

News

New manager at port

Local Bundaberg resident, Jason Pascoe, has been appointed Manager for the Port of Bundaberg.

Jason, who started in the role in July, said he is looking forward to being part of the future development of the port and Burnett Heads marinas.

"There are exciting opportunities available to develop the port and Burnett Heads marinas, and I'm also very keen to increase the amount of trade through the Port of Bundaberg," Mr Pascoe said.

"Another major focus will be maintaining the excellent level of service to current clients and tenants of the Port of Bundaberg."

Jason previously worked for Bundaberg Sugar Limited as the Commercial Services and Employee Relations and before that spent time in Sydney, Brisbane and overseas, in various roles.

Jason originally moved to Bundaberg as a young child where he went to school. He recently moved back to Bundaberg where he now lives with his wife, Natalie, and family.



New Manager at Bundaberg Jason Pascoe.

QUT student research project

In a joint project with Queensland University of Technology (QUT), and other partners, the Port of Bundaberg, provided a number of students with the opportunity to learn on the job.

Postgraduate Landscape Architecture, Civil and Environmental Engineering students have worked for the past four months with guidance from the port and QUT academics to produce strategic and environmental planning and design options for managing future growth in the area.

Unit Coordinator and Lecturer at QUT, Shannon Satherley, commented that the joint project provided an opportunity for students to share new knowledge and gain hands-on experience, as well as a chance to access stakeholder knowledge.

"Students learn about design and potential problems which exist on paper, but at the senior level in their degree we need to raise the complexities by providing them with a real situation that has external influences and real stakeholder systems," she said.

"Working with Port of Bundaberg offered a safe environment for the students, but with real practical experience."

"One of the most important things is that the students had a chance to hear from the community to access local knowledge, and recognise the importance of the end-user's concerns."

Students were assessed on several areas including a strategic plan, and a studio diary reflecting their experience.

Projects will be compiled for further community in-house discussion and for consideration in future planning undertaken by the port.



QUT Students study port land in Bundaberg.

Wallace Creek Bridge

Design work by GHD Bundaberg is ongoing with preliminary layouts for the Wallace Creek Bridge completed and accepted by the Port of Bundaberg. Additional geotechnical* work has also been arranged to assist with the design of the approaching road pavements to the bridge.

Works are expected to begin by December 2008.

***Geotechnical engineering** is concerned with the behaviour of earth materials. It includes investigating existing subsurface conditions and materials; assessing risks posed by site conditions; designing earthworks and structure foundations; and monitoring site conditions, earthwork and foundation construction.

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Wader birds local attraction

The Port of Bundaberg has recognised that the reclamation area east of the sugar sheds and adjacent to Wallace Creek may be a critical habitat for migratory shorebirds and local water birds.

In July, six local volunteers and keen bird watchers, under the leadership of Sue Sargent from the Burnett Mary Regional Group, carried out a count of the birds using this area. Data on species type, numbers and habitat preference was collected.

It is hoped these counts will become a regular event, so that the data collected can be included in future planning decisions for the area.

If the area is found to be a migratory destination for wader birds, appropriate measures will be taken to set aside the required land for the bird habitat, and include the area in the Port of Bundaberg Land Use Plan 2008.



Bird watchers keep count of waders.

Development on port land

As many would be aware, we are currently preparing a new Land Use Plan for future development in, and around, the Port of Bundaberg. As part of a recent "Statement of Proposals" consultation session, many future possible land uses were discussed with the Bundaberg/Burnett Heads community, council, port tenants, state agencies and other key stakeholders. Possible future land uses discussed included:

- expansion of port related industry
- marine industry opportunities
- residential / mixed-use developments
- marina expansions
- new roads.

Overall, the proposals were received positively by the community and stakeholders. Some issues, including traffic networks, cultural heritage, scale and height of any future development, public access and infrastructure delivery and timing, require further attention.

A summary of the issues has been compiled in a document called the "Statement of Proposals Consultation Report", which is located on the project website.

The consultation and feedback to date will be used to help prepare the "Draft Port of Bundaberg Land Use Plan 2008" which will detail future development plans for port land. The plan will be placed on public display in Bundaberg in October/November this year.

Consultation sessions will again be held during this display period.

Project updates are available at www.portbris.com.au/operations/developingonportland/POBLUP2008 (while the new Port of Bundaberg website is being built) or you can find out more by calling Jason Sprott (Manager Planning) during business hours on (07) 3258 4888.

On 1 October 2007 the **Bundaberg Port Authority** merged with the **Port of Brisbane Corporation** as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Port of Brisbane Corporation Limited. The Port of Bundaberg is considered an important component of the QLD State's port network and is considered strategically positioned on the Australian eastern seaboard and with the capacity to accommodate a range of industrial and waterfront development.



Port land identified for development.

New Port of Bundaberg website

The port would like to keep you informed of the progress of the Port of Bundaberg Land Use Plan 2008, as well as port issues affecting the community. In addition to this newsletter and new website (which will go live next month), we would like to hear what else you would like more information on.

For more information on the Port of Bundaberg please contact the Manager, Jason Pascoe, on (07) 4159 4233 or email info@portofbundaberg.com.au.

The new website address will be www.portofbundaberg.com.au and will be launched in late August.