



Port Maryborough Marine Industry Park, a proposed new riverside marine precinct on the Fraser Coast, is setting a high water mark for the marine industry.

This world-class marine industry park will give marine based industries an affordable, secure location for their industrial activities within a region renowned for its attractive maritime environment.

The 65 hectare development, located on the bank of the Mary River, will provide world-class facilities for the manufacture of boats and light ships, marine components, vessel repairs and the provision of a broad range of marine services.

The Port Maryborough Marine Industry Park, will be available mid 2006, and is offering:

- Opportunity to lease or buy
- Freehold with direct deep water access
- 80 berths
- Designed for commercial and recreational vessels
- Lot sizes ranging from 2000sqm
- Cyclone sheltered

As well, Maryborough City Council has embarked on an exciting project with the Cooloola Development Bureau and Hervey Bay City Council to market the Great Sandy Strait as a destination for recreational boating and cruising yachts.

Maryborough Mayor Barbara Hovard said the combined potential of both projects was staggering – with both due to come on line at the same time.

“There are development applications and/or applications for sea bed leases for hundreds of marina berths across the Great Sandy Straits already waiting for approvals,” she said.

“Together with Maryborough’s urban renewal plans, the vision is to utilise the Mary River as the catalyst for substantially increasing commercial marine and maritime activity for Maryborough,” she said.

Port Maryborough Director Wayne Fussell said the company was excited to be involved in helping grow the region into a significant force in the marine industry.

“We took into consideration the strategic location of Maryborough, the potential for growth of the marine sector in Fraser Coast and the fantastic support and planning from Council in helping get this project off the ground,” Mr. Fussell said.

He said the introduction of direct jet services from Sydney and the interest it would generate in the Great Sandy Strait and boating in general was also a major factor in their decision to invest in the project.

Maryborough City Council, in conjunction with the Department of State Development and Innovation, has spent four years and substantial finances to develop a strong marine industry cluster on the Mary River.

The park is set to capitalise on the region’s engineering expertise, with access to well-established marine infrastructure and the advantage of an existing highly technical workforce.