

# Coast shares the love



## Residents extend a hand of friendship to the community of Grantham

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IT was a small town in the Lockyer Valley that looked like a war zone when the horrific Queensland floods hit.

Bodies were seen floating in turbulent floodwaters, and it will take years for residents to rebuild their homes, but the Gold Coast has extended a gesture to the town of Grantham, to send some love their way.

A busload of families from the Grantham region is set to take part in this weekend's

Heartwave Beach Walk being held at Currumbin Beach on Saturday, February 12 from 9am.

The flood stricken families will join Gold Coasters in forming a giant heart on the beach and Heartwave event organiser Heidi Bartholomew said she was excited to be giving something back.

"Thirty or so kids and their parents from the Lockyer Valley's Grantham ground zero area have accepted the invitation to join us on the morning of the Heartwave Beach Walk," Ms Bartholomew said.

"We've been given the use of the Kellogg's Bus to pick them

up at 6.30am, and we're planning to give them a great day and a total break from what they are experiencing.

"Currumbin SLSC is providing food and drinks, our friends at Billabong and Havaianas will give them gift bags with some new clothing, footwear and other treats, Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary will be shouting them to a fun afternoon in the park," she said.

Registration for the event starts from 7.30am on day and it's a \$10 donation for adults or a gold coin for each child, with all proceeds from the event going to the Queensland Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal 2011.

**BIG HEARTS:** Gold Coast residents and Heartwave volunteers Maddy Rawlings and Shay Dellow at Currumbin's Elephant Rock.

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