



Gladstone Engineering Alliance Inc

# NEWSLETTER

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## INDUSTRY UPDATE LUNCHEON

The Gladstone Engineering Alliance Inc. in partnership with McNee North Surveys hosted our Industry Update Luncheon, at The Gladstone Entertainment Centre on Tuesday April, 5.

“Gladstone Harbour Developments” was the focus of the luncheon, which saw an attendance of 110 people, from Industry leaders, GEA members and members of the public.

A number of guest speakers presented important information regarding the current and future shipping movements, safety within the harbour and around the LNG infrastructure, Gladstone Fitzroy pipeline and the Curtis Island water and sewage supply. The luncheons Speakers included Garry Scanlan, LNG Contractor Liaison Manager for Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited, John Fallon, Assistant Harbour Master from

Queensland Maritime Safety and Richard West Senior Engineering Specialist from Gladstone Area Water Board.

The port of Gladstone is one of the most impressive, by world standards. Strategically located as a natural distribution point for the world-wide shipment of the considerable resources of Central Queensland, this busy port is already the largest multicargo port in Australia, and will only get bigger within the near future. Over the last 5 years, 16, 171 ships over 10 metres in length entered the Gladstone Harbour.

In summary the presentation provided attendees with vital information on upcoming Projects within and around the Gladstone Harbour.



‘Gladstone Harbour Developments’



Garry Scanlan speaks about the future shipping movements of the LNG

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**HARBOUR FESTIVAL**

It's that time again! The Gladstone Harbour Festival is here once more, and the Festival committee are excited to announce the 49th Harbour Festival. It is a jam packed event with a bucket load of free entertainment and rides, and an estimated turn out of 70 000 spectators.

Originally the Gladstone Harbour Festival was a one day celebration to greet the winners of the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race as they crossed the finish line.

On Friday April 22, 2011, the Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race, Sponsored by Qantas link, will take place. The 308 nautical mile challenge takes competitors on a whirl wind ride straight to a buoy off Redcliffe Point to the North Channel, up to Caloundra and through to the unique Gladstone Harbour. The tired crew usually arrives Saturday afternoon or Sunday evening depending on the weather and tides, where the winner will receive the Courier-Mail Cup, one of the oldest, most well known trophies in Australia.

Yachties, one of Gladstone's most talked about 'party's' is held at the Gladstone Yacht Club on Easter Saturday, April 23rd. This year it is bigger and better then ever, with 5 local bands, complimentary BBQ, Bundy Girls and Karina from Hot FM. This year is different then every other year as it will be starting at 1pm. Get in early and grab your ticket from the yacht club's reception desk for only \$20.

**Tuesday April 19, 2011**

**6:30pm-** GLNG & Zinc's Talent Quest & and Battle of the Bands

**Wednesday April 20, 2011**

**6:30pm-** Australia Pacific LNG's Tropical Wednesday

**8:30pm-** Australia Pacific LNG's Fireworks Display

**Thursday April 21, 2011**

**6:30pm-** Gladstone Ports Corporation Family Fun Night

**8pm-** Gladstone Ports Corporation Fireworks Display

**Friday April 22, 2011**

**10am-** Start of Brisbane to Gladstone Yacht race

**8am-**The Observers Marina Markets

**11am-**NRG Great Raft Race- starting/finish at Gladstone yacht Club

**10am-2pm** 2 for one rides at the Festival

**7pm-** Orica's Fantastic Friday Night Spectacular- Featuring Killer Queen

**Saturday April 23, 2011**

**10am-**Stockland Gladstone's Teddy Bears Picnic- at Marina stage

**7pm-** Bechtel's Festival Finale Sizzling Saturday night- Featuring Beatnix

**8pm-** Cement Australia's Firework Display

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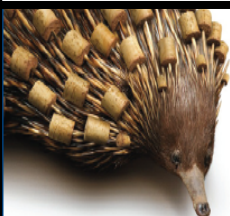
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## GEA STAFF MEMBERS



Tash Stayte and Kaihla Jones

GEA welcomes two new staff members who have joined our enthusiastic team.

Natasha (Tash) Stayte, Administration Officer, will complete her certificate III in Business over the next 12 months "I am very pleased to have been offered the position with the GEA after carry-

ing out 3 weeks voluntary work experience in the office." said Tash. A qualified hairdresser, Tash looks forward to starting her career in Business.

Kaihla Jones, Account Officer, joined the GEA team on April 4, 2011. and looks forward to taking part in planning functions and marketing for the GEA. " I greatly appreciate this opportunity to further develop my skills and join the networking community'

The GEA welcomes Tash and Kaihla & look forward to making 2011 a successful year.

**Kaihla Jones**  
Accounts Officer  
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**Tash Stayte**  
Administration Officer  
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## FUTURE EVENTS

**May 12**

### M2M FUNCTIONS

Sponsored by: **Prime Rentals**

Venue: **4 George Mamalis Place**

**FREE**

**June 7**

### INDUSTRY UPDATE LUNCHEON

Topic: **'Workforce Skilling'**

Sponsored by: **Blue Dog Training**

Held: TBC

Members: \$70

Non-Member \$100

**July 14**

### M2M FUNCTIONS

Sponsored by: **Steel Central**

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Venue: **2 George Mamalis Place**

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## MEMBER OF THE MONTH



Des McNee and Bruce Rodd from McNee North Surveys

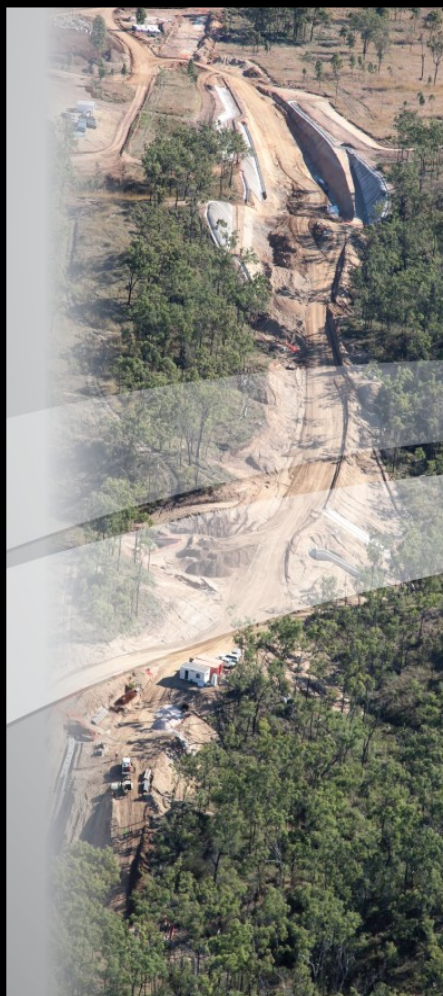
North Group is made up of McNee North Surveys in Gladstone and North Surveys in Brisbane and Maroochydore. When the idea of the GEA was first raised in 2003 we immediately saw the advantage of such an association. We have been a member ever since and have found it beneficial in networking and our business.

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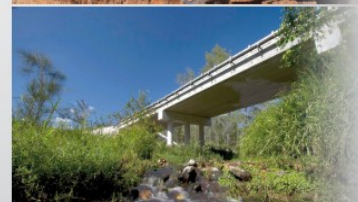
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# THE INDUSTRY UPDATE LUNCH-



Chris Brooker, Doug Reid and Joe Dougherty from QGC



Carli Hobbs, Julie Strudwick, Nathan Hammond, Mike Swart and Mary-anne Jorgensen networking at the luncheon.



Belinda Strong, Karen Bellert and Chris Brooker



Joe Austin and Les Salter from Prime Rentals



Des McNee, Kim Bradbury, Bruce Rodd and Ross Maudsley



Kaihla Jones, Des McNee, Tash Stayte, Carli Hobbs and Bruce Rodd



Peter Hagan, Julie Strudwick and Aaron Goddard



Karen Bellert, Jenny Yates and Sue Young

**EVENTS****July 22****Golf Day****Gladstone Golf Course**Sponsorship Perspective –  
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**August 9****INDUSTRY UPDATE  
LUNCHEON**

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Held at: TBC

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Non-Member \$100

**September 15****M2M FUNCTIONS**

Sponsored by: Available

Held at: TBC

**FREE****October 19 & 20****Industry Conference 2011**Sponsors: Prospectus out  
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**October 20****Industry Conference Gala  
Dinner, 2010**Gladstone Entertainment  
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Digital impression of Alpha Coal's Test Pit

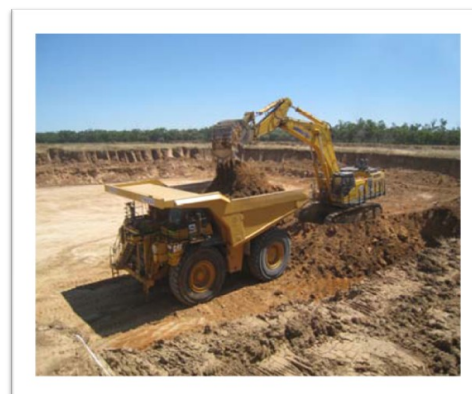
There is plenty of activity occurring around the Alpha Coal project. Removal of overburden material from the test pit has stepped-up a gear, with the operation expanded to 2 shifts, 7 days a week. The first of two shipments of coal from the test pit is due late July. The other shipment is scheduled for late September.

Designed to retain extracted water from the pit, the dam is 2/3rd built. The road to access the site is now completed, while the upgrade of Hobartville Road is at half way point. Depending on weather, the upgrade is likely to be finished at the end of the month.

Construction of the rail corridor is expected to begin in 2012, after the finalisation of all necessary approvals, both statutory and financial. There will be a number of on property visits to discuss the hydrology concerns, before Calibre Rail completes its full review.

**PROJECT UPDATE**

Hancock is continuing its investigation into the proposed Alpha to Abbot Point Rail Alignment, a project which on October 1, 2011 was declared an Infrastructure Facility of Significance (IFS) by the State Government. Planning and negotiation with the relevant stakeholders, particularly landholders are still advanced. The rail line will be approximately 495km in length from mine to port. It will be standard Gauge, with the one round trip taking approximately 28 hours.



Alpha Test Pit Taking Shape

## GLADSTONE WORKFORCE SKILLING STRATEGY

As part of the Gladstone Workforce Skilling Strategy, Gladstone Engineering Alliance are undertaking a research strategy (SCAN) to identify a strategic training and employment strategy that will enable realistic long term sustainable employment opportunities for the indigenous, long term unemployed, migrant and under-employed women in the Gladstone community.

The Scan will look at current and previous programs delivered to identify the successful components of those programs. Surveys will be undertaken with industries, local employers and training providers to gain a full understanding of existing practices.

The Manager at the Gladstone Engineering Alliance Carli Hobbs, is confident that the Scan will provide valuable learnings to assist in guiding the Gladstone Workforce Skilling Strategy to rolling out positive outcomes for the community.

"The Scan will highlight what has worked, what didn't work and what gaps and overlaps there are in our current training and employment strategies" Ms Hobbs said.

Gladstone Engineering Alliance has engaged local consultants Amarna Pty Ltd to undertake the Scan. Amarna will also be gathering input to develop a best practice collaborative approach across key stakeholders for training and employment strategies.

Gladstone Engineering Alliance received funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to undertake this research strategy.

## MEMBER 2 MEMBER

Energy Skills Queensland sponsored the Gladstone Engineering Alliance's Member 2 Member function for the month of March.

They talked about the Gladstone Workforce Skilling Strategy and what it is all about. The function was held down stairs of the Gladstone Yacht Club and had a number of members attend.

The next Member 2 Member function is sponsored by Prime Rentals and will be held at their work place, on Thursday May 12, 2011.

### Community Noticeboard:

#### **Ice Skating**

When: April 9 - 26

Where: Gladstone Entertainment Centre, 58 Goonoon Street, Gladstone.

Time: 9 am - 5pm and 7 - 9 pm Saturday nights

Cost: Children 3 - 5yrs \$10, Children 6-14yrs \$17  
General admission \$19 ice skates included.

Contact 0433 218 477 [www.wintermagic.biz](http://www.wintermagic.biz)

#### **Easter Saturday races**

Date: Saturday April 23, 2011 Venue: Ferguson Park (Gladstone Race Course) Gates open 11am. Local races start at 1pm. Children are welcome, but patrons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. To reserve a table or book a marquee please contact Judy 0409 782 953.

#### **Big Event**

The annual Easter Fashion Parade and mini Cent Sale is hosted by the Gladstone Hospital Auxiliary on April 20th at 9am, Gladstone Bowls Club. Admission \$10. Home made morning tea and prizes to be won call Cheryl 4979 4625.



Dear Members,

Please join GEA and Prime Rentals to the next

## MEMBER 2 MEMBER

Thursday May 12, 2011

Arrival time: 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Held: 4 George Manalis Place, Gladstone

RSVP: Wednesday May 11, 2011

Note: Staff and partners are welcome



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