

Construction Update ... continued

strictly control the amount of noise that can be generated and its times of operation.

Noise monitors have been installed around the township to register sound levels which then are audited.

Golding Contractors are using the vibratory method rather than the more noisy hammering, to drive the sheet piling into place. Sheet pile driving will take approximately 32 weeks to complete. It will be undertaken in two sessions - the first session of around 20 weeks and the second of around 12 weeks. The two sessions will be separated by an interval of around six months. Work will be undertaken six days a week from Mondays to Saturdays.

The contractors have advised that it would be possible to work for shorter periods each week. However, that would extend the total length of time which the noise disturbance would have to be endured.

To date, around 27,000 cubic metres of fill material and 1,850 tonnes of armour rock have been placed.

From the CRG Chairman

I am pleased to report that the CRG is responding very seriously to the responsibility the Government has given it. Easy avenues for expressing concern have been opened and all matters are being quickly considered. The experience of CRG Members is such that most concerns are being foreshadowed. The developers have shown a willingness to respond swiftly to these matters. Key outcomes are now being systematically delivered - in terms of both the CRG process and the development actions.

CRG Airlie Chairman
Dr Hugh Lavery, Adjunct Professor of
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Development Details ... continued

- Marine provisioning facilities
- Total of 1,000 car parks
- Marine repair and maintenance facility

The bus interchange and transit centre is being designed with sufficient capacity to accommodate six interstate buses; two local articulated buses; and six taxis and mini buses.

The four-lane public boat ramp will be supported by 70 trailer parks.

To make launching and retrieving vessels easier, as well as assisting passengers and crew to board and disembark, the boat ramp also will have a floating pontoon.

The town square is being designed to become Airlie Beach's focal point - a central heart where friends and relatives can arrange to meet before heading off.

These assets are to be delivered at no financial cost to local residents or Whitsunday Shire Council.

Fast Facts on Port of Airlie

Construction - 46.7% of construction workers on site are from the Whitsunday-Mackay region

Web site - the crgairlie.com.au web site has had 2,141 visitations

Local suppliers - 20 local firms have registered as potential suppliers of goods and services to the Port Of Airlie development

Construction jobs - the developers advise 100-150 workers will be engaged during construction

On-going jobs - the developers advise 300 on-going jobs will be created

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YOUR QUERIES ANSWERED

Want to know more about the Port of Airlie development so you can plan effectively for the opportunities and effects which it might have on your community organisation?

Then contact the Community Reference Group for the Port of Airlie development with details of your organisation, its main areas of interest, preferred timing of the presentation and your contact points and membership details.

CRG Airlie's contact details are on the back page.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS UPDATE

As you can see from the foreshore, civil works associated with the Port of Airlie development are well advanced with bund walls now extending from the southern end of the development site. These bunds are being covered with rock armour purchased from the Whitsunday Shire Council's Foxdale Quarry. The armour is to prevent erosion and to provide on-going protection against tides and storms. Another bund wall is being constructed from Shute Harbour Road.

These bunds will be linked by removable sheet piling that will form a sea wall. This wall will allow contractors to undertake further works in a dry, enclosed area.

A floating curtain is in place to catch any sediment during construction and water quality is being monitored at key points daily.

The driving of the sheet piling will bring with it some disturbance to the community - primarily from noise, but also intermittently as trucks deliver the sheet piling to Airlie from Mackay where it has been stockpiled. Government controls imposed on the development

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PLAN OF PORT OF AIRLIE DEVELOPMENT



DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

The plan at left details the various components of the Port of Airlie development.

It also gives an idea of the scale of the development - reaching virtually from the boat ramp on the south-eastern side of the Whitsunday Sailing Club to the corner of Shute Harbour Road and Hermitage Drive.

The development program is scheduled to take five years and during its course, deliver a number of key facilities to the local community and visitors.

The community assets being created with the development include:

- Town square
- 2,000 square metre park on the beach headland
- Waterfront public promenade
- A new bus interchange and transit centre
- A new all-tide, north-facing sandy beach
- Fuel dock specifically designed for maritime safety and environmental management
- Four-lane public boat ramp
- Sewage pump-out facilities

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CRG AIRLIE ISSUES DEALT WITH TO DATE

The CRG for the Port of Airlie already has dealt with a number of public issues- some of which were raised by community members and some of which were anticipated and managed proactively by the CRG.

They include investigations into a tannin plume, a siltation bloom, an oil slick; odour and truck noise complaints; finding a bird's bower; as well as addressing questions about site dust management.

A more detailed summary of the issues raised and the results of the investigations is being posted to the www.crgairlie.com.au web site.