

Media Release
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Have your say on new Shute Harbour Marina

Local residents are being encouraged to have their say on the proposed Shute Harbour Marina development at a second community information day to be held on Saturday, 18 August.

The information session, which will be held at the Shute Harbour Ferry Terminal from 11am to 3pm, will provide residents with another opportunity to view the concepts of the proposed development.

Residents will also be able to view details of the environmental impact assessment currently being undertaken by industry specialists Cardno.

The Shute Harbour Marina development is being undertaken by Port Binnli Pty Ltd and is expected to be a boon for the region's tourism and marine industries.

Port Binnli's Project Manager, Mr David Quinlan, said it was essential the community was engaged in the planning stages and encouraged all local residents to have their say.

"The Shute Harbour Marina project will have significant long-term social and economic benefits for the region, but it is important to get the planning right from the outset.

"We have already held one information day last October, which was attended by more than 80 people representing a broad cross-section of community interests.

"But now that the environmental impact assessment process is underway, we are looking for more community input before progressing to the next stage of development," he said.

The Queensland Government has declared the Shute Harbour Marina a significant project that requires an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*.

The Shute Harbour Marina project has also been declared a "controlled action" under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999*. This legislation triggers a statutory review process by the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage.

For more information about the Shute Harbour Marina Project please call the project team on free call 1800 689 609.

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Shute Harbour Marina - Project Fact Sheet

The Shute Harbour Marina Project is being developed by Port Binnli Pty Ltd.

Port Binnli Pty Ltd is a highly regarded and experienced company with an impressive track record of delivering world-class marina facilities.

A Queensland-based company, Port Binnli was formed in 1993 to develop a marina precinct at Raby Bay.

Since completing this project, the company has been involved in other marina developments and is the proud owner and operator of the Mackay Marina Village and Shipyard precinct, voted the Australian Marina of the Year (2006).

The project will have significant social and economic benefits for the region. It will:

- Deliver approximately 733 berths (including 193 multi-hull berths);
- Provide a commercial precinct for the marine industry;
- Provide a tourism precinct, including a four star tourist resort with approximately 96 family suites and retail outlets;
- Provide a modern residential precinct accommodating approximately 115 lots with all the necessary social and economic infrastructure;
- Contribute to a new public boat ramp facility; and
- Maintain public access to the foreshore.

The project will maintain Shute Harbour's iconic vista by ensuring:

- no development north of the Shute Harbour road;
- no excavation of the northern side of the site to build the marina breakwater;
- no purchase of any part of Conway National Park. Some lands will be returned to public ownership;
- no shipyard; and
- no ferry terminal.

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