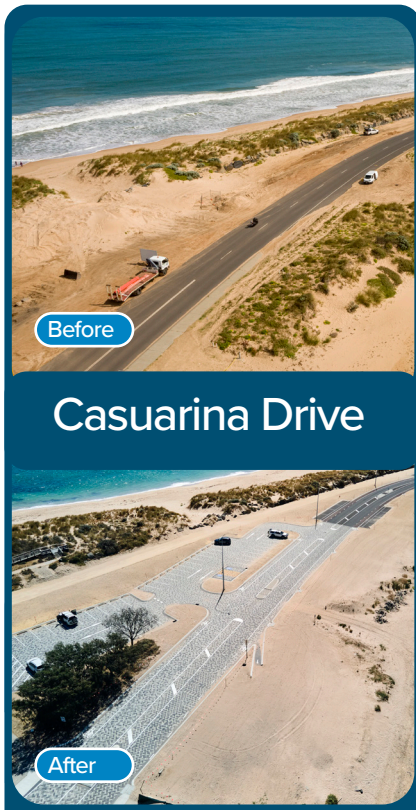




A sealed car park at BP Beach is among the features delivered through the Casuarina Drive Scope 2B Redevelopment as part of the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project.



Before

## Casuarina Drive

After

## Waterfront milestone reached

Another piece of Bunbury's waterfront revitalisation strategy has snapped into place

Striking before and after photographs reveal the extent of the improvements made to the northern-most section of Casuarina Drive.

Recent works have updated the road surface, as well as provided bicycle lanes, additional parking and a sealed car park at BP Beach.

The completion of the Casuarina Redevelopment Scope 2B road and services upgrade forms the latest milestone in Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront.

Scope 3 will begin in the coming months and will include the construction of footpaths and ramps around the BP Beach car park. The building of seawalls in front of Casuarina Beach will begin shortly. The sea walls will require nearly 15,000 locally-sourced limestone blocks.

Works associated with the dunes at BP Beach will be carried out mid-year. These works will involve fencing and revegetating the dunes. Boardwalks will provide pedestrian links between Casuarina Drive and BP Beach. The balance of Scope 3 includes paths, balustrades, lighting, turf and planting. These works are due to commence about September 2023.

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STAGE 3.1

# Environmental impact assessment

## ABOUT THE PROJECT



Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront (TBW) is a State Government-led project that is transforming underused areas into thriving destinations.

The original vision for the project was unveiled to the public in October 2015 and was well supported by the community. The first two stages are largely complete. These stages incorporate the Koombana foreshore revitalisation, Dolphin Discovery Centre redevelopment, reconstruction of the Jetty Road causeway, and Casuarina Drive redevelopment.

The first phase of TBW Stage 3 (TBW 3.1) is subject to environmental approvals at both State and Federal levels.

The Koombana Bay Marine Structures strategic proposal is for the construction and operation of small craft maritime infrastructure in Bunbury. This strategic proposal identifies the following:

- Casuarina Boat Harbour breakwater and associated marine facilities
- Koombana Bay Sailing Club marina
- Dolphin Discovery Centre finger jetty.

The construction of the future proposals will be undertaken in stages. The proposed marine infrastructure will be located adjacent to, or proximate to existing infrastructure in Koombana Bay.

## Community to have say

You will soon have the opportunity to provide feedback as part of the environmental review process

Planning for the next waterfront transformation is well underway. The community will be invited to provide comment as part of an environmental assessment process. This process relates to the first phase of Stage 3 of Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront.

## Highest level of assessment

**An environmental assessment is being carried out to identify all potential impacts from the construction and operation of the marine-based structures proposed for TBW 3.1.**

Once complete, the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) will review submitted documentation before undertaking a six-week public comment period.

The EPA will then undertake a detailed assessment before finalising a recommendation to the Minister for the Environment. This recommendation will determine whether the Koombana Bay Marine Structures strategic proposal should be given environmental approval, and if so, what conditions should apply.

Documentation has been submitted to the EPA.



# Together, we have kept ground nesting birds safe.

Thank you for your efforts.

When BirdLife Bunbury spotted banded lapwings scouting for nesting sites in grassy patches at Casuarina Boat Harbour last winter, the group acted to ensure the birds were protected.

With the help of Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project partners, the birds have successfully raised their chicks and safely moved on.

Measures to protect the birds included relocating boulders onsite to stop cars travelling off-road through the nesting ground, installing bunting to section off the area, and placing signage warning the public to avoid the vulnerable areas.

We would like to thank the efforts of the community who did the right thing to ensure the birds were kept safe.



Above: BirdLife Bunbury members Doug Shrimpton and Sue Kalab at Casuarina Boat Harbour. Below: A banded lapwing chick that hatched at Casuarina Boat Harbour.



Photo: Terry Wooltorton.



## PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

### Stage One - Complete

- 1 Koombana Foreshore Revitalisation
- 2 Dolphin Discovery Centre Redevelopment

### Stage Two - Under Transformation

- 3 Jetty Road Causeway Upgrade - complete
- 4 Casuarina Drive Redevelopment

### Stage Three - Phase 1 - Planning in Progress

- 5 Construction of new breakwaters, delivery of key marine infrastructure and marine servicing facilities, as well as upgrading existing boat launching facilities

### Additional Notes

- 6 Proposed multi-club facility funded through private investment



## Community enjoys the benefits

### Activation of transformed areas

Underused and tired spaces have been transformed into thriving foreshore areas that meet modern expectations, as a result of the project.

It has been great seeing community groups using the enhanced foreshores. Locals and visitors are also increasingly walking, running and cycling along the new pathways including along the Jetty Road causeway.



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