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How housing commission street became Coast's latest waterfront address



WATERSHED: Brad James and his seven-year-old son, Tye, are excited about the prospect of a park and a canal at the back of their Maroochydoore property. **PHOTO:** BARRY LEDDICOAT/165662
SET: A map showing where the new 'town centre' is being developed with Mr James' property included in the area circled.

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TIME people have to work hard to achieve the dream of waterfront property. Others just, well, wait for the water to come to them. And that's what has happened for a handful of Dulin Street, Maroochydoore homeowners - and a few Housing Commission tenants in the street. While the current vista

from these homes resembles a World War I battlefield dotted with earthmovers, these lucky residents soon will be looking across a lake, parks and bikeways, as part of Maroochydoore's new "town centre".

Carpenter Brad James, who lives in Dulin Street, said he had "an inkling" of what was to be, when he bought the house recently. "It's really a 'water-back' property now - our back gar-

den looks out on it," Mr James said. "I'll add another storey, and build a deck."

He said he grew up in Gympie where there were plenty of parks for kids. "As a cul-de-sac, and with a new park being built at the end, with kids you can't go wrong," he said, the future welfare of his seven-year-old son, Tye, in mind.

Mr James would not be drawn on how much his prop-

erty might financially appreciate. Neighbour Rob Kavanagh was just as pleased. "We've been here 20 years - we're not going anywhere," he said.

He conceded there would be some commercial development between his house and the lake. "As long as it's not high-rise," he said. Spokesman for developer Chardan, Glen Cassidy, said

lake design had "changed dramatically" since the Chancellor Park system was approved. "There will be one lake body, with brackish (salt and fresh) water," he said. "The fresh water will come off Buderim and circulate with salt water from Cornmeal Creek at Plaza Parade. "It will be recirculated from the top of the lake at Maroochy Boulevard Interchange."

