Transforming Bunbury’s Waterfront Stage 2

The DoT’s $12.3 million upgrade of the Jetty Road causeway will provide the basis for the future development of a thriving marine precinct to accommodate current and future local boating needs. The project is funded through a combination of Royalties for Regions ($9.878 million) and DoT ($2.395 million).

What does the project involve?

The Department of Transport is upgrading the Jetty Road causeway which is in poor condition. The purpose of the works is to improve the level of service and amenity for current and future users.

The works include:

- **Phase 1:**
  - Repairs to the existing causeway rock walls.

- **Phase 2:**
  - Upgrading utilities (power, street lighting, potable and fire water, telecommunications, and sewerage systems).
  - Reconstruction of the causeway access road, construction of car parking and pedestrian and cycle shared paths, and landscaping.
  - Construction of a new multi-purpose building adjacent to the existing boat pens, which will incorporate penholder amenities, public toilets and a meeting room.

When will it happen?

The Phase 1 revetment contract was completed in April.

The Phase 2 major works civil, landscaping and building works contract has been awarded and works are anticipated to begin on site in early August, with completion scheduled for mid-2020.

Will there be opportunities for local businesses?

An information session was held in July 2018 to discuss opportunities for local businesses to participate in the Phase 2 civil, landscaping and building works. Out of this information session over 50 local business have registered for a Local Suppliers Directory. This directory was made available to all the Phase 2 tenderers.

The successful tenderer intends to engage five major sub-contractors from the South West region and up to 10 local personnel, and other opportunities for local companies will flow from the works.

What elements of the causeway upgrade will be delivered in a future stage?

Subject to funding, there will be future stages of work delivering:

- Viewing platforms (shade/shelter)
- Boat pen jetty gatehouses
• Additional boat pens
• Firefighting pumps and tanks, maintenance and waste oil storage shed
• Interpretative precinct (by the City of Bunbury).

Why aren’t all elements of the causeway works being delivered now?
The Phases 1 and 2 works will lay the foundation for future causeway improvements. Addressing maintenance and safety issues, whilst delivering improvements to amenity and access, are the current priorities being managed within a set budget. Future elements are incorporated in Stage 3 and subject to a further Business Case currently being developed in conjunction with LandCorp.

When can I see the finished design?

Will harbour users be affected during the works?
The Department will work with contractors to minimise interruptions to access for harbour users during the works. Utilities (power, street lighting, water, sewage systems) will continue to be provided throughout the works period although some temporary disruption is likely.

The Department will email harbour users when access is to be restricted or there are unavoidable interruptions to services. Please ensure your email details are up-to-date with the Department’s Bunbury office.

What approvals are in place for the causeway upgrade?
Environmental and planning approvals are in place.

Environmental approval conditions include requirements associated with benthic (seabed) communities and habitat, protection of the marine environment, fauna and social amenity.

The main contractors will implement a Construction Environmental Management Plan which anticipates and plans mitigation measures to minimise the temporary impacts of these works on the environment.

Planning approval includes conditions to adhere to maritime design standards and general engineering standards for roads and water management.

How much parking will be available to pen holders and moorings lessees during the works?
As with the Phase 1 works, 30 parking bays will be provided close to the boat pen gangways for penholders at all times during the construction works. Overflow parking will be also available at the start of the causeway, if required.

Once completed there will be 164 car parking spaces including 9 disabled bays, as well as parking for 11 motor bikes, two service vehicles and one bus.

**Will paid parking be introduced on the causeway?**

Any future decision on parking will be based on the Department of Transport’s review of state assets and consistency with the City of Bunbury’s parking strategy.

**Will there be pen and mooring fee increases as a result of these works?**

There will not be additional increases to Casuarina Boat Harbour pen and mooring fees as a result of the 2018-2019 works. The Department regulates fees and charges for the use of its 30 maritime facilities across the State.

**Can we live on our boat during the works period?**

The Department maintains a State-wide Live-on-Board Policy that will continue to apply to Casuarina Boat Harbour throughout the project. More information can be found at:


**Will the boat ramp area remain open?**

Yes, the works will not impede access to the western side of the harbour or use of the ramp.

**What’s the long-term plan?**

Transforming Bunbury’s Waterfront Stage 3, which is subject to future funding, will see improvements to the remaining elements of Casuarina Boat Harbour. A new breakwater will bring additional sheltering to the harbour making it possible to install new boat pens along the causeway.

With the expansion of boat pen facilities, most large vessels will be accommodated, and moorings will be phased out over a number of years. The harbour will be progressively deepened during Stage 3 works and the Department will assist vessel owners currently moored to find alternative sites during the works program.

These FAQs are constantly under review. If you have a further query or would like to provide feedback please email your comment to CasuarinaHarbourUpgrade@transport.wa.gov.au