



# Port of Airlie 'best of best'

Port of Airlie developer, Meridien, has won the most prestigious President's Best of the Best Urban Development Institute (UDIA) Award as well as the award for the best Residential Subdivision for its signature development Port of Airlie.

Accepting the award at North Queensland's Conics UDIA awards recently was Meridien's sales manager Andrew Forster, who said receiving the awards reinforced Meridien's position as a market leader in Australia's property industry.

"Port of Airlie's visionary approach in creating a fully integrated five-star marina resort like no other is at the forefront of ingenuity and design, setting new world standards in marina and resort style accommodation that has attracted a contingent of both local and international buyers," Mr Forster said.

Meridien managing director Russell McCart said, "No other major development has ever come through such scrutiny. Port of Airlie has passed two-dozen approval processes in all three tiers of government and has the overwhelming support of the Airlie Beach community. To win this coveted award will be well-received by Meridien. It is testament to the hard work and dedication of our team in bringing a fully integrated, resort style marina to Australia."

Port of Airlie is a tropical paradise where 15 of the best beachfront homes in Australia will mix with 300 designer apartments, two state-of-the-art hotels, a world class marina, a variety of restaurants and shops and a new public path called the Pioneer Walkway to create a fully integrated, marina residential resort that is truly special.

"Port of Airlie has 15 of arguably Australia's best oceanfront blocks of land. "With views to the Whitsunday Islands, Boathaven Beach and a world-class marina, these individual homes will provide a sanctuary for families building unique waterfront residences. It's easy to see why homebuyers are eagerly lodging their plans for construction with several architects already appointed to the job," Mr McCart said.

"Construction on the 56 boathouse apartments is underway with completion due late 2010."

Ideally located in the gateway to the Whitsundays and the Great Barrier Reef this \$500 million development at Airlie Beach has all but four apartments left to sell in the boathouse and 85 per cent of the resort apartments which are due for completion in 2011, have already been sold.