



## NEWSFLASH!

### Bundamba attracts attention

**E**xcitement has escalated at Bundamba AWTP after a recent high profile site visit from Opposition Leader Kevin Rudd, Deputy Premier Anna Bligh, and an entourage of over 30 government officials, advisors and media.

The visitor package included a project and safety induction, a site tour including a media conference inside the MFRO building, followed by afternoon tea with Bundamba representatives.

During the site tour Anna Bligh and Kevin Rudd were particularly interested in recent pipe laying activities and were eager to be involved and converse with workers onsite, chatting about the progress of construction.

The minister's office commended the Bundamba team for their timely preparation and exceptional site tour, and was so impressed that additional parliamentary visits have been organised for this month.

Bundamba AWTP has recently been inundated with requests from a host of people for site tours, interviews, and information about their world class water recycling processes and fast tracked construction deadlines.

Bundamba Project Manager, Gus Atmeh is thrilled by the attention the site is receiving and is proud of Bundamba workers who are getting the job done in record time.



DEPUTY PREMIER ANNA BLIGH & OPPOSITION LEADER KEVIN RUDD ON SITE AT BUNDAMBA FOR ANOTHER MEDIA TOUR

"Judging by the popularity of recent site visits it is clear that the Bundamba AWTP is creating a buzz amongst a large number of people as a project of high interest and importance", he said.

Visitors to the site have ranged from high profile international delegates, Queensland State Government officials, local key community groups, businesses and local residents.

## QNP New Leader

**C**ongratulations to Leigh Barrow, Graduate Environmental Officer Burton Coal Mine, who presented at the 2007 AusIMM New Leaders' Conference on 3 May in Brisbane.

Leigh was invited to present after submitting a paper titled 'Interacting with the Daily Operations and the Need to Plan for Future Rehabilitation'.

The conference was mainly attended by university undergraduates who, over two days, listened to a number of industry professionals present on a range of topics and problems faced on mine sites.

A boat cruise was held the night before Leigh presented, so engaging over 200 hung-over university students was no small feat!

However Leigh did a brilliant job at explaining the importance of rehabilitation in the mining process and was able to keep their attention through his presentation.

This was another great example of how our QNP graduates representing Thiess at industry events are influencing the future employees of our industry.



LEIGH BARROW PRESENTS HIS PAPER AT THE AUSIMM NEW LEADERS' CONFERENCE

## TrackStar establishes wildlife partnership

In February the TrackStar Alliance engaged the Australia Zoo Wildlife Warriors Wildlife Hospital as spotter-catchers in the Caboolture to Beerburum project corridor.

As well as working with the project team to ensure a good legacy for wildlife in the affected corridor, the wildlife hospital team has opened its doors to the wider TrackStar team to build awareness of the environmental impact of infrastructure projects on wildlife.

TrackStar Environmental Scientist Bree Wilson said the partnership was a good fit for both organisations as well as an opportunity to have a real influence on the future of infrastructure wildlife welfare and environmental management practices.

"With Australia Zoo so close to the Beerburum site office they were a natural choice to work with us as spotter-catchers," Bree said.

"What's great about the relationship is that the partnership has opened up real opportunities to make a difference to the way things are done," she said.



ONE OF THE ANIMALS RESCUED BY THE WILDLIFE WARRIORS AT TRACKSTAR

"The Wildlife Warriors have recently drafted a code of practice for spotter-catchers and by working with them to apply these breakthrough practices we are putting TrackStar at the forefront of best-practice standards in wildlife management."

The partnership is adding value to the "TrackStar way" through new standards of wildlife and environmental management, and the Wildlife Warriors are applying and adapting their practice and methodology to fit large-scale infrastructure projects.

Caboolture to Beerburum General Superintendent Phil Aitken said the partnership with Wildlife Warriors provided a unique opportunity for all the project staff to become more aware of how infrastructure projects can affect the environment.

**"We are putting TrackStar at the forefront of environmental management"**

"The construction team has embraced the spotter-catchers and have a real respect for their role in our project," Phil said.

"Their presence has raised awareness around wildlife and environmental management issues," he said.

## From hard hat to headphones

Executive Mining Manager, Simone Wetzlar, will join local ABC radio personality Steve Austin every Thursday from 8.30pm, as a member of the Oxygen panel.

This diverse panel of women talk about various issues and topics – including 'balancing work and home' and 'body image', and will continue to address an array of relevant issues and interests.

Tune in to this live broadcast on ABC 612 Brisbane or your local ABC radio station.



QNP RADIO STAR SIMONE WETZLAR - EXEC MINING MANAGER

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### Coming soon:

- QNP Monthly Milestones
- Greenhouse Challenge Plus launch

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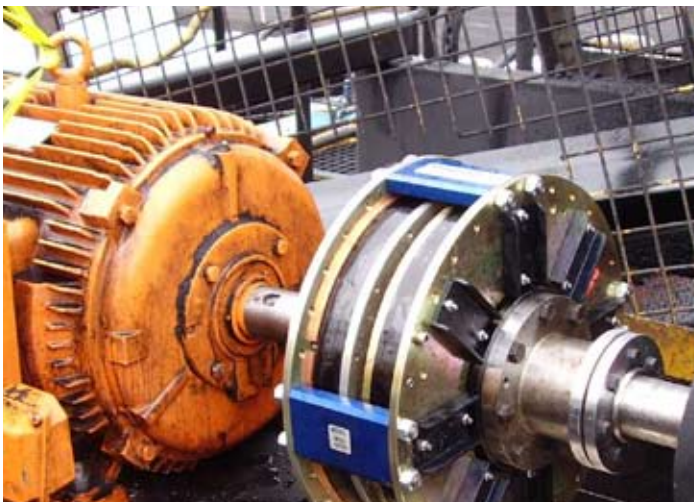
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## Great news for QNP Mining

South Walker Creek has recently installed the first ASD (Adjustable Speed Drive) MagnaDrive coupling application in the Australian mining industry. Preliminary studies suggest significant savings will be gained by reducing power consumption and therefore Greenhouse Gas emissions!

This coupling also provides all of the benefits of the current fixed speed MagnaDrive couplings we have installed at each of our Coal Handling Preparation Plants within QNP on conveyor applications.

To date, three MGD MagnaDrive couplings have been installed on conveyor systems at Burton, Collinsville and South Walker Creek mining projects.



THE MAGNADRIE COUPLING WHICH IS HELPING QNP REDUCE EMISSIONS

Thiess QNP Mining Operations Manager, Danny McCarthy, said the use of this technology in mineral processing equipment helps reduce maintenance costs and increase reliability and provides a lower total cost of ownership.

Once proven in this low risk application at South Walker Creek, then the sky is almost the limit with where we can take this technology across QNP and Thiess as a whole.

## QNP People

### Pat Tepfenhardt

*Engineer-Plant Continuous Improvement*



Pat is part of QNP's Plant department, and is responsible for the change management model(s) for the QNP business unit as well as driving a reduction in Greenhouse Gas (GHG) in relation to our plant size.

As well as evaluating GHG initiatives and preparing recommendations, Pat also strives for continuous improvement and using Innovations to minimize QNP's environmental footprint.

Here's some info on Pat!

#### 1. Time with Thiess:

Have been working for Thiess for the last 6 months on a part-time basis while completing my MBA studies at QUT.

#### 2. Last Holiday?

Went back home last month to visit my folks and being a Jersey boy took the opportunity to visit the West Coast, visited sites included Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, with a little R&R in Palm Springs.

#### 3. Name five famous people you would invite for a BBQ.

Sir Alex Ferguson, Winston Churchill, John F. Kennedy, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Paris Hilton, her vacuous statements would guarantee entertainment value.

#### 4. Favourite website?

Presently the flavour of the month is [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

#### 5. Perfect moment?

Life is what you make of it so everyday is a perfect moment!

## What's the weather like in your region this weekend?

	Brisbane	Mackay	Townsville	Cairns
Friday	25	25	28	28
Saturday	26	25	28	28
Sunday	26	25	28	28
Monday	26	25	29	29