



Geelong Marine Industry Project Update 6

The Geelong Marine Industry Project is informed by the adopted Osborne House Marine Precinct Master Plan and aims to develop an industrial marine precinct to support the recreational marine industry in North Geelong adjacent to Osborne House.

Overview

The Geelong Marine Industry Project (GMIP) - which has been informed by the Osborne House Marine Precinct Master Plan - aims to develop an industrial marine precinct at St Helens on Corio Bay to support the recreational marine industry.

The precinct could include uses such as manufacturing, maintenance/repair, storage and slip/lift facilities - accompanied by marine based retail, clubhouse and improved facilities for boating, as well as a restored Osborne House homestead.

Benefits

The benefits of this project include:

- Stimulate job growth in the construction sector as well as creating permanent employment opportunities in the manufacturing, boating and tourism industries.
- Cater for the growing need for boating and marine industry facilities.
- Improved environmental outcomes.
- Provide a long term sustainable use for Osborne House

Status

Council has been working in partnership with key state government agencies to identify processes for realising the Geelong Marine Industry Project. A Conservation Management Plan has been developed for Osborne House, along with a Business Case for the project which investigates and reports on a range of issues including social, financial, economic and environmental factors.

Having completed the Business Case, Council has resolved to not proceed with an expression of interest process at this time.

Council's long term vision for this area remains. This vision includes the revitalisation of Corio Bay and waterfront area adjacent to Osborne House.

In the meantime Council will continue to investigate potential long term sustainable uses for Osborne House that are consistent with this vision.

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