

## **Peter Trathen:**

### **Rescue Patrol 09**

- 100 participants in 9 groups. Covered a range of subjects from education, health, small businesses, infrastructure, development and construction. The objective of the summit was stimulate the GC economy and create jobs. Aim was to come up with ideas in each areas to create jobs.
- Infrastructure: Two key ideas. 1. Promotion of GC rapid transport project. 2. Push the council to provide the stimulus package that had been under discussion for awhile. Out of this debate there were a number of subsidiary ideas: Extending seaway bypass, "fix the Broadwater" nothing has been done to the Broadwater in 25 years, AFL stadium, infrastructure provision.
- GC Rapid Transit: Local State and Federal money approved. First of those to be approved came from council. Run by translink – designated office set up in Southport. Industry briefing recently held. Project is structured divided into 3 packages: 1. Early works 2. Civil works 3. Off road works. Focus of the interphase: early works need to be packaged into small pieces rather than mammoth projects. GC needs projects to be broken down into smaller packages so local contractors can get involved.
- Council Stimulus Package: ended up with \$122 million which included \$20 mil for stadium. Various road works, Robina, 2 key capital works (stage 2 of Broadwater parklands and Surfers Paradise foreshore redevelopment – which had been planned to be done in pieces as foreshore was redeveloped first piece being opposite Soul). Schematic design and scope of the Broadwater, Surfers Paradise foreshore development is at early stages of conceptual design.
- Seaway Bypass: studies have been approved. Importance is getting the seaway bypass is important for long term dredging for the Broadwater. There was a diverse group that met with the Minister and put forward what needed to be done. Also put forward how that should be funded. Value that the Broadwater brings would be underestimated by politicians of all levels of Government.
- AFL stadium: Confirmed funding – managing contractors have been appointed. Put forward the view that the infrastructure
- Various property groups on the GC have got together and lobbied directly to Council to understand 1. How to fix a short term problem. 2. Understanding that Council don't necessarily have the key to resolve it – it is a State imposed requirement for funding. It is fundamentally flawed. The Concept that you would charge the very first owner of the block of land for the infrastructure or the cost of an asset that has a 30-50 year life. Sustainable Development GC, UDIA, Property Council, HIA have been actively lobbying with local government about the way in which PIP works, the way it should work and the current review.