

Stalled \$250m Burnett Heads marina project back on track after sale

A fishing village of 2900 people is set to become the next Whitsundays after a \$250 million project resumed following an extraordinary corporate rescue mission.

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The project was put on ice and up for sale two years ago following a stoush between two directors.

The luxury development was then being touted as turning the humble fishing village of 2900 people, 17km from Bundaberg at the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef, into the next Whitsundays.



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First works on the project started with dredging in late 2022, but the development hit a snag after a dispute between Simon Harvey and Ian Sroczyński, the directors of the controlling companies.

The clash ultimately ended in the NSW Supreme Court in February 2024, to resolve the issue of appointing a liquidator and wind the companies up.



Simon Harvey is the face of the Gateway Marina project.

A press release from Colliers on Monday, May 18, 2026, said the waterfront development site had now been acquired by Mr Harvey following a process to resolve the partnership dispute.

“The transaction was facilitated by Philip O’Dwyer of Colliers, who said there was a lot of national interest from a broad market including those with established marina interests as well as land developers interested in the significant amount of waterfront land with development approvals in place,” the release stated.

“The successful outcome restored certainty to one of regional Queensland’s most significant coastal and marine tourism infrastructure projects and set to transform Burnett Heads into a marine, tourism and lifestyle precinct.

“This was a rare opportunity to secure an approved East Coast marina project of scale, with significant planning and early works already completed,” Mr O’Dwyer said.

“With the transaction now finalised, the project can move forward offering a compelling long-term vision for the Burnett Heads waterfront.

“There is currently a shortage of ‘ready-to-go’ marina projects, combined with strong demand for new housing, and this development is well positioned to help address both needs aligning strongly with Queensland’s housing, tourism and regional development priorities.

The 76,000sq m site at Burnett Heads will be developed into a \$250 million waterfront residential community.

The waterfront site is planned as a 318 berth start-of-the-art marina, a waterfront residential community providing both short term and long term accommodation, and a mix of retail, dining and tourism experiences.

“With deep water access and the natural protection of the harbour, the marina will provide reliable all-weather access and shelter, making it one of the safest environments in the region for vessel berthing, and an increasingly attractive destination for both recreational and commercial vessels.”