

# MARINA MATTERS

## Spoilbank Marina project newsletter



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### New funding partner for Spoilbank Marina

**BHP is investing in the Spoilbank Marina project, with a commitment of \$12.4million.**

The resource company joins Pilbara Ports Authority, the Department of Transport, Pilbara Development Commission, and the Town of Port Hedland as project partners.

BHP's funding will be used towards a range of landside features, including a water feature, fishing jetty and a fish cleaning station.

Premier Mark McGowan and Ports Minister Rita Saffioti visited the site in late August to view progress and welcomed the

contribution, which forms part of BHP's commitment to develop Port Hedland's West End into a vibrant maritime project.

Minister for Ports Rita Saffioti said it's fantastic to see construction works well underway at the Spoilbank Marina, which will transform the Port Hedland waterfront into a popular destination for locals and visitors.

"This is a great opportunity for local businesses and contractors to get involved in this transformational project, with local jobs already created, and more to come," she said.

### CAPTURE AND RELEASE PROGRAM A SUCCESS

Pilbara Ports Authority's Environment and Heritage team recently added the capture and release of hundreds of marine species at the Spoilbank Marina site to their remit.

The relocation - which involved the use of cast nets and landing nets - is part of our Construction Environmental Management Plan, under direction from the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).

The environment team counted more than 45 different species of marine life, including estuary cod, barracuda, coralfish, red spot emperor, king threadfin, tiger prawns, cowtail stingray, leopard whiplay, whiting, mangrove jack, puffer fish and stone fish.

On the busiest day, 29 stingrays - plus a range of other fish - were relocated.

The marine life were released on the western side of the Spoilbank, within the construction zone.



Pictured, left to right: Member for Pilbara Kevin Michel, Premier Mark McGowan, Minister for Ports Rita Saffioti, BHP General Manager Port Nilson D'Avila and Pilbara Ports Authority CEO Roger Johnston.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Works currently underway on the Spoilbank Marina project include earthworks to level out the site, construction of the breakwater, and establishing access roads.

To date, 52 per cent of project spend has been awarded to Pilbara-based businesses and 36 per cent to registered Aboriginal businesses.

Tender applications for Package 3 works for the construction of marine structures are being assessed, and the preferred tender is expected to be announced by December.

Because the Spoilbank Marina will sit on the land and sea country of the Kariyarra people, their culture, knowledge and stories will be woven into the design of artworks at the marina.

An expression of interest was issued to local Kariyarra artists and creatives to attend a workshop to develop public art concept designs for the marina.

To achieve this, we're inviting Kariyarra artists, designers and story-holders to participate in a workshop to share Marapikurrinya stories and explore creative ideas for site-specific public artwork opportunities. See the public art story on the back page.

A second expression of interest for public artwork opportunities will be open to the wider Port Hedland community in the months ahead.

## VIEW OUR PROGRESS

Our timelapse photos show bulk earthworks progress at the Spoilbank Marina site, from 28 June to 30 September 2021.



There have been a lot of earth movements in a short period of time. In fact, 35,000m<sup>3</sup> of material has been excavated from the site since earthworks began in June. Material has been excavated from the marina basin and used to raise ground levels in the east and west parts of the site.

We are also preparing the western side of the site to start building the first breakwater. Almost 17,000 tonnes of rock has been

delivered to start constructing the breakwater, with more to come.

A new construction access road has been built off Sutherland Street. This is both the construction access road and a temporary public access road to the Yacht Club, while we continue to construct a separate public access road to the Yacht Club. These roads will be sealed in the months ahead.

Please follow the signage directions while these works are underway.

45+  
MARINE SPECIES  
RELOCATED



SPOILBANK END OF PROJECT STATISTICS

430,000 tonnes  
ROCK TO BE IMPORTED



470,000m<sup>3</sup>  
FILL TO BE EXCAVATED



190,000m<sup>3</sup>  
MATERIAL TO BE DREDGED



DUST MITIGATION



Dust mitigation strategies include watering roads and monitoring dust size, type and quality across the marina site.



The Spoilbank Marina project, along with any other earthworks project, has the potential to generate dust. Pilbara Ports Authority, together with our contractor MGN Civil, has committed to dust mitigation strategies, including watering roads and spraying binding agent on the access roads.

Air quality monitors have been at the site since late 2020. Three real time monitors capture air quality readings at regular intervals, as well as wind speed and direction. Ten gauges capture depositional dust particles, which are taken

to a laboratory every 30 days to determine the size, type and quantity of airborne particles.

We have applied a binding agent on the Spoilbank public access road, to further control dust in the area. A 50m stretch of this road

will also be sealed from Sutherland Street to further mitigate dust emissions. The new main access road to the site will also be sealed.

We ask the community to do their part in minimising dust by driving at lower speeds along the Spoilbank public access road.

If you have any questions, please email [Spoilbank.Marina@pilbaraports.com.au](mailto:Spoilbank.Marina@pilbaraports.com.au).

## SHARING THE STORIES OF THE KARIYARRA PEOPLE

Public art that celebrates the stories of the local Kariyarra people and the broader Port Hedland community will be an important feature of the Spoilbank Marina.



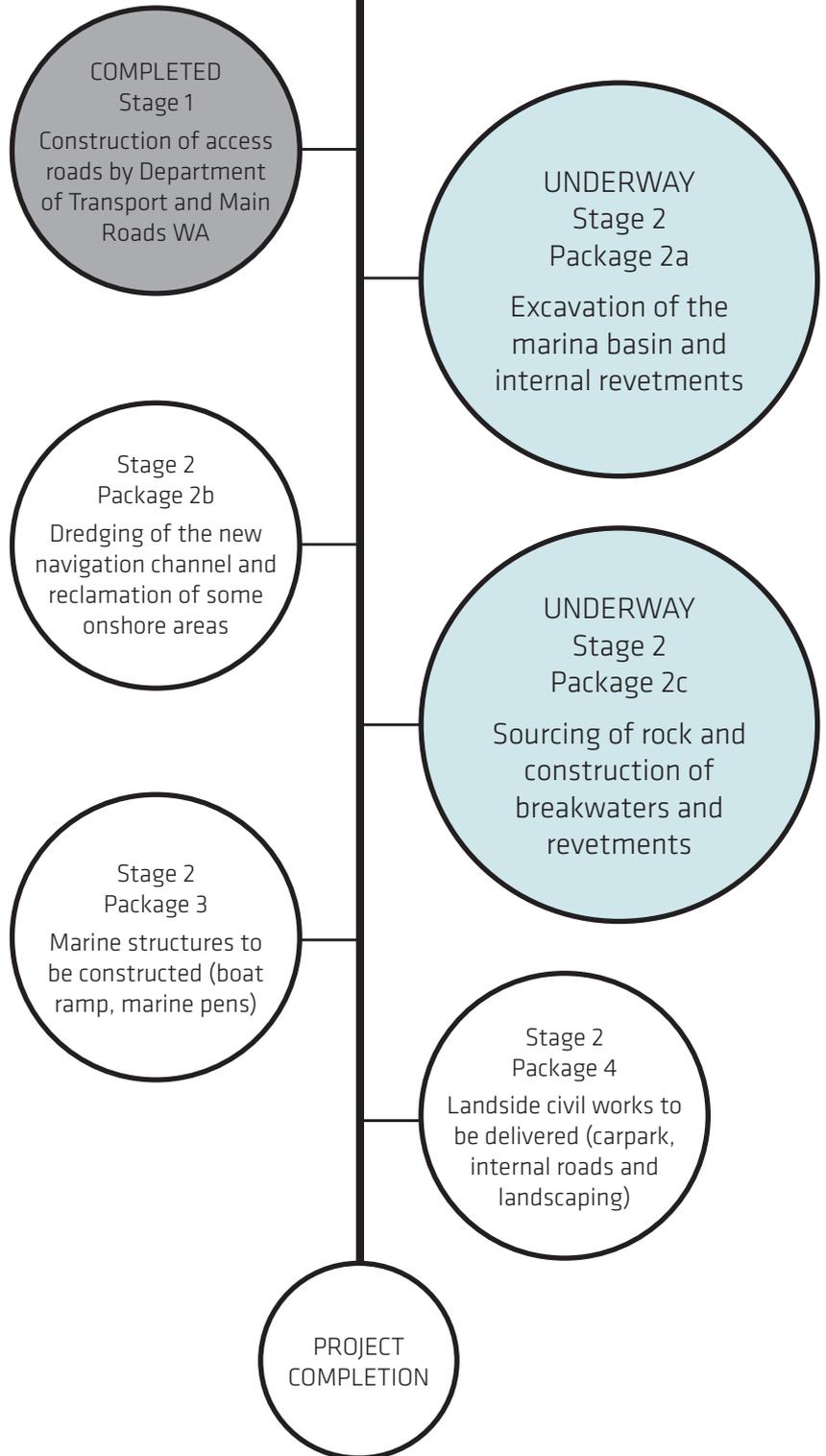
It will also create a lasting legacy that will serve to highlight the cultural significance of the coast to the first peoples of the Kariyarra community.

In October, not-for-profit arts organisation FORM is facilitating a professional development workshop for Kariyarra creatives to work on public art design concepts for the marina. The workshop will provide individuals with the skills they may need to translate their stories, ideas and artistic practice for public and outdoor spaces.

The public art could be anything from designs integrated into shade canopies, text and patterning carved into seating and walkways, murals and mosaic designs, or playful sculptures that encourage discovery and interaction.

The broader Port Hedland community will be invited to participate in further public art opportunities in the months ahead. For more information, contact Lucy or Emily at FORM on 08 9385 2200.

## PROJECT TIMELINE



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