

P&O CRUISES - 2010/2011 SAILINGS ON SALE NOW



P&O Cruises is pleased to announce the first ever 4 ship deployment featuring new cruises from December 2009 to January 2011.

Pacific Dawn transfers to her new homeport of Brisbane from December 2009 operating the first ever year round program from Brisbane.

Pacific Jewel will be based in Sydney alongside **Pacific Sun** for part of the winter and joined by **Pacific Pearl** for her inaugural program in December 2010. **Pacific Sun** will also offer a series of cruises from Newcastle, after an extended Autumn/Winter season from Auckland. In summer 2010/11, **Pacific Sun** will sail from Fremantle.

Itinerary highlights include the new ports of Norfolk Island and Christmas Island, the return of short Tasmania cruises from Sydney and a new 16-night itinerary to Tonga and Fiji retracing the path of the 'Mutiny on the Bounty'. The program features more short-break cruises than ever before, the perfect opportunity to sample cruising for the first time. With 2 new ships, 2 new homeports and more new destinations and itineraries, P&O Cruises has more to offer than ever before.

P&O Cruises offers the very best in fabulous value packed cruise holidays where accommodation, main meals and entertainment are all included and you only need unpack once as you sail effortlessly from the doorsteps of Auckland, Brisbane, Fremantle, Newcastle & Sydney. This is how to holiday!

Contact us today for more information.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- New ship & year round cruising from Brisbane on **Pacific Dawn**.
- First ever cruises from Newcastle on Australia's favourite cruise ship **Pacific Sun**.
- **Pacific Jewel** debuts in December 2009 and **Pacific Pearl** in December 2010 sailing from Sydney.
- More Affordable Private Balconies on **Pacific Dawn**, **Pacific Jewel** and **Pacific Pearl**.
- Upgrade Value – upgrades from an inside cabin to an outside!
- Cruise from your doorstep with roundtrip departures from Auckland, Brisbane, Fremantle, Newcastle & Sydney. Other sailings available from Adelaide and Melbourne.
- Lowest ever early booking fares.

Delicious success

Pie store expansion

By SHANNON SAGAIDAK

IT seems the only thing not biting into Big Dad's Pies is the current economic climate.

The rising bakery empire has defied the economic gloom, with a further 15 Queensland stores to open over the coming year.

The Big Dad's success story began in Ipswich in 2003 when company founder Stephen Donnelly convinced his pastry chef father Noel "Big Dad" Donnelly to share his secret meat pie, cake and pastry recipes with the public.

More than 200 people are now employed across Big Dad's 40 Queensland stores and new state-of-the-art facility at Heathwood, which includes five giant "SNAP" freezers allowing products to be delivered to stores further afield.

Stephen Donnelly said an affordable and superior product had helped shield the company from current economic uncertainty.

"Our plans for the future are to grow the business to a recognisable national brand and when we've done that, we'll look at expanding internationally, particularly to the US and UK," Mr Donnelly said.



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■ Booming business ... Big Dad's founder Stephen Donnelly at the North Ipswich store.

Picture: Chris McCormack

He said Ipswich continued to be a key ingredient to the company's success.

"The Ipswich community has

always been great to us and we still consider Ipswich home," he said. "Ipswich gave us the confidence to more forward."

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Invitation to advice seminar

IPSWICH businesses have the chance to learn improved sales techniques at a free business seminar next month.

The Business Advisor Network Seminar is designed to help businesses attract and retain customers in a competitive market.

Keynote speaker Brett Chamberlain became a successful business improvement expert after a stellar consulting career.

The seminar will cover:

- how to attract and manage loyal staff;
- strategies for increasing profit;
- a step-by-step approach for attracting top quality customers; and
- specific strategies for boosting sales.

The seminar will be held on May 26 at Swifts Sports Club, Booval.

■ Bookings are essential. Visit www.businessadvisor.net.au.

MainRoads

Connecting Queensland

Western Corridor transport projects update

There's a lot happening in the Western Corridor.

The Western Corridor extends from Wacol through Ipswich to Amberley and is one of the key growth areas in South East Queensland.

The transport projects in the Western Corridor are some of the largest and most complex ever undertaken in Queensland.

Once completed, the Western Corridor transport projects will improve connectivity and access, improve community and road safety, and help meet the future requirements of people living in a growing state.

Main Roads is working across all projects in the Western Corridor to manage traffic, minimise disruption and reduce inconvenience to motorists and communities, so we've decided to highlight the major milestones of each project in a coordinated Western Corridor progress update.

Got a question?

For more information about traffic changes, project progress or general enquiries about transport projects in the Western Corridor call **1800 013 189** or visit www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/westerncorridor

Please note: All dates and proposed activities may change in response to weather, construction schedule changes or other variables such as project announcements.

Projects	Description	Construction Timeframe	Progress Update
Ipswich Motorway Upgrade projects:	Ipswich/Logan Interchange	Upgrade of the interchange connecting the Ipswich and Logan Motorways and a 2.2km stretch of the Ipswich Motorway between Goodna and Gables	Feb 2007 – second half of 2009 A new Logan Motorway/Gables off-ramp from the Ipswich Motorway (westbound) was opened last week. Around early/mid May 2009, the Goodna exit from the Ipswich Motorway (westbound) will move 1km east to this new Logan Motorway/Gables/Goodna off-ramp.
	Wacol to Darra (stage one)	Upgrade of a 3km section of the Ipswich Motorway between Jarvis Street, Darra and Sandy Creek, Wacol, including an upgrade of the Centenary Highway Interchange	Mar 2008 – Dec 2010 Construction is continuing along the Ipswich Motorway and Centenary Highway including 26 new bridges, bulk earthworks, new roadway and project landscaping. Traffic has been temporarily diverted onto new roadway on the Ipswich Motorway (eastbound) between the Progress Road Interchange and Bullockhead Creek. The diversion will be in place until late 2009. By mid May 2009, Ipswich Motorway (westbound) traffic will be switched onto new permanent roadway between Bullockhead Creek and the Progress Road Interchange.
	Dinmore to Goodna	Upgrade of an 8km stretch of the Ipswich Motorway between Dinmore and Goodna	Mid 2009 – 2012 Public displays are being held at various locations including Ipswich, Redbank and Goodna from 20 April to 2 May 2009. These displays are being held to introduce the project's final design to the community. For exact locations and dates please visit www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/dinmore2goodna or call 1800 465 682.
Centenary Highway Extension: Springfield to Yamanto	An 18km extension of the Centenary Highway from Springfield to join the Cunningham Highway at Yamanto	Oct 2006 – mid 2009	Works are well advanced on all sections of the Centenary Highway Extension. Intersection works including installation of traffic signals on Ipswich Boonah Road are nearing completion.
Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor (stage one) <i>This project is being delivered by Queensland Rail</i>	Construction of a new passenger railway line from Darra to Richlands, and duplication of the Centenary Highway between Richlands and the existing Logan Motorway Interchange at Carole Park	July 2008 – 2011	From Monday 20 April, the Centenary Highway will be closed at Richlands between Garden Road and Progress Road from 8pm to 5am for five nights. Traffic will be detoured onto local roads via the Garden Road and Progress Road on and off ramps. On Progress Road, traffic heading west towards Wacol over Progress Road overbridge will be reduced from two to one lane until September 2009.
Corinda to Darra Rail Upgrade <i>This project is being delivered by Queensland Rail</i>	Upgrade of the rail line from Corinda to Darra and station facilities at Oxley and Darra	May 2008 – 2010	Upcoming works include earthworks for new tracks between Corinda and Oxley stations, finishing works at Oxley station and early works at Darra station.

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