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Top Queensland caterer on Marina's menu

The tenant list at the expanding Meridien Marinas Horizon Shores on the Gold Coast has grown again with Brisbane based Queensland Catering Services tying up for business at the marina.

The well established catering giant has made its entrée to Horizon Shores by moving in and refurbishing the Anchorage Café to offer a fresh new bill of fare to the marina community.

Meridien Marinas Chief Executive Warwick Bible said he was excited that Queensland Catering had chosen Horizon Shores to broaden its horizon into the café society.

"We are delighted to welcome Queensland Caterers on board and we look forward to having their establishment move into new premises in the retail complex when it's complete," Mr Bible said.

Queensland Catering Services is the sister company to the long established 'All Crowd' catering business that has owned and managed the famous Silks Restaurant at Albion Park Raceway for the past ten years.

Proprietor Gina Cronk said Queensland Caterers wanted to broaden the business by acquiring a café, and Horizon Shores offered the perfect opportunity.

"I wanted to be able to set up a café offering breakfast and lunch with coffee and snacks all day in the marina environment. We have a boat at Horizon Shores and I have believed there were opportunities for us here for a long time," Gina said.

Visitors to Horizon Shores have already noticed a difference with the refurbished Anchorage Café under new ownership. The new cakes and coffee are a big hit and Gina says there will be more new initiatives in the future.

"We will be making up picnic and lunch hampers for boaties before too long. They'll simply put in an order the day before and first thing in the morning they can pick up their supplies for the day on the bay," she said.

The Queensland Catering Business is one of the tenants already committed to the new retail and commercial precinct currently under construction at Horizon Shores. The new business will then move into night time trading.

Warwick Bible said the overwhelming demand for retail and commercial space at the expanding marina is no surprise. Space in the two new buildings in the Horizon Shores industrial precinct was quickly snapped up by maritime based businesses.

"The first shed built has seven units within it and the second houses 10. They're all fully occupied and we're starting a third building with space for up to 12 businesses," Mr Bible said.

The completed Meridien Marinas Horizon Shores will become one of Australia's largest marinas with a 1,000 dry boat stacker and will include a Marina Village with waterfront cafes and restaurants, specialty retail outlets and the Marina Emporium showcasing all things boating.

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