

GLADSTONE, QUEENSLAND

■ 5000+ jobs, current population 57,587

Gladstone is experiencing its next wave of industrial growth, explains Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited chief executive officer Glenn Churchill, who says major employers not only exist in the gas industries, but also in steel, coal, construction and in local infrastructure expansions like the airport upgrade.

"We're also looking at a massive port redevelopment... we're witnessing a number of developers and investors positioning themselves for some major opportunities," Churchill says.

Gladstone Economic and Industry Board chief executive Garry Scanlan believes the peak of employment during upcoming projects will be around 8000.

Once the handful of gas projects in the pipeline are signed off and moving ahead this regional city will require more skilled workers over a 40-year minimum timeframe.

NPR Valuers founder Lincoln Ganter highlights that with BG Gas alone a projected workforce of 5000 is required. He

"It will be interesting to see what the major drivers of jobs are in 2020. Will coal still be a major power or maybe it will be nuclear power? Australia changes according to specific decisions made at a political level... don't ever underestimate the decisions in Canberra."

KPMG demographer Bernard Salt

adds that you can't overlook the potential strength of having a handful of these giants in the employment market, a situation which is already appearing to surface.

PERTH EAST METROPOLITAN, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

■ Seven per cent+ job growth, current population 191,373

The Perth suburbs of Bassendean, Kalamunda, Mundaring and Swan have risen by 13 per cent in employment growth since 2007, according to *The BankWest Employment Growth Corridors Report's* top

20 regions to emerge from the global financial crisis.

Bayswater Shire Council Mayor Terence Kenyon says this region encompassing the capital city airport is performing spectacularly well because it's where the mining companies have based their headquarters. "It's the coal distribution centre," he explains.

"Companies like Newcrest, BHP and Rio Tinto all are based there to be positioned close to the airport."

He adds there's a new Coles distribution centre there, along with a Toll Transport head office.

"These are all contributing to the strong employment numbers in the region."

"The shire has been incredibly proactive," says Les Biggerstaff of Raine and Horne. "There's also a new Centro Galleria, the Morley Markets are a new employer and enormous construction is happening in the area."

GATTON, QUEENSLAND

■ 2500+ jobs, current population 15,639

"They're building that big prison," says Lockyer Valley Regional Council Mayor Steve Jones of Gatton's development, "where we're seeing 1800 full-time jobs on offer, then there's the university expansion and the agriculture industry also expanding as a result of farming techniques becoming more modernised."

He adds that the trucking industry based in the Lockyer Valley, Nolans, is also growing its market share – now bringing goods back rather than just delivering local produce. "And the growing number of cottage industries throughout the region are providing strong employment growth."

Jones says the shire is also benefiting from the employment growth at the Amberley RAAF base.

ORANGE, NEW SOUTH WALES

■ 2000+ jobs, current population 35,338

Typically recognised for its apples, pears and cherries but surprisingly not oranges, the town of Orange will see goldmining in the area expand. The \$2 billion Cadia East expansion is now under construction and anticipated to have a 20-year life.

Orange will also generate 500 extra jobs via its new health service hub, including a new \$240 million Orange Base Hospital, private hospital and mental health centre.

Blowes Real Estate principal Gary Blowes believes "there's no unemployment in the town for people who want to work".

Besides the fruit picking on offer in vineyards and cherry orchards, there are some great goldmining opportunities, he says of the new expansion out in the field.

20 best performing regions for employment growth since November 2007

REGION	STATE	EMPLOYMENT ,000 (NOV 2007)	EMPLOYMENT ,000 (JULY 2009)	CHANGE IN EMPLOYMENT ,000 SINCE NOV 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE SINCE NOV 2007
Perth East Metropolitan	WA	132.7	150.1	17.5	13%
Lower Northern Sydney	NSW	165.9	186.9	21.0	13%
South Eastern	NSW	103.6	115.2	11.7	11%
Lower Western WA	WA	151.8	167.2	15.5	10%
Ipswich City	QLD	70.0	77.1	7.1	10%
Northern-North West	QLD	123.4	135.7	12.3	10%
Inner Melbourne	VIC	192.0	210.3	18.3	10%
Inner Sydney	NSW	204.0	223.4	19.4	9%
South and East BSD Balance	QLD	180.6	196.9	16.3	9%
Darling Downs-South West	QLD	123.2	133.1	9.9	8%
Eastern Suburbs	NSW	134.9	143.8	8.9	7%
Central Western Sydney	NSW	148.5	157.8	9.3	6%
Illawarra	NSW	167.8	178.2	10.4	6%
South Eastern Melbourne	VIC	206.1	218.2	12.2	6%
Wide Bay-Burnett	QLD	116.2	123.0	6.8	6%
Northern Sector	TAS	63.9	67.3	3.4	5%
Western Adelaide	SA	99.1	104.1	5.0	5%
Southern Melbourne	VIC	212.3	222.9	10.6	5%
St George-Sutherland	NSW	233.3	244.6	11.4	5%
Barwon-Western District	VIC	185.5	194.0	8.5	5%

Source: Bankwest Employment Growth Corridors Report 2009