



Department of
Transport

Coastal Facilities Management

Coastal Infrastructure Business Unit



Metropolitan Boat Harbours | Jetty Licensing | Regional Facilities



Overview

The Department of Transport's (DoT) Coastal Facilities Management (CFM) team is part of its Coastal Infrastructure Business Unit (CIBU) which provides safe, well-organised and inviting maritime amenities that meet the needs of a diverse user group.

What we do

- Management of public maritime facilities including marinas, boat harbours, regional jetties and port facilities.
- Lease administration of private maritime facilities.
- Licensing of jetties, mooring areas and ferries.
- Property management for coastal facilities.
- Operational and policy advice on coastal facilities.
- Dredging and sand bypassing of entrance channels.
- CFM contributes \$36 million in revenue to State Government.

What we manage

- 50 coastal facilities throughout WA.
- Lease administration for 250 coastal properties with total annual rental of \$14 million.
- Maintenance of approximately 1,440 navigation aids.
- Licensing of 4,200 jetties, ferries and mooring areas.
- Ports of Wyndham and Derby.

Services we provide

- Mooring and pen facilities for approximately 1,500 vessels State-wide which generates \$12 million per annum.
- Dedicated ferry and charter vessel facilities centred around Barrack Square to support Perth's tourism industry.
- Management of regional boat harbours and marinas at Esperance, Albany, Augusta, Bunbury, Jurien, Port Denison, Geraldton, Kalbarri, Carnarvon, Exmouth, Onslow and Point Samson.
- Management of the key metropolitan boat harbours: Hillarys and Fremantle Fishing Boat and Challenger Harbours.

Our stakeholders

Our stakeholders are many and varied, including the commercial fishing industry, charter boat operators, recreational boat owners and fishers, owners of private marinas and/or other maritime facilities, business owners, commercial shipping (Wyndham and Derby), tourists and the general public.

Boat Harbours and Maritime Facilities

The Coastal Facilities Management operations team works closely with harbour users and key stakeholders throughout WA to facilitate effective management, planning and development of boat harbours and maritime facilities and three quarries throughout the State, including the two major metropolitan harbours of Fremantle Fishing Boat and Challenger Harbours and Hillarys Boat Harbour.

What we do

- Lead the development of strategic framework for the management and future planning of maritime facilities.
- Manage the preparation and implementation of facility business and contingency plans.
- Provide guidance and direction on harbour management issues.
- Develop cyclone contingency plans for the Pilbara and Gascoyne facilities including trial activations, annual reviews and audit checks. Ensure effective emergency response to major harbour incidents/disasters.
- Ensure facility maintenance plans are developed and implemented and form part of a strategic asset management plan.

- Establish, monitor and manage environmental management systems at each maritime facility.
- Manage harbour development and related land use planning to ensure the sustainability and environmental issues are addressed.
- Administer the financial management and annual review of fees and charges for regional facilities.
- Manage the operations of the ports of Wyndham and Derby and oversee port issues relating to the Port of Yampi (Cockatoo and Koolan Islands) and provide advice on proposed port/harbour development projects involving regional areas.
- Prepare capital investment proposals for maritime facilities.
- Administer 250 leases at the sites.
- Plan for and undertake dredging of entrance channels when required.

Fremantle Fishing Boat and Challenger Harbours

Located south of Perth CBD historic Fremantle has two boat harbours, one concentrated on the fishing industry and the other catering to the recreational maritime industry.

Historic Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour (FFBH) was built in 1919 to provide an anchorage for fishing vessels. Today FFBH is a commercial marina comprising 350 plus commercial and recreational pens, five jetties (excluding leased jetties), three wharves, a boat lifter, a 250 tonne travel lift for larger commercial vessels and fuelling facilities.

The adjacent Challenger Harbour (CH) was specifically built for the 1987 America's Cup and partly encompassed reclaimed land which once included the Fremantle Long Jetty. The facilities were originally configured for the 12-metre class racing yachts but have since been modified for recreational boating and include 64 serviced pens and three jetties.

The popular and vibrant waterfront area, brings together both the working and recreational harbours with the Fremantle tourism precinct. Visitors can enjoy dining at a variety of restaurants including a boutique brewery or watch fishermen unload their catch while enjoying a cappuccino on the boardwalks. A calendar of local and international events such as arts festivals, exploration trails and museums provide visitors with a variety of unique experiences.

Hillarys Boat Harbour

Hillarys Boat Harbour (HBH), north of the Perth CBD, offers world-class boating facilities within a unique coastal park and recreation setting, along with retail and leisure activities. The facility is owned and managed by DoT's on site harbour management team.

Since it was built in 1987, the marina has become one of Perth's most visited destinations – attracting approximately five million people in 2014. It meets local recreational and leisure needs as well as those of the wider regional population. The success of the facility was recognised in 2013 winning Australia's Best Public Boat Harbour.

HBH focuses on the provision of extensive maritime facilities for recreational and commercial vessels and incorporates a marine service support industry.

The range of facilities at HBH includes:

- a six lane boat launch/retrieve area with extensive associated facilities;
- around 800 public and private boat pens;
- a boat lifting and maintenance complex;
- a Rottnest Island ferry terminal and service, boat charter operations and boat sales;
- extensive active and passive recreational and leisure facilities and amenities;
- the world-class Aquarium of Western Australia (AQWA);
- marine research laboratories;
- Hillarys Yacht Club;

- Sorrento Quay – a dining, entertainment and shopping complex;
- a clubhouse for local sea scouts;
- a dedicated base for the local surf life saving club;
- a harbour management office providing boat registration, chart sales and pen rental services;
- Hillarys Harbour Resort Apartments;
- a sheltered public beach, with grassed areas and barbeques;
- parking for 2,700 vehicles; and
- a dedicated Recreational Skipper's Ticket training pontoon.

With marine, retail, commercial, tourism and leisure activities, HBH provides a range of employment opportunities locally, employing more than 800 people. Visit www.transport.wa.gov.au/imate/hillarys-boat-harbour-facility.asp

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Jetty Licensing

Property Services, part of CFM, is responsible for processing jetty applications and conducting regular jetty inspections to ensure that jetties are safe and compliant with construction and navigation standards. Under the *Jetties Act 1926*, all private jetties in WA must obtain a licence.

Jetty licensing ensures:

- location of the jetty does not interfere with navigation; and
- design, construction and maintenance of the jetty means it is safe to use.

Under Section 3 of the *Jetties Act 1926*, a jetty is defined as including a wharf, pier, grid, slip, landing place, stage, platform, or similar structure, whether fixed or floating, erected or placed, wholly or in part, in, on or over any waters and any ramp which is or may be used for the purpose of launching or landing a vessel.

This includes everything from boat ramps (even those on private property) to underwater pipelines.

DoT issues a private licence if a jetty is for domestic and recreational purposes only. If the jetty is associated with a business or commercial undertaking, then a commercial licence is issued.

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