

Backflip! Santa's on track

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AFTER making a list and checking it twice Queensland Rail has bowed to community pressure to run the Santa Express to Nambour.

The Sunshine Coast was initially left off the Santa Express route while the Gold Coast, Beenleigh, Ferny Grove, Caboolture, Doomben, Shorncliffe and Cleveland were all included.

But angry residents flooded to the Rail Back on Track website to express their dismay at the lack of forethought accusing QR of being a "grinch that stole christmas".

The *Journal* made inquiries on Monday morning as to why the Santa Express would not pass Caboolture and by Monday afternoon QR had a change of heart.

Rail Back on Track spokesperson Robert Dow said Sunshine Coast com-

muters felt marginalised enough by the lack of service along that track, however he was thrilled that QR backflipped on its initial decision.

"It's amazing what a bit of attention will achieve," he said.

When the Sunshine Coast was initially left off the list Mr Dow said perhaps Santa could not make the trip without a toilet.

The RBoT web forum was full of comments from frustrated commuters slamming QR's decision to leave the coast off the list.

One commuter said: "QR is the Grinch that stole Christmas as far as the kids of the Sunshine Coast are concerned."

A Queensland Rail spokesperson said Santa had reconsidered his plans.

"We are pleased to confirm on November 13, Santa Claus is definitely coming to town," she said.



ALL ABOARD: The Santa Express is coming to Nambour.



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