

News

Draft Land Use Plan on Display

The draft Land Use Plan outlining potential development for the Port of Bundaberg is currently on public display.

General Manager for Port of Bundaberg Jenny Ryan believes the plan presents comprehensive development possibilities.

"I think the draft Land Use Plan presents a balanced view on development potential for the Port of Bundaberg," said Ms Ryan.

"The next few weeks provides an opportunity for the community to review the plan, meet with our planners, discuss any queries and make submissions accordingly."

The plan outlines four main precincts to be potentially developed over a number of years including Industry, Mixed-use, Environmental/Community and Special-use/Investigation areas.

The plan outlines four key 'desired outcomes' for future development focussing on: economic development, essential facilities/infrastructure, natural environment and community/character.

The draft plan will be on display until 12 December, with copies of the document available from the Burnett Heads Community Hall, Bundaberg Regional Council, the Port of Bundaberg office and via direct download at www.portofbundaberg.com.au.



The Corporation will be holding additional open sessions regarding the draft plan at the Bundaberg Civic Centre on Wednesday 3 (3pm to 6pm) and Thursday 4 (11am to 3pm) December. Stakeholders and interested members of the port community are invited to talk with a port representative during these sessions.

Submissions can be made to the Corporation until Friday 12 December and can be lodged via email, fax or post.

For further information regarding the Draft Land Use Plan 2009, talk-to-a-planner sessions and submissions please contact Jason Sprott or David Hertweck during business hours on (07) 3258 4888, email email_bundabergLUP@portbris.com.au or visit www.portofbundaberg.com.au.

Timing of any future development on port land will be subject to a number of factors including: infrastructure capacity, general market conditions, and rigorous planning and environmental assessment under relevant state and local legislation.

Wallace Creek Bridge

A tender process has been announced to select a developer for the construction phase of the Wallace Creek Bridge.

Once the contractor has been announced, an approval process will be undertaken with local council and various government agencies.

Construction is likely to begin in February with a completion date expected for mid-2009.

Right: The road and bridge plans have been altered to allow for better utilisation of the port's land for development, and to prevent the adjacent foreshore area and parkland from being lost.



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Marine Plants Assessment

Mangrove and salt-marsh communities growing within the port are undergoing a 'health-check' with the introduction of a new marine plant monitoring program.

Senior Environmental Coordinator, Scott McKinnon, said it is vital that we have a good understanding of the composition of these marine plant communities and their current condition.

"Marine plants fulfill a range of important functions for the coastal environment like providing a habitat for fish, crustaceans and birds, and protecting the coastline from storm surge and erosion," Mr McKinnon said.

"Marine plants are also protected under state government (Fisheries) legislation."

The port is looking to use the results of the assessment in the preparation of a marine plant management plan. This plan will be developed over the next twelve months, in consultation with the Bundaberg Regional Council and relevant State Government agencies, and aims to achieve a more strategic approach to the management of marine plants.

"The marine plant management plan will be closely linked to the Land Use Plan. It will ensure we are ahead of the game, by identifying marine plant areas that will be protected in the long-term, others that may need to be disturbed in the future, and then those communities where we may be able to undertake enhancement and offsetting activities."

The draft consultant report for the current assessment is expected to be completed in November.

For more information contact Scott McKinnon on (07) 3258 4848.



Yellow mangroves in the Wallace Creek area.

Port Milestone

The Port of Bundaberg is celebrating an important milestone of 50 years at the present site.

Below are some historic pictures taken at the port...



Queensland Premier G.F.R. Nicklin at the official opening of the bulk sugar terminal in 1958.



The "Nipena", first ship to be loaded with bulk sugar at the Port of Bundaberg in 1958.



A unique occurrence having two ships in port on 8 August 2007.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Lesley Grimminck and the entire Port2Port Yacht Rally committee for another successful rally this year. Yachts travelled from Vanuatu and New Caledonia to the Bundaberg Port Marina where, from all accounts, the crews of the 41 participating yachts had a wonderful time and appreciated the great Bundaberg hospitality shown to them.

CCTV

The Port of Bundaberg has recently installed a closed-circuit television camera on port land due to an incident involving the illegal dumping of waste materials.