



CALIFORNIAN MAYOR APPOINTED PORT HINCHINBROOKS NEW CEO

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A CALIFORNIAN mayor has been appointed Port Hinchinbrook's new CEO as the resort prepares to undergo its \$450 million redevelopment.

David Haubert, the mayor of Dublin, California, will spearhead the rollout of the development masterplan while overseeing the restoration of the marina, marine village and dredging of the canal and harbour.

The Cardwell resort's new owners, The Passage Holdings, will reveal the development's masterplan next month. Greg Sutyak, who is also based in the United States, has been appointed chief financial officer. It is understood Mr Haubert and Mr Sutyak will both spend "considerable" amounts of time in Australia to oversee the redevelopment.

The Passage Holdings plans to rebrand the resort Hinchinbrook Harbour. Mr Haubert said there was a real desire from The Passage Holdings, Cassowary Coast Regional Council and the local community to move forward with the project.

"It will breathe new life and economic vitality into the Hinchinbrook region," he said. "With settlement complete and key personnel and consultants appointed, we are now in a position to unveil our masterplan and vision for the development."

Mr Haubert said he was a believer in the resilience of a local community, and he was looking forward to working on the project. "This is a major and positive milestone for Hinchinbrook Harbour, which has suffered the economic effects of the GFC and impact of Cyclone Yasi in 2011," he said.

"It was a project that was presented to us and we felt that we were very fortunate to have the opportunity to restore and complete the development.