



EcoFest success

CQPA's sponsorship of the 2006 EcoFest at the Tondoon Botanic Gardens was a huge success, with some 6,500 people attending the event.

CQPA also participated with a marquee – thousands of residents received one of CQPA's free merchandise bags and learnt more about our environmental initiatives by reading the information boards and promotional material on display.

A colouring-in competition with an ocean theme kept the younger crowds entertained. CQPA quickly discovered there are hundreds of budding Picassos residing in Gladstone, but there could be only four winners. They were Jazmine Tema, 3, Mikaeka Allen, 6, Jacquel Fermier, 8, and Brooke Smyth, 9. Each of the winners received a \$50 voucher to Toyworld Gladstone.

See you all at next year's event.

CQPA Senior Environment Officer Fiona Hubczenko (left) congratulates colouring-in competition winner Jazmine Tema, 3, who is pictured with mum Clara.



CQPA Community Support Program

The Exodus Tutorial Centre Gladstone is one organisation to have benefited from CQPA's Community Support Program.

Thanks CQPA!

My name is Hayden. I am 11 years old. I go to the Clinton State School and I am in Year 7.

When I first came to the Exodus Tutorial Centre I needed help with my spelling because I did not know many words. My reading was not as good as the kids at school. I never used to read whole books and if I came to a big word I had to get help. I was nervous and I missed my friends.

In reading groups I started on level 6 and now I am on level 10 and can read 80 words a minute. Now I can read more accurately so I don't make many mistakes. I know all the little words now so I don't get mucked up. I can stop for punctuation and I can read with more expression now. I am more confident with all of my work and I don't get many fixes.

What I like about the tutorial centre is that they push you to your limit and you get rewarded for a good day's work.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely, **Haydn**

Recent beneficiaries of CQPA's Community Support Program include:

- \$4,500 donation for repairs to Birralee Kindergarten Community Preschool's drainage system
- \$1,000 sponsorship of the 36th Annual Gladstone Eisteddfod 2006
- \$1,200 sponsorship for Gladstone Multicultural Festival
- \$2,750 to sponsor 2006 Gladstone EcoFest
- \$250 donation to Evenglow Inc May 2006 Lunch
- \$3,000 sponsorship of the 2006 Premier of Queensland Export Achievement Awards
- \$500 to sponsor Curtis Coast Literacy Committee
- \$400 to sponsor the 2006 World Festival of Magic, Lions Club of Rockhampton
- \$1,500 to sponsor the Great Gladstone Barbecue for Student/Industry CRC Symposium

CQPA news in brief

Port gains policing presence

Following extensive lobbying by the CQPA Board, the Port of Gladstone now has its own permanent policing presence.

The Queensland Water Police began operating out of the Gladstone Marina late last month, with three officers, two vessels and a run-a-bout.

The largest vessel, a DW Wrembeck, is a 10m fibreglass boat that can be used for overnight and off-shore operations.

The aluminium run-a-bout will be used for close inshore work and on inland waterways for water-based crime fighting.

CQPA lends a hand

CQPA last month joined forces with other local groups to help protect Aboriginal middens on Facing Island.

While Conservation Volunteers Australia recruited volunteers, CQPA donated the cost of coppers logs and wire to replace the existing posts.

The volunteers set up a perimeter fence around a large bank of shells built up during thousands of years by local Aborigines feasting on oysters from nearby rocks.

New hotline service available

A CQPA hotline number has been established to provide employees and members of the public with an avenue to make complaints or seek information about the organisation.

The freecall number, 1800 063 408, is operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The hotline is independently operated for confidential reporting and discussion of issues.



1800 063 408

PORT TALKS

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND PORTS AUTHORITY

Expansion benefits flow to community

Central Queensland Ports Authority's (CQPA's) RG Tanna Coal Terminal (RGCT) Expansion is expected to inject almost \$60 million per annum into the Gladstone economy during construction.

Now entering its third stage, the expansion is set to increase throughput capacity from 40 Million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) to 69 Mtpa.

The flow-on benefits of the expansion are expected to be enormous, generating significant development for the Central Queensland region such as the opening of new mines, the creation of employment and associated infrastructure expansion for regional centres.

On a local level, the expansion will provide employment to 900 contractors during construction and at least 70 full-time positions once completed.

The project includes the construction of a third rail unloading station, a third shiploader, a fourth berth and five additional stockpiles plus a completely new electrical system.

Completed works to date include Stockpiles 17 and 18, which are now fully commissioned, a third rail loop, an extension to the existing second rail loop, and a shiploading upgrade to increase the terminal's export conveyor capacity from 4,000 tonnes per hour (tph) to 6,000 tph.

The Monodelphous Engineering, Golding Contractors and CQPA Alliance is presently constructing the third rail unloading station under an accelerated construction program – operating two 10-hour shifts, six days a week – to achieve an anticipated December 2006 completion.

CQPA has contracted John Holland to carry out the third shiploader conveyor system works which include building a new approach to the RGCT wharf, widening existing berths 2 and 3, and extending the wharf to allow for a new substation to power a third shiploader.



Before expansion



After expansion

The pile driving, which began on 10 July, will operate between the hours of 6.30am to 6.30pm, within EPA guidelines.

The works are expected to continue until December 2006.

The contract for the construction of the fourth berth is expected to be announced within the next two months, with an anticipated completion date in the third quarter of 2007.

In the meantime, preliminary earthworks have commenced on Stockpiles 19, 20 and 21, which look set to be operational during the latter half of 2007.

CQPA has undertaken extensive community consultation to ensure the Gladstone community remains up to date on every step of the expansion process.

Trade results 2005-2006

Increased shipments of coal and bauxite have steered the Port of Gladstone to a record trade result for the 2005-06 financial year.

A total throughput of 67.23 Million tonnes (Mt) of cargo was handled across the port, representing a 4.1Mt (6.5%) increase on 2004-05 results.

Coal exports were up by 1.69Mt (3.9%) on the previous year, thanks largely to a 1.4Mt (35.9%) increase through the Barney Point Coal Terminal.

Increased bauxite imports of 1.8Mt to local Gladstone industries, Queensland Alumina Limited (QAL) and Comalco Alumina Refinery (CAR), contributed to almost half of the port's overall trade growth.

CQPA Chairman Helen Gluer welcomed the results, saying they reinforced the port's major growth potential.

"The increased trade figures highlight the strong growth period that the Port of Gladstone has experienced and will continue to experience over the next five years," she said.

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CEO's communiqué

The Port of Gladstone is on its way to becoming the largest coal exporting port in Australia and the RG Tanna Coal Terminal Expansion Project is a crucial step towards this goal.

With an unrelenting worldwide demand for coal, the RGTCT expansion is providing the impetus for significant development within the Central Queensland region.

The benefits of the expansion for the community and the region as a whole will be far-reaching, with wages, employment and construction activities generating millions of dollars for the local economy during the life of the project and beyond the expansion.

But CQPA remains vigilant to the needs of the local community, the environment and the safety of the public and our workforce.

There are approximately 300 piles to install as part of the wharf expansion, and the project team has ensured that all activities comply with environmental guidelines.

With an additional 200 people using the roads approaching the RG Tanna Coal Terminal, all road users in and around the Gladstone Marina will need to be mindful of safety.

The public must also be aware that due to the extensive construction activities taking place, the RGTCT wharf is out-of-bounds to all water vessels, except for those authorised to approach the wharf.

As the Port of Gladstone grows, there is also a new focus on security and the Federal Government's new legislation due to take effect from 1 January 2007 (see story opposite).

Our security team has been busy ensuring employees, port and wharf users are fully prepared for the implementation of the Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC).

The new financial year marked a number of new beginnings as CQPA welcomed former director Helen Gluer to the role of Chairman, with Peter Coronas stepping aside from his Acting Chairman role to resume his position as Deputy Chair. On behalf of CQPA, I thank Peter for his commendable efforts during the past 20 months which could not have been an easy task due to his very hectic mayoral schedule.

Helen will continue Peter's good works in guiding the organisation through the port's largest expansion program. We have also seen the addition of three new board directors whose wealth of experience will be gladly welcomed.

The next six months will certainly prove to be a busy time for all as CQPA employees work hard to ensure the Gladstone community not only has a world-class coal exporting facility to be proud of, but one that will continue to share its wealth for many generations to come.

Leo Zussino
Chief Executive Officer
Central Queensland Ports Authority

CQPA welcomes new chair



CQPA's new Chairman Helen Gluer (left) is looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead as the Port of Gladstone enters the most intensive period of expansion in its history.

The former CQPA Director and current Chief Financial Officer for Brisbane City Council took up the position on 1 July, taking over from Acting Chairman Peter Coronas.

Ms Gluer said she was grateful for the opportunity to lead CQPA through its largest ever expansion program.

"The role will be demanding but I look forward to sharing my experience in strategic planning and management with fellow CQPA Board of Directors and the organisation as a whole."

Chief Executive Officer Leo Zussino welcomed Ms Gluer to the Chairman's role, which he said would greatly benefit from Ms Gluer's vast commercial experience.

"Helen has developed extensive knowledge of CQPA operations through her role as Director, and is well positioned as Brisbane City Council's Chief Financial Officer to meet the challenges of the next 12 months."

Three new directors also join CQPA, finance sector senior executive Terry Crawford, airline chief executive Andrea Staines and manager and company director Ron O'Grady.

Accolades for Acting Chair



Incoming CQPA Chairman Helen Gluer has thanked Peter Coronas (left) for his dedication during his time as Acting Chairman.

Ms Gluer said the milestones achieved during Mr Coronas' guardianship of the role were a credit to his professionalism and commitment.

"Peter has worked extremely hard, juggling both his commitments as Mayor of Gladstone and CQPA Acting Chairman, during what has been an extremely busy time," Ms Gluer said.

"I look forward to working with Peter during the exciting and challenging months ahead."

Mr Coronas will continue in his role as Deputy Chairman.



CQPA welcomes first stevedoring trainees

Central Queensland Ports Authority (CQPA) is helping school leavers pave the way into Operations careers with the introduction of stevedoring traineeships.

CQPA signed on its first intake of stevedoring trainees in June as part of a long-term plan to address an industry shortage of plant operators.

Corporate Relations Manager Peter O'Sullivan said the four trainees - Kaine Beers, Christopher Standfield, Stacey Burraston and Scott Kerr - will gain experience in the operation of machinery plant, conveyor systems and ship moorings.

The trainees will divide their time between RG Tanna Coal Terminal and the Barney Point Coal Terminal, gaining hands-on experience in CQPA's quarry and stores warehouse as well as an appreciation for the diversity of operations and products at the Port of Gladstone.

At the end of the 12 month traineeship participants will attain a Certificate II in Warehousing and Stevedoring from TAFE Central Queensland and tickets in bobcat and dingo operation.

"There is a great demand for plant operators at the moment and this traineeship represents a great opportunity to develop base skills in this area," Mr O'Sullivan said.

"While their initial employment period will be for 12 months, CQPA will reassess the possibility of a further 12-month term on the completion of the traineeship.

"We are hoping this will be the start of a long-term career with the Central Queensland Ports Authority for these four trainees."

CQPA recently signed on six new horticulture trainees who will divide their time between study and on-the-job practical experience.

The trainees are: Nichola Trost, Tenille Herd, Kendall Fisher, Sheree Fisher, Trent Backer and Christopher Partridge.

On completion of the 12 months, the trainees will graduate with a Certificate II in Horticulture from TAFE Central Queensland, boosting their future employment prospects in the industry.

Proactive fire ant approach

Following the recent discovery of fire ants in the Gladstone area, CQPA is continuing to ensure preventative measures guard against their introduction through port activities.

CQPA employees, in conjunction with the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Fire Ant Control Centre (FACC), recently conducted inspections of all port strategic land and found no evidence of the destructive pest.

The port authority will continue to work closely with Gladstone City Council and the FACC to ensure the most appropriate preventative management is in place.



Fire ants - what are they?

- Look very much like ordinary house or garden ants.
- Are coppery-brown in colour on the head and body, with a darker abdomen.
- Come in a variety of sizes within one nest, ranging from 2mm to 6mm.
- Have nests with no obvious entry or exit holes on top of them.
- Their nests can appear as dome-shaped mounds, up to 40cm high, or can be found next to, or underneath other objects, such as timber, logs, rocks, pavers and bricks
- Mounds are usually found in open areas such as lawns, pastures, along roadsides and unused cropland, and are rarely found in frequently cultivated areas

If you find fire ants in your neighbourhood, please report the sighting to the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries Call Centre on 13 25 23.



Maritime security card

From 1 January 2007, the Australian Government requires anyone working within the secure areas of a port, ship or offshore oil and gas facility to display a Maritime Security Identification Card (MSIC).

As an approved issuing agency, CQPA's security team has spent the past six months preparing for the introduction of the MSIC.

Information sessions have been conducted and promotional literature distributed to ensure relevant CQPA employees, contractors and port users are fully briefed on their obligations under the government's new legislation.

If you require unmonitored access within a maritime security zone as part of your work - such as a providore, truck driver, maintenance contractor or ship's agent - you will require an MSIC.

An MSIC will not entitle you to automatic entry to any or all security zones but it does demonstrate that you have successfully completed the background checking process required to enter these zones.

For further MSIC information, visit the CQPA website at www.cqpa.com.au.

