

Uni students come up with project worth \$1 billion to transform beachside town

New harbours, jetties, ocean baths and museums are all part of a strategic plan to bring new life to a beachside community north of Brisbane. SEE THE AMAZING PICTURES.

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A STRATEGIC plan to spruce up Scarborough marina is proposing new harbours, jetties, museums and community buildings in a project worth potentially \$1 billion.

The Moreton Maritime Alliance's Scarborough Futures Design project was developed by University of Queensland Masters of Architecture Students Carlone Zhang, Yuri Valle, Manasa Chegu, Jun Ruan, Jessica Ji and Paul Zhang. The students redesigned Scarborough Harbour to demonstrate the economic and community building opportunities that are available.



The maritime museum and library.

Moreton Maritime Alliance director Michael Bailey said the initiatives would support a new wave of eco-tourism and maritime industries. The plans include hotels, ocean baths, maritime museums, community buildings, ocean and wildlife research centres, ferry terminals and boat building facilities.



Tourists could learn about the region's ocean life and maritime history at the museum.

“The designs the students have come up with are fantastically creative and inspiring, and show us that with some initiative, imagination and investment we can radically transform our local harbours from under-utilised and out-of-the-way ports into places that we would all enjoy and could proudly take our overseas guests to visit,” Mr Bailey said.



The project would transform Scarborough forever.

Redcliffe Peninsula Chamber of Commerce President Brad Flynn said the plan provided an opportunity for new initiatives.

“While the region was often perceived as a coastal haven, the reality is that the socio-economic statistics in many bayside suburbs don’t reflect that,” he said.



A maritime museum could anchor the project.

“It’s about creating a world-class maritime precinct as a foundation for turning around the socio-economics through the number of jobs created in these projects.

“Sitting back at this point would be a travesty given what’s on offer.”

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