

Ichthys Project Bulletin



Welcome to our final bulletin for 2013. In this edition you'll be able to read about driving in the wet, dredging from Disneyland to Darwin, environmental monitoring on the TV and a whole lot of community sponsorship. We'll be taking a break until February, so don't forget to check out the Project website for the latest information.

Module mania

The final accommodation module is now in place at Manigurr-ma Village. The last of more than 900 modules was safely installed at Howard Springs on Friday 15 November 2013.

With no traffic incidents recorded for about 920 over-sized loads from East Arm Wharf, teams celebrated the Ichthys Project milestone with a BBQ at the village.

Though the Project tries to minimise disruption wherever possible, the teams wanted to thank the local community for its support and understanding over the past 18 months, especially for sharing the roads safely.

NT-based businesses have been involved in a wide range of works at the village – everything from concreting to traffic control – and of \$260 million capital expenditure, around 60 per cent has been committed to local contracts.



Project workers at Manigurr-ma Village celebrate the safe installation of the last over-sized module

About 90 per cent of the current village construction workforce is from the Territory and the majority of the more than 2,000 people working on the Project's onshore facilities in Darwin are also employed from the Territory. Nearly 500 workers now reside in the village, which is operated by ESS Larrakia.

Phase one of the village officially opened in September 2013 and phase four

completion of the entire complex is scheduled for mid-2014. Eventually, the 67 hectare village will house up to 3,500 temporary FIFO construction workers needed to build the onshore facilities at Blaydin Point.

Work continues at the village on connecting amenities to the modules, adding verandahs, building covered walkways and landscaping.

90-day transport look-ahead

Thanks for continuing to share the roads with us safely. This 90-day forecast gives you an indication of the overall Project transport movements across our primary routes (return trips, per day) over a few months. For more detailed, specific and frequent transport information, head to the website or drop us a line. Please keep safety number one.



Here comes the rain, again

With the wet here and several weather stations reporting record November rainfall, it's a good time to think about driving, especially when interacting with heavy road traffic.

In safety meetings at Blaydin Point, teams have been discussing the challenges of driving in wet weather when the conditions and distractions are different. When our Project people aren't at work, they're driving with their families on the same roads as you and interacting with the same traffic, including road trains.

As part of our goal to bring world's best heavy transport practice to the Territory, the Project has training, accreditation and technology in place so that our equipment and drivers are as safe and effective as possible. As we all have a part to play in road safety, there are two things we'd like everyone to remember over the holidays.

Please, slow down and drive to conditions

It goes without saying that during bad weather the visibility from inside your car decreases. Your car also reacts differently on wet roads.

Visibility can be limited due to heavy rain, spray from other vehicles and foggy windows. This can impact on a driver's awareness of surrounding traffic.

Wet weather driving tips

- Slow down and always drive to the conditions. Wet surfaces can be unpredictable
- Take into consideration that you'll never know another driver's level of visibility, attention span or whether their car is in good shape or has good tyres
- Vehicles can kick up spray, obstructing a clear view of what is ahead. When driving in the rain, other vehicles should be followed at a distance three times greater than when the road is dry
- Use your headlights, not only for your own visibility, but also for others
- Check your tyres regularly to ensure they have adequate tread and are inflated correctly
- If you are planning a long distance trip, be sure to check the weather and road reports before you depart.



During bad weather, the visibility from inside your car decreases

Our heavy transport drivers will always do their best, but it's important to remember that everyone has responsibilities when it comes to road safety.

Never cut in front of trucks

With wet surfaces, vehicles need more space to brake. Ask yourself: can that truck stop in time? Trucks can take twice as long as your car to stop and timing can vary from truck to truck, depending on size, number of trailers and load type.

Always allow enough space for trucks to stop at the traffic lights and look out for them when merging or entering main roads. If you pull in front of a truck at traffic lights or an intersection not realising how fast they are travelling, they might not have enough time to avoid you.

Handy driving links

- The Road Report website is an essential service for all NT road users, providing up-to-date road condition information on all Government roads <http://www.ntlis.nt.gov.au/roadreport/>
- The Department of Transport has some great road safety resources online, including special sections for schools and youth (including the home of Hector the Cat) and driving with road trains <http://www.transport.nt.gov.au>
- Always check the Bureau of Meteorology for weather information before a long distance trip <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

Employment enquiries

Ichthys Project onshore LNG facilities contractor JKC Australia LNG (JKC) has a Construction Employment Mobilisation Centre (CEMC) in the Darwin CBD. If you have an employment enquiry go to www.ichthysjobs.com to register your interest. If you have any difficulties or want to speak to someone in person, please drop in to the CEMC at 22 Mitchell Street from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, or call (08) 8980 9999.

Dredging from Disneyland to Darwin

Koos van der Geer enjoys living and working in Darwin. He first came to Australia in 1995 and visited Darwin as a tourist in 2000 before moving here to work on the Ichthys Project. As a project director for international dredging company Van Oord, Koos is a key member of the team that recommenced dredging near East Arm at the start of November.

“Everybody here is very supportive and helpful,” Koos said. “Darwin has a very relaxed, friendly atmosphere and there is a healthy balance to life.”

Koos has worked on dredging projects across Asia, Africa and Europe for more than 24 years, including the 200-hectare reclamation of Penny’s Bay in Hong Kong to build a Disneyland.

Van Oord’s work on the Ichthys Project involves dredging material to create a safe shipping channel through Darwin Harbour and a future berthing area for tanker vessels near Blaydin Point. First season dredging paused for a dry season break in May having met many important milestones, including the successful trial of a cutter suction dredger to remove hard rock at Walker Shoal, which presented a future navigation hazard.

But for Koos, the biggest achievement so far has been minimising the effect of dredging on the environment.



Koos van der Geer is a key member of the Van Oord team that has recommenced dredging in Darwin Harbour

“This is one of the most challenging dredging projects in combining advanced technology and managing all the environmental considerations,” he said. “We know the harbour is very big in people’s hearts and have worked hard to minimise the disturbance.”

Environment

Did you see our November Ichthys Project Community Update about Darwin Harbour environmental monitoring on TV? If not, you can catch it on the Project website where you can also check out detailed program results and reports.

Our 13 monitoring programs keep a close watch around the harbour and record changes in the environment so that any impacts from Project dredging can be quickly identified.

The Project goes to great effort to ensure it is minimising disturbance to water quality and marine life and the programs cover water quality, seagrass, corals, fish and mangrove health and dolphins, dugongs and turtles.



Safety tips

Have you seen or heard our handy marine safety ads on TV or radio? If not, you can take a peek on the Project website. And remember to always check the Mariners’ Notices at www.darwinport.nt.gov.au before getting in the water.



Forty reasons to smile

What a year we've had! Thank you for partnering with us in more than 40 great initiatives during 2013 – we've invested \$320,000 into Northern Territory communities.

We hit the ground running early in the year as major sponsor of the Darwin Australia Day Fun Run Walk. Other early sponsorships included our support of the Lifeline Top End Community Expo, Marte Meo with the Territory Mob, Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival, Starlight Children's Foundation Star Ball and the Palmerston Open Golf Comp. We also donated \$10,000 towards the new Howard Springs skateboard track.

The second half of the year was even busier. Having signed up as a major sponsor of the NT Thunder, we were lucky enough to have them kick the footy with us at the Ichthys Project Family Day in August. With the dry season came new partnerships, including the Darwin Festival, Barunga Festival, Youth on Health Festival and the Darwin Aboriginal Art Fair.

This month we have the Special Children's Christmas Party and then the team will start getting ready for a big 2014, kicking off (again) with the Fun Run Walk on Australia Day.



Thank you to everyone in the community that partnered with the Project in 2013



Thank you for supporting the Ichthys Project.
Here's to a safe holiday season and a happy 2014.

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