

# Construction of Fast Tour Boats Underway

Your Passport to Adventure – Connecting Brisbane City to Moreton Bay and Islands

Construction of the first new tour boat for River to Bay has commenced in Tingalpa, Brisbane.

The boat is the first of four to be built over the next 12 months, with the support of the Queensland Government's Growing Tourism Infrastructure Fund. With a construction time of approximately 5 months, the first boat will be ready for action this summer.

River to Bay CEO Anthony Stanton says 'These fast tour boats will connect the people of Brisbane and our visitors to the magic of Moreton Bay, using the river as our express lane to adventure'.

'Our business is connection – connection of people to places, the city to the bay, our history to our present, mythology to science' said Mr Stanton.

'But most of all its about connection of cultures. Black and white, together Aussies and Queenslanders proud to show off our magnificent home to the world.'

The four new boats will offer a variety of day trips from Brisbane, incorporating scenic cruising with marine wildlife encounters, cultural and environmental education, bushwalks, snorkelling and swimming.

'There will be itineraries to suit all tastes, each build around a key theme. Some will be energetic and others more relaxing, but all will be an experience to remember.'

With hundreds of attractions within 1.5 hours cruising range of Brisbane CBD, the toughest challenge for this business is where to start.

Mr Stanton says 'While the details are still under wraps, I can divulge that one of our first tours will cover the highlights of Moreton Bay, including visits to St Helena, North Stradbroke and Moreton Islands all in one day. Pick up and drop off by the tour boat from Brisbane city pontoons – no transfers, just a fully inclusive day of adventure.'

The boats are designed to be fully independent during their day out, with solar powered food and drinks refrigeration, onboard toilet, safe and comfortable seating, long range fuel tanks, and full protection from sun and rain.

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