Welcome STS Leeuwin II

Community Involvement Program

Bunbury Port Authority is commencing a program of Social Assessment and Community Engagement to develop a better understanding of community perceptions of the Port and its operations. This will help us develop strategies that will further inform the community about the Port’s operations.

Staff from Coakes Consulting, who are undertaking this study, will be joining us at Bunbury Inner Harbour’s Berth 5 on Sunday November 18 for the Port Open Day.

As part of the Social Assessment and Community Engagement program, a survey of the Bunbury community will be conducted and specific focus group meetings held. By surveying our neighbours we hope to gain a better understanding of the community’s perception regarding:

- How we manage the Port environment;
- How we currently engage with the community and how the Authority can better involve and engage the community; &
- Whether people feel adequately informed about what’s happening in the Port now and in the future.

Members of the community are welcome to discuss their perceptions of the Bunbury Port Authority with representatives from Coakes Consulting who will be joining us at the Port Open Day.

Gary Crockford
Chief Executive Officer

I look forward to seeing you there.
Leeuwin II returns to Bunbury

November 18 marks the return of the ever popular tall ship ‘STS Leeuwin II’ to Bunbury to help celebrate our Port Open Day.

The Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation has jumped at the chance to revisit the port and form a new relationship with Bunbury and surrounding communities. This could mean the Leeuwin II will be based in Bunbury for two or three months of each summer.

Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer David Biddle said that, after an absence of six years, to be able to have the Leeuwin II return to Bunbury as part of the Port Open Day was “very exciting for all of us”.

The tall ship LEEUWIN

STS Leeuwin II was purpose built as a youth sail training ship in 1986. The ship is 55 metres in length, has over 810 square metres of sail and about 30 kilometres of rope. It can carry up to 115 people on day sails and 55 on extended voyages.

Every year the Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation helps hundreds of young people across Western Australia through its unique youth sail training program.

While participants are out at sea on the ship, they have to work with other young people, and often against the elements, to sail the ship from A to B.

This gives them a real sense of achievement and teaches them life skills that enable them to realise their potential and make positive changes to their lives.

The tall ship LEEUWIN

Even though Bunbury Port Authority’s new Pilot Rajeev Sud has lived in India most of his life, he has worked for shipping companies all over the world. Rajeev started his seagoing career with P&O Bulk Shipping in London and, after completing an apprenticeship, he joined Tradax Shipping based in Geneva. He completed a Masters Class 1 at Southampton and worked for a Kuwait oil tanker company for nine years.

His next position was as a Marine Officer with Qatar Petroleum, responsible for piloting tankers, moving jack up oil rigs and coordinating offshore projects.

During much of this time Rajeev took his annual holidays in Kenya where he pursued his love of wildlife photography and went camping.

In 1999, Rajeev and his Kenyan wife Gaitree migrated to Australia where he worked for Teekay Shipping, starting as a Third Officer, and working as a Chief Officer for the past four years.

In August Rajeev became the Bunbury Port Authority’s newest Pilot and he is looking forward to many happy years in Bunbury. He was attracted to the South West by the lovely people, beaches, greenery and its proximity to the Margaret River wine region.
Bunbury Port Open Day

Family fun at a working Port

Come and see where the big ships load and unload their cargoes when the Bunbury Port Authority opens its gates to the public for the 2007 Port Open Day on Sunday, November 18.

The Open Day will be held in an area not usually open to the public, right on the waterside at Berth 5 in the Inner Harbour. This free family event commences at 10am and promises something of interest for all ages, including boat rides within the harbour basin, loads of giveaways, bus tours, information about our Port, plus the opportunity to explore the STS Leeuwin. During the morning visitors can see the STS Leeuwin as it sails into Bunbury’s Inner Harbour where it will be given a warm welcome by the Bunbury City Band and then be open for inspection by the public.

The BPA

Huey Lange is the new Emergency Response and Security Officer for the Bunbury Port.

Huey’s role is to supervise Security Personnel and ensure that the Port’s security and emergency response capabilities are at their best.

The Port has a set of plans covering oil spill contingencies, emergency management and business continuity. Since arriving in May it has been Huey’s job to review and develop these plans and their related documents.

Huey was born at Kingaroy, Queensland and raised on a dairy farm. He moved to WA in 1985 to play Rugby League for Willagee in Perth and to work in construction. The next year he headed north to Karratha and spent 20 years in the State’s North West where he began training Emergency Response Teams in fire, ambulance and rope rescue skills.

Eventually Huey decided his children would benefit from an education in the South West and it was time to escape the heat!

Based in Australind, Huey worked at Harvey Beef for 18 months before joining the Bunbury Port Authority.

He says he is enjoying working with a great team of people at the Port and he loves having so much contact with the sea.

“It’s great to be working near the water every day because it gives you energy,” Huey said.

Another addition to the Port Open Day festivities for 2007 is the inaugural Fun Run, starting at 8am, which will provide everyone with an opportunity to run or walk a five kilometre course around Turkey Point.

Every registered runner will have the opportunity to win a great prize. Entry is free and registration forms are available at the Bunbury Port Authority’s Administration Offices on Casuarina Drive or at www.byport.com.au.

Young children will get a thrill out of meeting the Bunbury Port Authority’s mascot, ‘Sandy the Seagull’, who will be at the Port Open Day with lots of giveaways for all the youngsters.

Bunbury Sea Rescue will attend to help out with boat tours around the Inner harbour, and showcase sea rescue operations in the South West.

The TS Bunbury Naval cadets will be keeping up the supply of free drinks and sausage sizzle lunches.

The companies that use the port, along with Customs, Quarantine and the Mission to Seafarers will be providing information and displays for the event.

Two years ago, the Port Open Day attracted more than 2000 people so Bunbury Port Authority is gearing up for lots of visitors. Facilities will include shaded seating where people can sit down, refresh themselves with a cool drink or a cuppa and soak up the atmosphere of a working port.

An exciting and informative family day celebrating the importance of the Port to the prosperity of Bunbury and surrounding districts.
Port delegation to China

The Bunbury Port Authority hosted an important trade delegation to China in October. Led by Tony McRae MLA, the delegation included our Chairman Jim Brosnan, two of our Directors City of Bunbury Mayor David Smith and Gary Wood as well as our Finance & Administration Manager John Barratt.

Sea Freight Council Manager Mark Brownell, Bunbury Chamber of Commerce and Industries CEO Allan Birrell, Dean of Edith Cowan University (Bunbury) Andrew Taggart, South West Development Commission CEO Don Punch and Salitage winery owner John Horgan were also members of the delegation.

Bunbury has had a Sister Port agreement with Jiaxing in Zhejiang Province since 2000.

The purpose of this visit was to develop and promote trade, commerce and educational opportunities between the cities. A number of trade opportunities were identified by the delegation members.

During the visit Chairman Jim Brosnan and Director David Smith were conferred as honorary citizens of Jiaxing for which they were deeply honoured.

The delegation met Government officials in a number of cities including Jiaxing, Hangzhou, Haining Pingu and the Port of Zhapu.

2007 Port Open Day
Sunday November 18

Run or walk the 5km Fun Run course

All finishers have a chance to win prizes!

Followed by the 2007 Port Open Day starting at 10 am

FREE ENTRY

Fun Run

8am start at Bunbury Inner Harbour

Registration forms available from www.byport.com.au or the Bunbury Port Authority Administration Office on Casuarina Drive, Marlston Hill Enquiries to 9729 7020

Registrations close at 5pm on November 16 Numbers are limited