



Summer 2011

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# Federation Flyer

2011 - What a Year!

The festive season is well and truly upon us and Friends of Federation Walk

Committee and Gold Coast City Council would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your valuable contribution to the Federation Walk Project.

Many happy returns to you and your families.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Hope to see you at Federation Walk in 2012!



2011 has been another busy year at Federation Walk . Can you believe the time has gone by so quickly? Federation Walk continues to grow and be recognised as a successful project because of the fantastic efforts of everyone involved. **Partnerships** have been a highlight of the year and we know that 2012 will continue to see them flourish.

## 2011 Highlights Snapshot

- \$60,000 funding boost secured through the Rapid Transit Project ( page 2 )
- Friends of Federation Walk again hosts a full suite of Community Activity Days—10 days, over 200 volunteers, 1,000 tubestock planted
- Friends host Clean Up Australia Day and National Tree Day celebrations with over 100 participants for these events combined.
- National Green Jobs program undertaken on-site for 2 \*6 mth terms. Participants receive on the job training and Certificate 2 in Conservation and land Management. Thanks to supervisor Sally Grove for her dedication to the project and her team.
- MSQ ( Maritime Safety QLD - Dept of Transport ) Green Army team undertaken on northern section of Federation Walk, western arm of The Spit and Wavebreak Island. Thanks to all participants, supervisor Adam Baigrie and MSQ staff for their fantastic effort at Federation Walk.
- Corporate programs—Suncorp teams again returned to Federation Walk for their fourth year undertaking dune restoration works. Now that ' s social responsibility!
- Schools on-site included The Southport School ( TSS ) - Planted dune plants and collected litter as part of their community services week, The activity included dune planting, watering, weeding, clearing and litter collection.
- Friends of Federation Walk nominated for inclusion on Community Reference Group for the Broadwater Masterplan
- Friends of Federation Walk attend Environmental Celebrations and host displays highlighting the Federation Walk project.



The MSQ Green Army team show off their work efforts adjacent to the northern Spit carpark





## Gold Coast Rapid Transit Funding

Federation Walk Coastal Reserve has been the successful recipient of a \$60,000 grant funded through the Gold Coast Rapid Transit Project. This funding will assist with ongoing revegetation works to promote offset plantings for the Rapid Transit Project. State member for Southport and Minister for Tourism Peter Lawlor attended a ceremonial planting with Friends of Federation Walk's Lyn Wright at the official funding presentation. This money will fund works opposite Muriel Henchman Drive heading north and provide a fantastic boost to the planting numbers for 2012!

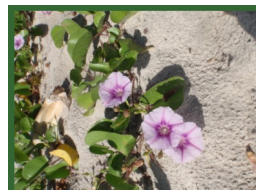


## Welcome!

Federation Walk has a new Ranger! Welcome to Laura Hayward who will fill this role whilst Jodie Clifford is on maternity leave—we wish her a fantastic experience at our wonderful project!



Evie Lea McKellar Wilson  
8th Oct 2011—1.35pm  
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Sister to Kasey May.  
Parents Jodie Clifford and Scott Wilson would like to thank FoFW for their kind wishes!



## Broadwater Masterplan

The Gold Coast City Council and Queensland Government have jointly committed \$1.5million in funding towards the development of a Masterplan for the Broadwater that will provide a definitive guide to long-term waterway and land use management, considering community, economic and environmental values.

A community reference group will be formed to consider the varying community interest around the use and development of the Broadwater. Lyn Wright has nominated to become a member of this group to ensure the long-term interest of Federation Walk Coastal Reserve is recognised throughout the process. Candidates will be announced in early 2012.

For further information see the website:

<http://www.msq.qld.gov.au/Waterways/Gold-coast-wsc/Broadwater-masterplan.aspx>

## Keep the Sea free from Debris! Coastcare Week Celebrations!

CoastCare Week is a national initiative held each year to raise community awareness in regards coastal and marine issue. This year a Celebration hosting numerous coastal groups was held at Southport Community Centre On Dec 8th themed 'Keep the Sea Free from Debris'. Displays and guest speakers illustrated the importance of our amazing coastal assets and the increasing need to protect and enhance these areas for future generations to enjoy. Friends of Federation Walk hosted a display at the event promoting the fantastic Federation Walk Coastal Reserve. Thanks to Ian Banks for his vision and the team at GCCM for their work organising these celebrations.



Above; National Green Team participants at their November graduation. Thanks to Supervisor Sally Grove and all team members for their great work at Federation Walk.

Gold Coast Environmental Participants celebration was a fantastic avenue for Gold Coast City Council to thank volunteers for their contribution to the environment. Lyn Wright accepted an Award for Friends of Federation Walk for Outstanding Contribution to the Environment. This award is a tribute to all those passionate volunteers that have contributed to the fantastic Federation Walk Project.

## Ecosystem Services Project



Our guest speaker at the 2011 AGM was the lovely Simone Maynard from SEQ Catchments. Simone is the Project Manager for the SEQ Ecosystem Services Project—a project that aims to link economics and the environment by identifying the benefits people obtain from ecosystems. The SEQ project aims to identify, measure and value the ecosystem services provided by Sth East QLD. This framework will then supply the tools for a consistent approach to assessing ecosystem services in SEQ and incorporating ecosystem services into natural resource decision making. For further information regarding this important project:

[http://www.seqcatchments.com.au/ecosystem\\_services.html](http://www.seqcatchments.com.au/ecosystem_services.html)

**Right: Footage of helicopter water bombing November fires in Cell 13 at Federation Walk. QLD Fire and Rescue Service are to be commended for their work controlling this fire promptly and professionally.**



**Dates for your Calendar**

- **Sunday 26th February— 1st Community Planting Day for 2012** 7-10am
- **Sunday 4th March 2012 Clean Up Aus Day!** 7-10am
- **Sunday 25th March 2012 'Earth Hour' Community planting day** 7 – 10 am
- **Sunday 29th April 2012 Community planting day** 7 – 10 am
- **Sunday 27th May 2012 Community planting day** 7 – 10 am
- **Sunday 24th June 2012 'World Environment Day' Community planting day** 7 – 10 am

**Federation Walk Coastal Reserve, Philip Carpark, SeaWorld Dve, The Spit**

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**Beach Bean- *Canavalia rosea***

**Description:** *Canavalia rosea* is a native flowering vine found in the pea family, Fabaceae, that is highly salt tolerant and occurs in the foredune systems. It is a trailing, herbaceous vine that forms mats of foliage with a stem that can reach six metres in length. The compound leaf comprises three leaflets approx 5-7 each in length and the pea flowers are purplish / pink in colour. The flat pods range from 10-15cm in length and become prominently ridged as they mature. The buoyancy of the seeds assists in their distribution by ocean currents. The plant is used medicinally for rheumatism, aches and pains and colds but must first be treated for safe usage.

**Distribution:** *Canavalia rosea* inhabits upper beaches, cliffs and dunes throughout the world's coastal tropics.



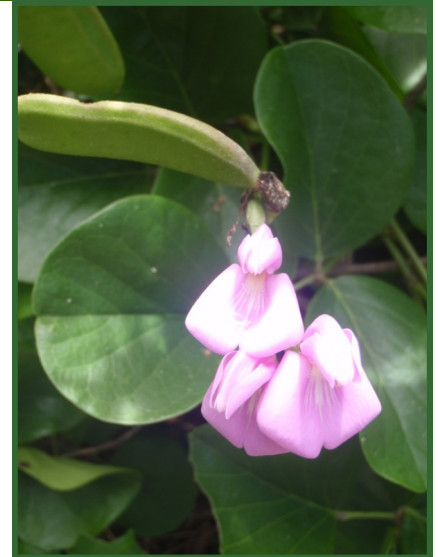
**2012—Working the Vision!**

2012 looks to be another fantastic year for Federation Walk with the following projects set to be completed:

- Stage 1 Signage Suite
- Wetland Feasibility Study
- Fire Management Plan
- 2 National Green Jobs Program teams
- Green Army team
- Weed Management Program
- Ongoing revegetation works
- 11th year of Community Planting days!

**What plant is that?**

**Beach Bean**



Duey the Dugong rocking with the National Green Jobs Program Team in 2011 promoting clean seas and beaches and seagrass protection

**News Flash!!!!**

Federation Walk has been successful in securing a \$2500 grant from the Mobile Muster team to help fund Community planting Activity Days in 2012!

Thanks Mobile Muster!

**REMINDER  
WEAR STURDY SHOES,  
SUNSCREEN AND A HAT AT  
FEDERATION WALK COMMUNITY DAYS  
Please bring a water bottle—refreshments provided**