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PROJECT UPDATE



Transforming
Bunbury's
Waterfront



New Bunbury breakwater rock work complete

Rock work on a new 460-metre northern breakwater at Bunbury's Casuarina Boat Harbour is complete, making way for further development on the waterfront.

Completion of the breakwater rock structure followed the dredging of its seabed footprint in late 2024 and the relocation of more than 120,000 cubic metres of material.

It took almost a year to place 290,000 tonnes of core rock and 65,000 tonnes of armour sourced from quarries at Roelands, Byford, Shenton Ridge, and Jarrahdale to build the breakwater.

Marking another important milestone in the transformation of Bunbury's waterfront, permanent navigation aids have been installed on the breakwater and at the end of Jetty Road to assist skippers as they navigate the narrower entrance to the harbour.

The \$69.2 million breakwater contract, which also includes works to upgrade the Koombana Groyne, is the centrepiece of Stage 3 of the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront (TBW) project, which is supported by a \$112.2 million investment from the Cook Government.

Construction of the breakwater has created quality local jobs, with the contract delivered by Western Australian companies WA Limestone Contracting and Italia Stone Group.

The State Government project is focused on rejuvenating the harbour by creating a regional hub for the marine industry and delivering quality infrastructure for the local community.

With the breakwater now in place, work will start in 2026 on the roads and services that will be required to improve public access to the breakwater and support further development of the area.

It will also make way for the delivery of a new \$4 million universally accessible fishing platform on the breakwater's northern side.

Detailed design of the accessible fishing platform and surrounding precinct, including parking and other facilities are complete, with tenders to be called early this year.

Discussions are also progressing to establish a boat lifting and servicing operation at the breakwater as part of the State Government's vision to grow commercial marine activities in the area to support the local economy.



For more information on the TBW project:
[transformingbunburyswaterfront](https://transformingbunburyswaterfront.wa.gov.au)
<https://swdc.wa.gov.au/project/transforming-bunburys-waterfront/>

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Stage 2B Works Update



Casuarina Drive Redevelopment Moves Ahead

Work on the next stage of the Casuarina Drive Redevelopment continues to make progress. Once complete, locals and visitors will enjoy easier beach access from Casuarina Drive and further opportunities to embrace Bunbury's coastal lifestyle.

This stage of the redevelopment introduces:



Boardwalks
for easy access and stunning views



Shelters and shade sails
so families can enjoy the outdoors comfortably



Seats and picnic tables
for catch-ups and gatherings



A modern toilet block
for your convenience



Improved lighting
to make the area safer and more welcoming



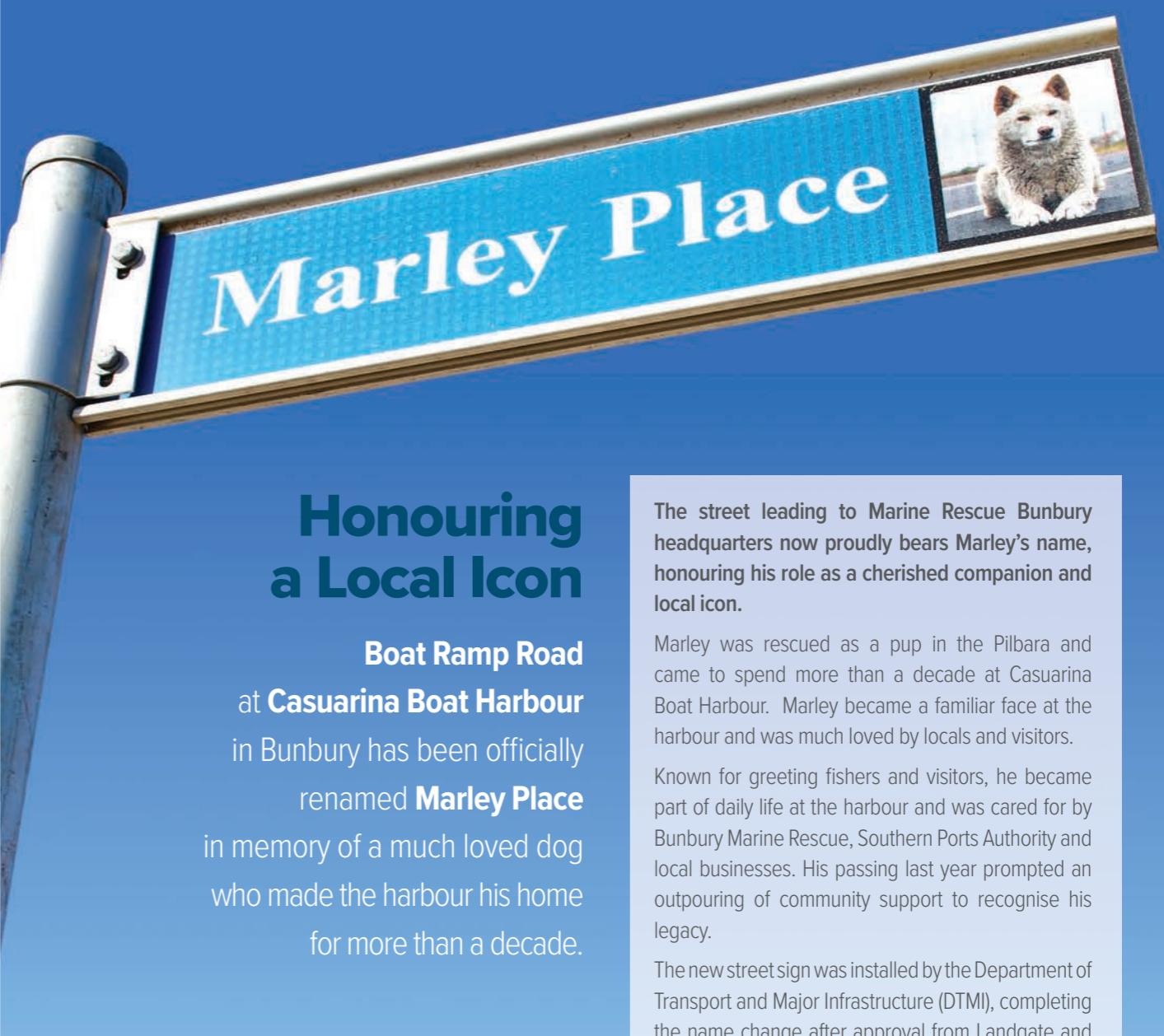
Dune revegetation
to protect our coastline and keep it healthy for future generations

These upgrades will seamlessly connect Jetty Baths park to Casuarina Boat Harbour, creating a continuous, vibrant coastal precinct.

Other benefits include enhanced coastal protection and safety measures while paving the way for future development.

Construction for this stage will continue until late 2026. Throughout the works, fencing and signage will be in place to ensure the community's safety while we deliver these exciting improvements.

The Casuarina Drive Redevelopment is proudly managed by DevelopmentWA



Honouring a Local Icon

Boat Ramp Road at **Casuarina Boat Harbour** in Bunbury has been officially renamed **Marley Place** in memory of a much loved dog who made the harbour his home for more than a decade.

The street leading to Marine Rescue Bunbury headquarters now proudly bears Marley's name, honouring his role as a cherished companion and local icon.

Marley was rescued as a pup in the Pilbara and came to spend more than a decade at Casuarina Boat Harbour. Marley became a familiar face at the harbour and was much loved by locals and visitors.

Known for greeting fishers and visitors, he became part of daily life at the harbour and was cared for by Bunbury Marine Rescue, Southern Ports Authority and local businesses. His passing last year prompted an outpouring of community support to recognise his legacy.

The new street sign was installed by the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI), completing the name change after approval from Landgate and close collaboration with the City of Bunbury and the South West Development Commission.

This milestone is part of a broader memorial project. The project includes plans for a bronze statue and a themed mural on the harbour's ablution block.



Member for Bunbury Don Punch and the Community gather to recognise the naming of Marley Place in Casuarina Boat Harbour.

(L - R): James Armstrong, Peter Westgate - Regional Manager DTMI, Ann Hammond, Ann's granddaughter, John Davies, Member for Bunbury Don Punch, Michael Cooper, Di Procopio, Albert Fullarton with Rebel the dog.

Bunbury waterfront development stages



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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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