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## PROJECT UPDATE



## Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront



*Keith Harris, Construction Supervisor, LD Total and Ashley Clements, Director Strategic Infrastructure and Lands, South West Development Commission onsite.*

### Exciting Changes Ahead: Casuarina Drive's New Look

Exciting progress is happening along Casuarina Drive! Behind the newly created seawalls, the transformation is in full swing.

Davenport-based LD Total is hard at work on delivering the following:

- Hard and soft landscaping including trees and shrubs
- Paths, steps and terraces
- Handrails and balustrades
- Lighting & electrical, and
- Irrigation & services (water & sewer).

This project is a fantastic showcase of local talent, with 14 local sub-contractors and suppliers contributing to this transformation.

Work will continue until late 2025 with safety fencing and signage in place for the safety of workers and the public. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work towards completing these improvements. Once complete, the redevelopment will provide a beautiful and accessible space for the community to enjoy.

Importantly, these works will create a seamless connection between the popular Jetty Baths area and the upgraded boat ramp in the Casuarina Boat Harbour, laying the groundwork for future enhancements.

The Casuarina Drive Redevelopment is a project managed by DevelopmentWA.

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## Stage 3 Works Update



*A panoramic view of the ongoing seawall construction works as seen from the upper floors of the Bunbury Tower, showcasing the scale and progress of the coastal infrastructure project from the waterfront into the estuary.*

### Northern Breakwater

Exciting progress continues on the new 460-metre-long northern breakwater at Casuarina Boat Harbour (CBH). Construction is now at full length at low level and is advancing towards full height across the entire structure:

- 56,000 tonnes (90%) of the rock armour placed
- 290,000 tonnes (95%) of core rock placed
- Ground compaction completed in the newly reclaimed area.

The breakwater is on track for completion by late 2025.

This milestone is being delivered by joint venture WALimestone Contracting and Italia Stone Group under the largest coastal infrastructure contract (\$69.2 million) ever awarded by the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) in Western Australia.

### Groyne and Rock Walls Refurbishment

The City of Bunbury (CoB), with support from DTMI, recently secured a Disaster Ready Fund grant to upgrade the rock protection structures around the storm surge barrier (in The Plug). These upgrades will reinforce the rock protection structures, stabilise the banks, and ensure long-term resilience against natural disasters.

Meanwhile refurbishment of the groyne at the west end of the Koombana foreshore is nearing completion as part of the TBW project. This work will restore safe public access and help stabilise Koombana Bay beach providing erosion protection to the amphitheatre and preventing sand from infilling the channel at The Plug.

Both projects are scheduled for completion by November 2025, with works timed over winter to minimise community disruption.

The works program will deliver many long-term benefits for users and the wider community and while every effort is being made to limit the disruption, we thank nearby residents and businesses for their patience and understanding.

Harbour manager and delivery agency the DTMI, is working closely with lead agency South West Development Commission (SWDC) for the \$78.1 million, Stage 3.1 of Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront.

For works updates on the rock wall upgrades see <https://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au/projects/leschenault-inlet-rock-walls-upgrades>



**For general project works updates:**

[transformingbunburyswaterfront](https://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au/projects/leschenault-inlet-rock-walls-upgrades)

<https://swdc.wa.gov.au/project/transforming-bunburys-waterfront/>

### Marley Memorial

A heartfelt tribute is underway for Marley, the beloved dingo/dog of Bunbury's outer harbour. Cared for by the community, Marine Rescue Bunbury (MRB), Southern Ports Authority (SPA), and local businesses, Marley became an icon of the harbour.



The South West Development Commission (SWDC) along with the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) are working with multiple agencies to ensure Marley will not be forgotten.

To honour Marley's legacy:

- MRB is fundraising for a bronze statue to be placed at the TBW development in CBH
- Discussions are underway for a street naming and themed mural on the harbour's ablution block.

**For details of the MRB fundraising see:**



[marinerescuebunbury](https://www.facebook.com/marinerescuebunbury)





## New QR Code Shipping Signs Bring Bunbury's Waterfront to Life

If you've strolled along Bunbury's vibrant waterfront recently, you may have noticed some eye-catching new additions - QR code signs installed at key vantage points along our waterfront.

These innovative signs are part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the waterfront experience as we continue transforming Bunbury's waterfront into a dynamic destination for locals and tourists alike.

With just a quick scan using your smartphone, each sign unlocks real-time information about vessels currently berthed at our Port or anchored out on the horizon. Whether you're an avid ship spotter or simply curious about maritime activity in Koombana Bay, these signs make it easy (and fun!) to discover what's happening out on the water.

This project is made possible through fantastic collaboration between the Southern Ports Authority, the City of Bunbury, the South West Development Commission, and the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure - demonstrating what can be achieved when community-focused organisations work together.

The feedback has already been overwhelmingly positive! Locals love having instant access to shipping details while enjoying their daily walks or family outings. Visitors are delighted by this interactive feature that adds another layer of interest to their waterfront experience.

You'll find these QR code signs dotted along popular spots — from near the Dolphin Discovery Centre, at the Koombana beach playground, near 62thirty Café and Restaurant, on the Jetty Road Causeway, near Jetty Baths and close to the surf club at Back Beach. Not near a sign? No worries - you can always check out which ships are in port via Southern Ports' website <https://www.southernports.com.au/shipping/bunbury/current-list>

Next time you're soaking up those beautiful bay views, don't forget to give one of our new QR codes a scan - and see what stories unfold across Bunbury's busy waterfront!

## Engaging Our Community: Highlights from Recent Activities



Despite the challenging winter weather, our team remained committed to engaging with our community. In May and August, we set up pop-up information stalls at Centrepunkt Shopping Centre and Bunbury Forum Shopping Centre, each for two days. These events allowed us to connect with the public, share valuable information about our ongoing project, update them on current works and future plans, and gather their feedback. We were also able to answer many questions from the public on everything from the groyne refurbishment to the Casuarina Drive works, the northern breakwater and the continued planning for Stage 3.

In July, we organised a pop-up information session for the nearby residents of Casuarina Drive. This session focused on updating the community about the continuing works in their area and addressing any concerns they might have.



**Stay updated on future activities and events:**

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<https://swdc.wa.gov.au/project/transforming-bunburys-waterfront/>

# 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 – Under Transformation

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

### Additional Notes

- 6 Accessible community fishing platform
- 7 Proposed multi-club facility funded through private investment

**Stage Three – Phase 2 – Business Case Development underway**

**Disclaimer:** The imagery and details in Stage 2 and 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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