

New chief takes on port challenge

■ Glenn Cordingley

New Broome-based Kimberley Ports Authority chief executive Kevin Schellack likes a challenge.

In fact, that was one of the main reasons he decided to leave the Southern Ports Authority in Bunbury and head to the Kimberley. The father-of-two was chief executive of the Bunbury Port Authority for five years.

One of his greatest triumphs was steering the initial WA ports amalgamation process, in which the BPA merged with its counterparts in Albany and Esperance.

The move created the Southern

Ports Authority and signalled the end of a successful era in the south of the State for Mr Schellack.

"Once the amalgamation was completed I felt it was time for a new challenge," he said.

"I was delighted to learn that the Kimberley Ports Authority was recruiting a new chief executive to be responsible for the completion of the amalgamation process to merge the Ports of Yampi Sound, Derby and Wyndham and look for new opportunities of growth and development for these facilities and working with their operators."

Mr Schellack said one of his key objectives was to see proj-

ects through from start to finish. "I intend to manage and direct the activities of the Kimberley Ports Authority to ensure that board-approved policies and plans are effectively implemented, in a manner consistent with the values of the organisation and in compliance with the Port Authorities Act," he said.

Mr Schellack said he would also undertake strategic projects as directed by the board, including embedding the Kimberley Ports Reform process.

The KPA employs 52 permanent staff within the office, maintenance and operational areas,

assisted by 31 casual employees.

Mr Schellack believes the Port of Broome has "a great future", with industrial diversification playing an important part.

He said the Broome Basin oil and gas developments alone would create a large long-term benefit for the Port of Broome, local business and the community.

"It will increase the number of vessel calls to the port and continue to encourage the establishment of on-shore logistics facilities to support the production requirements," he said.

"It is strategically positioned

within a short distance to the main Broome Basin projects and will benefit from the ongoing operations and future developments within the area.

"Cattle are, and will be, an important seasonal export through the port, with potential increases over time, and cruise vessels have shown that Broome is a key port of preference for their passenger base which should continue into the future."

Kimberley Ports will shortly begin its Wharf Extension of Life refurbishment project to ensure the jetty structure remains in a fit state for its purpose.



Dr Heather Briggs with receptionists Belinda Wetton, Jill Elliott and Jodie Barrett-Lennard. Picture: Nicola Kalmar

Broome medical practice opens its doors

■ Nicola Kalmar

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our painting and our renovation and the lads in town all helped us tremendously," she said

working closely with other local health professionals and services including psychologists and

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