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Boaties lured to Maryborough

The new Fraser Coast Marina will provide much needed relief in the marina berth shortage, attracting boaties up the Mary River to Maryborough.

Demand for marina berths in Queensland and Australia is currently far greater than supply and getting worse. Queensland has the largest number of boat owners per capita of any state, with the number of new boat owners growing at 6% per annum. (Source: Queensland Transport)

With existing marinas along the Fraser Coast in high demand, long waiting lists are common. The Great Sandy Straits and Fraser Island have long been popular boating destinations, now tight boat accommodation gives the new Fraser Coast Marina and Maryborough the opportunity to establish themselves firmly on the boating map.

The Fraser Coast Marina will consist of approximately 120 berths and has been designed to accommodate a diverse range of boats from 12ft to 60ft. The marina is part of the Brolga to Bridge vision for Maryborough and there are plans to rejuvenate the surrounding riverbanks with recreational parklands, caravan and camping grounds and a marine industrial park.

It is expected that the new marina will be completed by late 2008.

Ron Blyth from developer Belela said "With site works already underway, Fraser Coast Marina presents an exciting opportunity for Maryborough to become a destination in its own right.

The Marina will see the river transformed into a vibrant lifestyle hub for land lovers and boating enthusiasts alike and ensure that as Maryborough grows it keeps in touch with its history as a port town."



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