyacht marina, 500 berth general marina, a fish market, commuter ferry terminal, luxury hotel, sailing facilities, a 6000 m2 terminal for three Cruise Ships at the same time, underground carparking.....(including a ring road through the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve)

6000 Petitions presented to the Premier Peter Beattie at the Community Cabinet on the Gold Coast

Gold Cost Sun May 11 2005

300m garden plot for The Spit resort.....put forward by engineer David Montgomery for an Oceanside botanic garden site in return for the leasehold and development rights for a marina, resort and office precinct of the Broadwater side of The Spit.

Gold Coast Bulletin May 31 2005

Terminally nervous.....by GCB Journalist Peter Gleeson. George Street is starting to get a little nervous about the much-vaunted cruise ship terminal project earmarked for The Spit

Weekend Australian – Magazine July 2-3 2005

For centuries Venetians have tried to hold at bay the water that has threatened to engulf Venice.....perhaps the harshest blow to the stability of the lagoon was the construction of a 15 metre deep channel in one of the tree main inlets leading from the Adriatic to allow oil tankers to berth...Deep Shipping channels were also dredged...pollution from industrial waste killed off much subaquatic life, including seagrass...lack of vegetation ...deeper channels allowed stronger currents.....accelerating the speed which high tided could rush Toward Venice....

"If I could, I'd get rid of the cruise ships tomorrow. Their passengers clog up our airport and leave empty hotel rooms that tourists wishing to stay in the city can't access. They don't spend any money, other than cab fares getting between the airport and the cruise terminal. And they're a huge drain on our city's resources"

Jim Naugle, Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, home to one of the largest US Cruise ship terminals.

Gold Coast Sun July 6 2005

Cabinet sails into troubled waters.....the Save Our Spit Alliance will use this Sundays State Governments Community Cabinet to present over 6000 petitions to the Premier opposing the Terminal for Cruise Ships and associated development...

Gold Coast Sun July 13 2005

Desalination works fresh treat to Spit.....The Southport Spit is one of 12 locations earmarked for a five hectare desalination plant....Cr Peter Young said he feared the Spit was earmarked as prime placation for a desalination plant because it is seen as a soft target....

Gold Coast Sun July 27 2005

Picnic protest set for The Spit.....members of the public are urged to attend to put pressure on the State Government that its cruise ship development policy will not benefit the Gold Coast....

Gold Coast Bulletin August 1 2005-08-28

Susie blocks ships jetty.....Surfers Paradise Councillor is using her new-found power within the Nationals to stop the prosed cruise ship terminal at The Spit. ..successfully pushed through an urgency resoluteion that demanded that the Nationals state fight Premier Peter Beattie's plans for a terminal at The Spit.

News and Media August 5 /2005

Winners announced in Queensland Landcare Awards....Australian Government Coastcare Community Award....Highly Commended Friends of Federation Walk for the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve.

Gold Coast Bulletin August 15 2005 **Letters**

Shape up and ship in, Coasters ...Cruise ships dp not stop for 5 minutes to pick or drop off, but most (because of the appeal of the Coast) would more than likely have overnight stops....

Reject Spit propaganda

The propoganda is "the Spit has been left neglected and in a mess and would be better off developed" leave the spit natural and give someone a job as caretaker.....

Gold Coast Sun August 24 2005 **Letters**

Could be great drawcard.....This is a peaceful green oasis, enhanced by the wonderful planting already done by volunteers.Lynette Reilly

.....For many years neither the city council nor the State Government has provided any decent funds for the proper management of the Spit Reserves, despite the fact they have legislative responsibility for these areas.....Lois Levy

City faces new drought threat....Water Sustainability Committee acting Chairman Cr Grant Pforr admitted supporting a desalination Plant on The Spit would be electoral suicide for Councillors".... I think the majority of divisional Councillors wouldn't support that from a political point of view"