

**Federation Walk Coastal Reserve Management Partnership-
Abstract
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Federation Walk Coastal Reserve is a 92 hectare reserve located on The Spit, Gold Coast. Federation Walk is a unique site that is owned by the QLD State Government and managed by Gold Coast City Council (GCCC). Community ownership is illustrated in the development of the group Friends of Federation Walk inc (FOFW). This abstract outlines the development of a management partnership between the stakeholders involved with the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve.

The Spit site was sand-mined in the mid – seventies and the construction of the seaway wall on the northern end of the Spit and the Sand by-pass system saw a minimal diversity of plant species installed. Developers have sought the site for a range of uses but action from the Main Beach Progress Association (MBPA) and then FOFW saw funding secured to assist in the construction of a 3.2 km pathway through the site with the objectives in developing the area as a recreational reserve, and preserving and enhancing the site for future generations to enjoy.

Federation Walk was named upon the receipt of funding throughout the centenary of Federation celebrations and lobbying from FOFW and GCCC saw the QLD state government gazette the site as the Federation Walk Coastal Reserve in 2003. FOFW developed a management plan for Federation Walk and have facilitated monthly community activity days for the last seven years. GCCC and the QLD government has supported the project and 2007 saw the employment of a ranger to co-ordinate the operational and capital programs for the reserve. The Spit Community Advisory Committee was formed in 2006 with members from community, local and state government representatives to provide a planning and reporting mechanism for Federation Walk.

The Federation Walk Coastal Reserve is an example of the community, local and state governments working together for the development of a unique site into a premier coastal reserve.