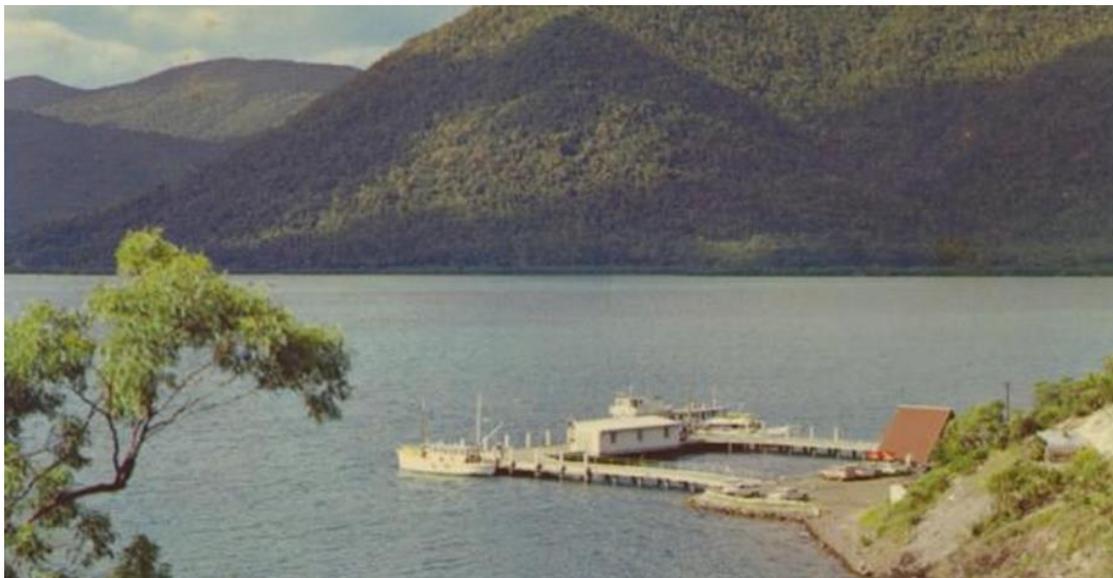


# Shute Harbour

## Project Update # 01 – 24 August 2016

Shute Harbour, opened in 1961. Shute Harbour was devoted exclusively to tourism after sugar was transferred to bulk handling facilities at Mackay. The Lloyd Roberts Jetty was constructed during 1961 and completed in December 1961. An A-frame building was opened on the landward side of the jetty for tourist and visitor bookings.



Since the establishment of Shute Harbour in the 1960's the tourism traffic through the facility to the Whitsunday Islands flourished. The Shute Harbour facilities have undergone several changes to the buildings and facilities with major changes occurring in the early 1970's(car parking and South Molle Jetty), in the middle of the eighties (additional Terminal facility Lloyd Roberts) and early 1990/2000's (SHIFT demolition and reconstruction of terminal facility at Lloyd Roberts Jetty and the addition of the floating pontoons). The floating pontoons, you see today, were added to both concrete jetties between 1999 and 2000.

The Ferry traffic to the islands was operated by various contractors over the years more recently the operators were Fantasea and Cruise Whitsunday. In September 2014, Cruise Whitsunday vacated the terminal facility and moved almost all ferry traffic to the new terminal at Port of Airlie.

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In June 2016, Cardno Ullman and Nolan (Cardno) were engaged to prepare a peer review of the GHD Condition assessment of all the Shute Harbour jetties and pontoons (May 2016) as well as an updated physical inspection. Cardno prepared a report with findings and recommendations which was presented to Council recently. Fundamentally, the findings are clear that the jetties and pontoons need a significant amount of work to repair them or Council needs to consider the long term future of the facilities.

One of the jetties that is now beyond the capacity of Council to repair is the South Molle Jetty. The engineering reports suggest that a major refurbishment of pylons and replacement of the concrete decking is required and that would cost at least \$2.5million. At the Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016, Council decided to accept the quotation from Cardno to project manage the demolition of the South Molle Jetty. For a copy of the full report and attachments go to the Council website link and look for the meeting of the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016, the link is <https://www.whitsunday.qld.gov.au/150/Agendas-and-minutes>

The demolition of the South Molle Jetty will be able to be commenced, once Council has applied for and is in receipt of an approved Tidal Works permit. The demolition work will also need to be Tendered and those Tenders will be advertised by Council in the coming months. The Tenders will be assessed and one of the Tenders will be chosen by Council. Cardno will project manage the demolition work ensuring at all times that the work carried out is in compliance with the Tidal Works Permit.

Users who currently berth on the South Molle Jetty have been notified and will be given time to make other arrangements.

This is project update No. 1 and will be part of a regular program of updates which will be provided to as many users, residents and interested people as possible.