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## PROJECT UPDATE



# Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront



Gavin McGuire and Michael Jones from Koormal Group meet Regional Development Minister Don Punch and Premier Roger Cook at a Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront contracts announcement.



Visualisation – Stage 3.1

### Stage 3.1 contracts – at a glance

We're gearing up for our largest transformation so far. Recently awarded contracts include:

- ✓ Engineering consultant Advisian – detailed design of key development sites
- ✓ Aboriginal business Koormal Group – design and construct of an accessible toilet block

A State Government project

## Delivering on the vision to transform the outer harbour

### Project moves into exciting next phase

The transformation of Bunbury's waterfront is gathering pace, with planning for the development of Casuarina Boat Harbour moving to the next phase.

The \$78.1 million Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront (TBW) Stage 3.1 project involves constructing new breakwaters at Casuarina Boat Harbour and Koombana Bay. These critical pieces of marine infrastructure will support land-based development of a marine services hub together with enhanced space for visitors and the local community.

The project will progress with the awarding of a \$1.8 million detailed design contract to engineering consultant Advisian. The design work will include the extension of Casuarina Drive and access to the future northern breakwater, services to existing and future lease sites and harbour infrastructure. It will also maximise opportunities for improved public spaces and amenities.

Local Aboriginal business Koormal Group has been contracted to construct a new toilet block.



Ashley Clements.

## Stay tuned!

Listen in for our project updates

Have you been hearing about Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront on the local radio?

South West Development Commission Director – Infrastructure and Lands Ashley Clements has been making regular appearances on SEN Spirit.

Thank you to Nay Pearce and SEN Spirit for interviewing Ash about the project.

 LISTEN: SEN Spirit 621 Bunbury



Ashley Clements and Nay Pearce in the studio, talking about Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront.

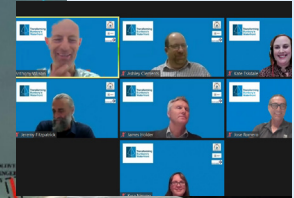
## About the project

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.



Below: An online information session on June 13 2023 gave people the chance to hear about the overall project as well as the environmental review including how to have their say.



Above: Drop-in sessions gave members of the community a chance to have their questions answered about the project and environmental review process. Right: Member for Bunbury Don Punch and Stuart Thompson at a drop-in session.



## Environmental review focus

An environmental review process relating to Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront 3.1 is taking the next steps, following a six-week public review period which concluded on June 26 2023.

This comment period provided a way for members of the public to have their say about the Koombana Bay Marine Structures strategic proposal.

We carried out a range of activities to increase the community's awareness of the public comment period and understanding of the project. Activities ranged from community drop-in sessions, a webinar with presentations by expert consultants and project staff, and a pop-up window display.

The EPA will 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.



# TRANSFORMATION UNDERWAY

## Casuarina Boat Ramp trailer parking area

We're delivering:

- ✓ More trailer bays
- ✓ A toilet block
- ✓ Extra rigging + derigging bays
- ✓ Improved surface
- ✓ Provision for the future installation of lighting and CCTV

Before

Current

## Trailer parking area upgrades

Skippers will soon have an improved trailer parking area at Casuarina Boat Harbour.

The Department of Transport is completing a major upgrade of the area with nearly \$2 million to be spent on improvements.

The work follows a \$1.1 million modernisation of the boat launching ramp, with a new floating jetty and better designed two-lane ramp for large trailers and wide vessels.

While works are underway, the trailing parking area is temporarily closed. The temporary closure is required to ensure safety, and to complete the works more rapidly. Skippers will need to use an alternative launch facility while the enhancements are undertaken.

### Alternative boat ramp locations:

Visit: [www.transport.wa.gov.au](http://www.transport.wa.gov.au)



# Bunbury waterfront development stages



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## 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

## Frequently Asked Question (FAQ)

**What will be the size of the boat lift to be installed as part of Stage 3.1?**

The Department of Transport will seek Expressions of Interest from commercial operators to provide a modern boat lifting service in the harbour. The Department will work with the operator to configure the size and lifting capability. It is expected that the lifter will have about a 60-tonne capability and be able to lift vessels up to about 7 metres wide via either a Tami lift or hydraulic trailer. For more FAQs, visit [www.swdc.wa.gov.au](http://www.swdc.wa.gov.au).

**Disclaimer:** The imagery and details in Stage 2B (4) and all of Stage 3 are concepts only and may change as the project develops. Project subject to operational changes as the project develops. Multi-club marine facility will be funded through private investment.

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