The Main Beach Association

Sharing a Vision for Main Beach and The Spit

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A Public Forum...A Masterplan for The Spit



The Dreamwalk Idea

This idea was one of the vision statements presented at the forum by the Main Beach Association as a framework for the discussion.

The images at the top of the picture are actual views taken from corresponding points along the western foreshore of The Spit demonstrating the wonderful scenic vistas that are currently not visible unless you get out of your car and walk through to the beach.

In this idea there would be a new public walkway (the Dreamwalk) built along the western foreshore of The Spit starting from an entry point just north of the Southport Yacht Club (the old Humphrey's boatshed site).

It would connect the existing boardwalks of Marina Mirage and Versace and extend behind Sea World along the water's edge to Doug Jennings Park and the Seaway opening up those Broadwater vistas.

The Dreamwalk is indicated in brown on the drawing.

The Dreamwalk would form part of all future hotel and tourism developments between the Yacht Club and Sea World including the possibility of a Fisherman's Wharf tourist attraction incorporating the very popular prawn trawlers.

It would be 4 kilometres long and would be a combination of boardwalk and pathway incorporating the existing boardwalks and would connect to a series of ferry wharfs.

All new development along the Broadwater would be required to construct its own section of the Dreamwalk.

A Broadwater ferry service similar to the slow ferries in Brisbane shown in blue in the picture would link various access points and transport nodes encouraging people to move around the Broadwater with its varied range of activities or it could simply offer a scenic round trip on the water.

Along the way there could be waterfront and beachfront dining and boatshed-style jetty cafes incorporating public facilities.

Potential locations are indicated with red asterisks on the drawing.

All of the hidden beaches along the foreshore would be connected by the Dreamwalk. It would also connect the boat ramps and the moored visiting yachts in the basin.

This idea would be a unifying element which would integrate all current and future development on The Spit and would be a relatively inexpensive public facility further opening up the Broadwater reinforcing its role as an iconic tourist attraction.