South Australia, for much too long held to be the "Cindarella" state, is clearly on the cusp of a new era of significant growth, driven primarily by both mining and defence, building on what are already many strengths and for proof of this, look no further than the dramatic increase in the number of cruising craft at the very top end of our recreational boating market.

It could be argued that practically every new luxury cruiser which joins our fleet represents more of the type of business success which creates employment, both directly and indirectly. With SA's existing business sector being joined by ever more companies from both interstate and overseas, sales of larger craft have put

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enormous pressure on our marina industry.

As evidence of the extent of this pressure, consider that between August this year and at time of writing, well before even a single pile has been driven, around half of the 73 fully serviced berths which will comprise Marina West, in the western basin of the Cruising Yacht Club of SA (CYCSA) have been sold, to the tune of a cool eight million dollars.

CYCSA General Manager, Craig Evans, said that, with larger boats becoming more popular, Marina West meets the growing demand.

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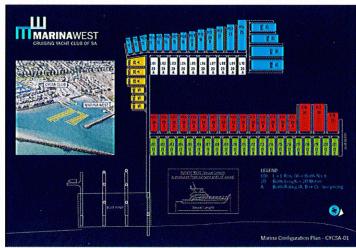
Consideration for both members of the Cruising Yacht Club of SA Inc. and the general boating public has produced a marina design which will see Marina West guarantee maximum amenity and accessibility for both parties for decades to come...

lot of interest initially has come existing CYCSA members," Craig said. "We've been overwhelmed with the high level of interest and are confident this will continue, making way for an exciting new era at the Club."

With berths ranging in size from 11 metres right up to 35m (115') and priced from just under \$100,000 on up to \$500,000, the marina structure will feature a main walkway (adapted from the existing southernmost installation), two secondary walkways, pump-out stations, fire hose stations plus electricity and fresh water.

Craig added that "Marina West will provide a safe and secure location just a short distance from CYCSA's existing facilities and unlike other marinas, members are able to sell or lease their marina berths due to CYCSA's unique freehold of the land, providing more flexibility."

Since it was opened in 1977, the CYCSA has built an enviable reputation, winning numerous national and international awards. The premises at North Haven cover more than 36 hectares, with the new Marina West taking the total number of marina berths to 313, together with 150 hard standing berths. Currently, the maximum single berth size at North Haven is 18 metres, with several larger



Detail of the layout which will enable Marina West to accommodate seventy three cruising craft in fully serviced berths at North Haven...

Marina West - a logical development to keep pace with South Australia's continued success

berths available on three Theads. CYCSA also operates the 110-berth marina at Port Vincent on the Yorke Peninsula.

It is anticipated that dredging for the new marina basin will commence prior to summer this year, with completion of the entire installation or Marina West earmarked for mid to late 2008.

The public boat ramp at North Haven, privately owned and operated by the CYCSA since the early 1990s was, as of August 2007, thirty years old.

As a result of the realisation of Marina West, the North Haven boat ramp will 'grow' an extra launching and retrieval walkway at its southern end. This will be connected to a concrete abutment, set high enough on the ramp to ensure that boats can be launched and retrieved in all-weathers and especially during king tides.

This new walkway will also have a finger attached, dedicated for use by emergency services.



This artist's impression of Marina West shows clearly how the existing amenity of our busiest public boat ramp will continue unabated with the realisation of the prestigious new berthing facility, late in 2008 ...

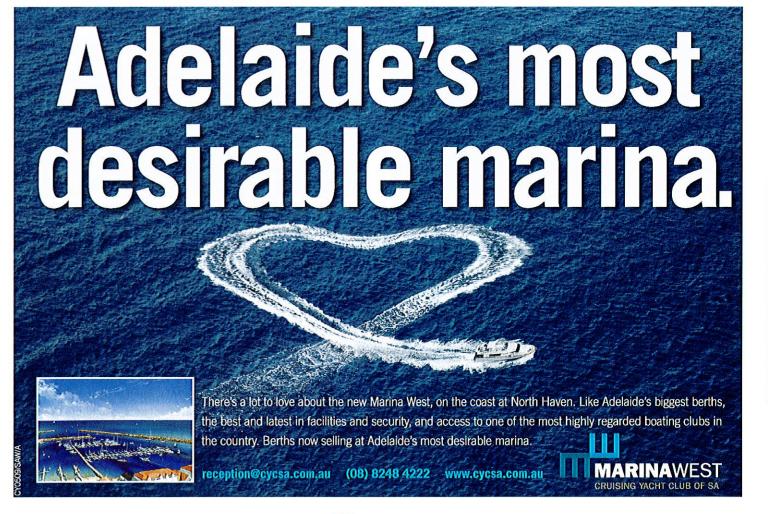
Lighting within the car park and boat ramp area will be improved, while a new shop and toilet facilities will be incorporated into the overall

There will be a slight reduction in the size of what is now the largest boat ramp in the State, however despite this, the North Haven boat ramp will, once Marina West is complete, still offer boat owners the largest boat ramp in Adelaide.

The number of effluent pumpout facilities on site will be increased, as will security. Not only will the CYCSA be installing 27 CCTV cameras plus sensors throughout the both Marina West and the public facility, but also there will be security personnel patrolling both areas.

By around this time next year, boat owners will be able to enjoy the benefit of using a basin able to handle rough conditions far better, thanks to the attenuation which will be provided by the marina installation. It is also worthy of note that the fairway leading from the ramp to the Gulf will be over 34m (110') wide at its narrowest point.

For further information, or if you're interested in securing a berth at Marina West, contact the Cruising Yacht Club of SA on 8248 4222, or visit their website at: www.cycsa.com.au.







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