

The Channel

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newsletter

A helping hand for local community projects

Port of Newcastle continued to support local, community-run projects through its latest Community Partnerships Program funding round.

It recently awarded more than \$62,000 to a diverse range of worthy causes in port-side suburbs and the wider Newcastle area.

Port of Newcastle seeks to partner with community groups and invest in projects that make a measurable difference to the lives of people within our community.

Since May 2014, it has awarded more than \$400,000 to a diverse range of projects spanning education, the environment, youth leadership and development and community health and wellbeing.

“The latest round of applications once again demonstrated the tremendous contribution of local, volunteer-based organisations in our community. My team and I are proud to assist these groups and the invaluable service they provide in making Newcastle a great place to live,” said Geoff Crowe, Port of Newcastle CEO.

Pictured above: Port of Newcastle CEO, Geoff Crowe and Hunter Surf Life Saving President, Henry Scruton.

Among the many programs and events sponsored in the latest round are CityServe 2016, Newcastle Basket Brigade, Newcastle Rowing Club, Nobbys Surf Life Saving Club, the Hunter Electric Vehicle Festival, Variety and Newcastle Micro Theatre.

Sponsorship applications for the Community Partnerships Program are invited twice a year. The next round will open in September 2016.

For more information please visit:
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Port of Newcastle's community and industry support since 2014 ...



More than
\$400,000
towards



92
community and
industry-based
projects



CEO
message

As the commercial manager of the Port, Port of Newcastle is committed to working with existing trades and industry to help deliver new growth and efficiencies, whilst looking for opportunities to grow and diversify the Port.

Port of Newcastle is also investing in the development of key infrastructure projects to support a diverse range of cargo and trade. Stage 1 of the Mayfield Services Project is on track, which will see the provision of water, telecommunications and electrical services to this important site. Port of Newcastle is also scoping the replacement of two ship unloaders and conveyors at the K2 berth at Walsh Point. The K2 berth is a common user berth used for fertiliser, magnetite, meals and grains, fuel, cement, vegetable oils, and other speciality products.

Whilst the coal industry continues to provide a stable base for trade in the Port, it is exciting to look forward at the opportunities to diversify and grow other trade. Our customers, service providers and community are key to achieving a balanced approach to diversifying our Port. No trade is too small or big for consideration with new trade welcome, whilst at the same time we continue our support of existing trades including fuel, wheat, grains, steel, alumina, fertiliser and concentrates.

We look forward to delivering on these projects and the exciting opportunities they present not just for the Port but the broader Hunter region for generations to come.

Geoff

Geoff Crowe
Port of Newcastle CEO



Mayfield Services Project
Investment to support future development

The Mayfield Development Site is a 90 hectare parcel of port-side land, located within the 152 hectare Mayfield Precinct which was formerly the BHP Steelworks site.

The Mayfield Development Site has been extensively remediated and now represents the largest vacant port land site on the eastern seaboard of Australia.

Port of Newcastle is developing the Mayfield Development Site to accommodate a diverse range of cargo handling infrastructure and a variety of trades. The site currently includes the Stolthaven bulk liquids terminal and the Mayfield 4 berth and hardstand.

Construction is progressing on the provision of water, telecommunications and electrical services to the Mayfield Development Site, which will enable future full development of the site. There will be more than 2.5km of water pipe installed, over 2km of electrical cables and two new substations.

“This is a significant investment by Port of Newcastle towards the transformation of the Mayfield Development Site, delivering key infrastructure to support the growth and diversification of the Port for decades to come,” said Geoff Crowe, Port of Newcastle CEO.

“With frontage to the port, deep water berthing and good transport links, the Mayfield Site will have tremendous potential for a range of port, freight and general industrial uses.”

The Mayfield Services Project is expected to be completed by September 2016.



1 The Mayfield Development Site is the largest vacant parcel of port-side land on the eastern seaboard of Australia.
2 3 4 The installation of electrical conduits and welded steel water pipes is underway.



\$5
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2km
of electrical
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pipe

A day in the life
Port of Newcastle Vessel Scheduler, Glenn Smith



Pictured: Port of Newcastle Vessel Scheduler, Glenn Smith.

Vessel scheduling is the central point for the movement of vessels entering and departing the Port of Newcastle. With 4,500 vessel movements a year it can be an interesting job balancing the interests of the various users of the port. Glenn Smith joined Port of Newcastle as a Vessel Scheduler in 2014 and is part of a six person team of schedulers working to ensure the efficient coordination of vessel movements for the Port of Newcastle.

What led you to this role?

I had previously worked in rail logistics and planning, servicing freight between Brisbane and Perth, and coal movements in the Hunter Valley, Mudgee and the Gunnedah Basin. Joining the Port of Newcastle team provided the opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the pit-to-port process.

What does Port of Newcastle’s vessel scheduling role involve and how does it interface with the various stakeholders and users of the port?

Vessel Schedulers take the navigation safety rules provided by the Port Authority of NSW Harbour Master and overlay them with the needs of individual terminals and port users to provide a live-run, 24-hour schedule of vessel movements.

A live booking system is used to develop forward plans and the daily program for vessels entering and departing the port. We are also the single point of contact for Port Authority of NSW, shipping agents, coal terminal planners, stevedoring companies, tug and linesman companies, other port users and Port of Newcastle operational staff. Safety and efficiency is at the core of everything we do.

No day is ever the same in the fast paced world of port operations, but can you provide an idea of what a shift looks like for a Port of Newcastle Vessel Scheduler?

During a shift I will be communicating with port users, such as the terminals and agents, by email or phone conference. Using the live-run system, I develop and monitor the vessel movement program and also make changes based on weather events or delayed vessels. There’s always something happening.

In partnership with our community



1 Hunter Surf Life Saving

Port of Newcastle provided \$8,000 in funding to equip Hunter Surf Life Saving with a new, high performance addition to its fleet of rescue water crafts. Geoff Crowe, Port of Newcastle CEO is pictured with Henry Scruton, Hunter Surf Life Saving President.

2 Winter Heat Festival 2016

Thousands of attendees rugged up for the annual Winter Heat Festival hosted along the Honeysuckle Foreshore on Saturday 11 June. The harbour came alive with a display of on-water activities, alongside the fire-themed landside entertainment. Port of Newcastle was proud to partner with Newcastle NOW BIA as the exclusive presenter of the 2016 Winter Heat Festival to provide a free event that the whole community could join in on.

3 Lifeline Steel Magnolia Award | Save the Date 29 July 2016

Lifeline's Steel Magnolia Award honours a special woman who has been through adversity yet still finds the courage and inspiration to give back to her community. As the major sponsor of the award in 2016, Port of Newcastle is proud to support a cause that recognises the contribution of women in our region.

Did you know? Sounds around the Port of Newcastle

The deep bellow of a ship horn is a familiar sound for Novocastrians living, working and playing alongside our busy working harbour.

Many people may not know that it is also an important safety procedure that helps ensure the safety of everyone using the harbour.

The Australian Maritime Safety Authority Marine Orders require

a vessel to sound one prolonged blast if it is nearing a bend or an area where its view is obstructed. Any approaching vessel is required to answer with a prolonged blast to signal that it is nearby.

Five short blasts are sounded as a "wake up" signal when a vessel is not taking appropriate action in accordance with anti-collision regulations.

As large vessels have little visibility of what is immediately in front of their bow and take a long time to stop, the horn helps ensure the safety of the many community members who enjoy the harbour on board yachts, fishing vessels, row boats, kayaks, canoes and stand-up paddle boards.



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