



GKI Progress Association set to launch

Registrations have been flowing in for the launch of new community association GKI Progress Association, Inc, which has been formed by community leaders from across the Keppel region to progress the conversation about the future of Great Keppel Island.

On Monday 8th February, at 5.30pm in Rosslyn Bay, the community is invited to join committee members of the new association and local MPs and Councillors at a Public Forum, where the contracted proponent Altum Property Group will speak about plans for rebuilding the resort.

Association President Ross O'Reilly, owner of Beaches Restaurant and High Valley Dawn Permaculture Farm, said: "The association is a chance for all stakeholders in the community to be involved, have a voice and get a greater understanding of the current opportunity we have for our region."

"Progress on Great Keppel Island is not only important for island residents and business owners, its critical to the whole of Central Queensland." Mr O'Reilly continued.

Brittany Lauga, State Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister, who will be in attendance, commented: "At the moment, the Palaszczuk Government has committed \$30 million to deliver significant infrastructure projects on the island."

"Building these assets will create jobs for a range of trades people, from designers and engineers to chippies and sparkies, and that's money going into the Central Queensland economy."

"GKI is a fantastic destination and the more accessible it is, the more visitors it will attract and that can only be a good thing for tourism and the economy."

Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry welcomed the formation of the Great Keppel Island Progress Association and looks forward to assisting the association in achieving their goals.

"I am excited to see the forming of a new association which aims to bring the community on the journey with the proponents, Altum."

"Rob and Leigh have been instrumental in securing funding for the project and I have worked constructively with them for months now in seeking federal funding for their plans for GKI."

"I look forward to working positively with the GKI Progress Association," Ms Landry said.

The association is also launching their community membership at the Public Forum Registrations to the event are required and attendees will be able to ask questions in advance which will be answered by the association committee and Altum. Registrations are via: <https://events.humanitix.com/gki-public-forum>

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