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PROJECT UPDATE



Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront



Creating community-orientated spaces

From new playgrounds and picnic areas to an upgraded pedestrian bridge and pathways, local foreshore areas have been progressively enhanced for community use.

In efforts to further improve amenities in the area, work on a new toilet block at Casuarina Boat Harbour is underway.

Koormal Group is excited to construct this piece of the project, playing a role in delivering Stage 3 of the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront.

"It's been a long time coming, but it's going to be worth the wait," Koormal Group general manager Mike Jones said.

"Our city has come a long way in the past few years, in terms of development, and we are proud to play a small part.

"Looking forward to the next stages and further opportunities."

Larger elements proposed for Stage 3 include new breakwaters at Casuarina Boat Harbour and Koombana Bay. The planned breakwaters will support land-based development of a hub for marine services together with enhanced space for visitors and the local community.



Small projects can make a big difference. At Casuarina Boat Harbour, amenity is being increased through the construction of a toilet block for community use.

Pictured: Obby McDonald, South West Development Commission; Gavin McGuire, Koormal Group and Bunbury MLA Don Punch.

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Trailer parking area upgraded

More improvements for one of Bunbury's busiest boat launching facilities.

The quieter winter months were used to further upgrade the boat launching facility at Casuarina Boat Harbour.

A widened entry and exit lane plus additional trailer bays were delivered by the Department of Transport in partnership with Main Roads WA Bunbury and their contractor Fulton Hogan.

The work to enhance the trailer parking area follows a \$1.1 million modernisation of the boat launching facility completed last year. This project resulted in a new floating jetty and enhanced two-lane ramp for large trailers and wide vessels.

Efforts to improve local facilities continue, with the next package of work focusing on the construction of the toilet block for community use underway.



This striking aerial photo brings into focus the number of trailer parking areas now available at Casuarina Boat Harbour following recent upgrades.

Latest improvements to Casuarina Boat Harbour:



- 33 additional trailer bays (from 60 to 93) in reconstructed trailer parking area
- Widened entry/exit lane for larger vessels with jinker trailers
- Installation of rigging and de-rigging lanes, both sides
- New surface water and storm drainage
- New cross drain at boat ramp
- Electrical/comm/CCTV ducts installed for future installation

Banded Lapwing chicks successfully hatch

Introducing...Casuarina Boat Harbour's cutest residents. Newly-hatched Banded Lapwing chicks and their family are among those who can be spotted out and about enjoying the Bunbury waterfront. Multiple agencies, including contractors, have worked with BirdLife Bubury to protect the birds which nested onsite. If you see the young family or any nesting birds, please ensure you view them from a safe distance. *Photo: Mark Locker.*





Foreshore café plans to expand offerings

At 62Thirty Cafe and Bar, coffee comes with one of Bunbury’s best freebies – views over Koombana Bay.

“It’s got one of the best outlooks in Bunbury,” says owner Fiona Fitzgerald.

“You literally walk straight out the front into the sand. It showcases Bunbury to the rest of the world.

“It’s a beautiful spot.”

The kiosk building, along with the Koombana Foreshore and Dolphin Discovery Centre, was revitalised as part of the first stage of Transforming Bunbury’s Waterfront.

The upgrades created an enhanced precinct that better connects the foreshore and the city centre.

Fiona and husband Glen spent time organising events in the re-energised foreshore precinct and saw an opportunity to

lease the kiosk and create a meeting point that would further activate the area.

Since opening on Australia Day this year, 62Thirty Cafe and Bar has attracted a diverse crowd including families, travellers and ‘grey nomads.’

Now, there are plans for 62Thirty Cafe and Bar to become a licensed venue, which would support the expansion of operations including evenings and weekends at the popular bayside location.



Fiona Fitzgerald showcases the coffee, cakes, and baked goods available from 62Thirty Cafe and Bar, served with a friendly smile.



There’s something about food that brings people together – and the Dinner at Dusk events at the Koombana Foreshore are doing just that.

The most recent event, which was held as part of the Lost and Found festival, attracted a crowd who enjoyed flavours from around the globe. The popular outdoor dining experience is one of a number of events making use of the transformed waterfront for the enjoyment of locals and visitors, invigorating the foreshore precincts.



Rapal Taylor, Halid Taylor and Mohamud Sackmat from Motts Kitchen cooked up Cocos Malay cuisine at Dinner at Dusk on the Koombana Foreshore.

Bunbury waterfront development stages



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

FAQ Frequently Asked Question

Do you plan to install any more artwork on the waterfront?

The City of Bunbury (CoB) recently put out an EOI as part of Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront Stage 2, which is an exciting opportunity for local artists. Submissions from artists are currently being assessed by the Waterfront Public Art Assessment Panel.

Several artwork locations were identified for the project – stretching Jetty Baths to Casuarina Harbour – and is set to include an individual piece or several pieces that will ideally represent Bunbury's rich history and culture.

Future artwork will be considered as the waterfront development progresses.

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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