

CLARENCE RIVER WAY

PROJECT 1 - DEVELOPING SHORT STAY MARINE INFRASTRUCTURE



About clarence river way

The Clarence River is a big working river which extends 380 kilometers from the open sea at Yamba to the Queensland border districts.

Clarence River Way is an investment and infrastructure program that was foreshadowed in various regional and local planning initiatives and adopted as a priority project by Clarence Valley Council in 2006 as part of its economic development strategy.

Funded by the Australian Government under the Australian Tourism Development Program, a masterplan has been completed to guide the Clarence River Way implementation program over the next 10-15 years. The masterplan sets new development and infrastructure goals for the region, establishes a single vision, aims to re-focus resources to achieve maximum economic and community outcomes and seeks to position the Clarence as one of the nation's great river experiences.

Download the masterplan, reference documents and fact sheets from Council's web site www.clarence.nsw.gov.au

Infrastructure redevelopment

The masterplan earmarks a number of river towns and villages which overtime are to be developed as key tourism and service hubs. A range of wharf or pontoon infrastructure of varying use capacity exists in many of these locations.

Council, with funding support from NSW Maritime has commissioned GHD Australia Pty Ltd to undertake the following:

- Prepare concept plans for the redevelopment of existing wharf infrastructure in Yamba (River St), Harwood, Maclean (River St), Lawrence and Ulmarra and new infrastructure at Brushgrove and Grafton

- Make recommendations with regard to drop off zones, tie-up facilities, pump out and waste facilities and non-powered watercraft access
- Complete environmental assessments of each site; and
- Complete agency and stakeholder consultation.

Why wharf infrastructure first

The masterplan process identified the lack of accessibility to and from the Clarence River for both the local community and visitor markets as a substantial constraint to the use and further development of river based tourism in the Clarence catchment. Significant enhancement to strategic wharf infrastructure is seen as a sound investment, one with strong potential to generate greater commercial yield from tourism and create new business options for the region.

Project timeline

The project comprises a series of stages with concept plans scheduled for public exhibition in July/August 2009.

How can you get involved

There are many ways the community, user groups and agency stakeholders can be involved in the process:

- Phone the project team on **02 6643 0200**
- Email the project team Council@clarence.nsw.gov.au
- Fax your suggestions to the project team on **02 6642 7647**
- Send a written submission to Clarence Valley Council, Locked Bag 23, Grafton 2460
- Join the e-forum at www.bangthetable.com/clarencewharves

Further information

Project information and updates will be posted to the Council web site www.clarence.nsw.gov.au

