

SHUTE HARBOUR MARINA PROJECT

INVITATION Community Information Day

Port Binnli Pty Ltd, the owner and operator of Mackay Marina, has recently become the operating partner in a new proposal to develop a marina in Shute Harbour. The company is an experienced marina operator with a reputation for building high quality, locally appropriate marinas.

A Community Information Day is being held to provide an opportunity for the local community to meet the project team and find out more about the proposal and the forthcoming Environmental Impact Statement.

WHEN: Saturday 21 October 2006

TIME: 11am - 3pm

WHERE: Shute Harbour Ferry Terminal
Shute Harbour Road, Shute Harbour

A significant project for the Whitsunday region



The Queensland Government has declared the Shute Harbour Marina a significant project that will require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*. The scope of the technical studies for the EIS will be based on the Terms of Reference, yet to be finalised.

A Draft Terms of Reference for the EIS will be advertised for public comment in local, state and national newspapers beginning 25 October 2006

and will be available for viewing at www.coordinatorgeneral.qld.gov.au/major_projects/shute.shtm from this date.

Specialist environmental consultant, Cardno, has been appointed by Port Binnli to undertake the EIS.

Port Binnli proposes to involve the community from the outset. Consultation is planned to seek input on EIS issues and the proponent will keep the community informed of progress.

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New marina concept

The Shute Harbour Marina Project is a new project under new management.

A previous proposal by Shute Harbour Marina Development Pty Ltd (SHMD), including an EIS that was undertaken in 2005, informs the current project. Following the release of the SHMD EIS for comment in June 2005, recommendations for modifications were provided by all tiers of government, community groups and individuals.

Since then, the shareholders and Directors of SHMD have changed. In March 2006, Port Binnli Pty Ltd purchased an interest in SHMD and the project. Port Binnli Shute Harbour Pty Ltd has now taken over sole responsibility for project management and delivery of the new project.

The concerns about previous proposals have informed the new owner's preliminary concept planning.

Changes from previous proposals include:

- 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;
- no ferry terminal;
- the proponents will contribute to a new public boat ramp facility; and
- the development will include public access to the foreshore.

The proponent, Shute Harbour Marina Development Pty Ltd, is committed to a planning process that delivers a marina development that is in character with Shute Harbour's iconic vista and that enhances existing development in the area.



To find out more

For more information about the Community Information Day on **Saturday 21 October 2006** please contact the project team on **free call 1800 689 609**.

