

from dreaming to doing

WATER STRATEGY

GOLD COAST WATER & WASTE

The Water Strategy outlines the first 5 years of a 20-year vision to transition the Gold Coast towards a Water Sensitive City with a bold agenda across all “elements” of water including water supply, sewerage, recycled water, stormwater and waterways. The strategy pathway is aimed at achieving healthy catchments and waterways, an innovative approach to provision of water services, water inspired design and resilience, and the building of partnerships to protect our water resources and environments into the future.

FROM DREAMING TO DOING

Over the last two years the City of Gold Coast has been on an impressive path to challenge status quo and inspire stakeholders within and outside the water business to plan and provide outcomes that have multiple drivers and benefits for the community, environment and future generations. There is a growing ground swell of engaged and active collaborators across the organisation. Internal stakeholders are proactively approaching the Water Strategy team to highlight opportunities, challenges, and seek input on multi-functional ideas for projects to bring greater value to the community.

The next phase of the Water Strategy will be expanding our reach outward to the community. Our community network is our army on the ground, able to effect more change than the City of Gold Coast alone can achieve. It is only the beginning, but so far Gold Coast is well-positioned to realise its vision of becoming a world-leading Water Sensitive City.

BENCHMARK

Our journey toward becoming a water sensitive city will be measured every five years using the CRCWSC Index. The index consists of seven goals and assesses 34 indicators that represent the major attributes of a water sensitive city.

The use of the index will provide the City of Gold Coast with the ability to track the Gold Coast’s water sensitive city transition over time as our water services and systems transition through the different stages.

As this index is used both nationally and internationally, it also provides us with the ability to compare ourselves with other cities and identify opportunities for further improvement and innovation.

- Water sensitive city
- Water cycle city
- Water city
- Drained city
- Sewered city
- Water supply city



KEY PROJECTS

- Stage 1 of the \$20M Recycled Water Network Upgrade to drought proof the City’s greenspace.
- International Partnership for the development of a \$1M City Flows Project to deliver predictive modelling and real-time control of our sewer network to manage wet weather events.
- \$130M upgrade of recycled water release infrastructure to improve environmental outcomes.
- Investigating barriers to water flow in order to improve ecosystem health.
- Development of a drainage naturalisation project 'Living Waterways', that will deliver multiple benefits.
- Stabilisation of river banks through natural approaches (large wood and vegetation).

[Click on the QR codes below to read about other projects delivered across our water services](#)

Water Strategy



Water Knowledge Survey



Recycled Water Network



Damian Leeding Park



Monitoring Waterways



Drinking Water Quality

