

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Start date set for Koombana Bay foreshore revitalisation

Contractors will move in to the Koombana Bay foreshore area from Wednesday, 26 April to begin preliminary work on a redevelopment project that will deliver a world-class precinct by the end of the year.

The start of work will result in access to the foreshore area being limited, and at times the construction zone from the Dolphin Discover Centre to the Koombana Bay Sailing Club will be fully closed to the public.

Access to the Dolphin Discovery Centre and sailing club will be maintained with the public still able to enjoy the beach east of the dolphin centre.

The kiosk, which will be fully redeveloped as part of the project, will close after the Easter break.

Ertech Pty Ltd will carry out the \$10.8 million dollar project on behalf of the City of Bunbury, with work to include the construction of an iconic pedestrian bridge over The Plug; an amphitheatre; improved kiosk and public facilities; new playground; revamped public areas and car parks; plus engineered sea walls and associated infrastructure.

Sixteen South West contractors will be engaged by Ertech, with the value of local work being \$7.85m, or 72 per cent of the total funds to be spent on the project.

The work is being carried out as Stage 1 of the Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront project, a joint effort between the City and South West Development Commission and funded through the State Government's Royalties For Regions Growing Our South Initiative.

Work is expected to be completed by early December.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the City would keep the public updated about the progress of the project.

"Limited access will mean people won't actually be able to see what is happening as the project progresses, but we are keen to keep people informed as this significant redevelopment unfolds," Mr Brennan said.

"Regular updates will be posted on social media, including the City of Bunbury and Transforming Bunbury's Waterfront Facebook pages, along with websites and City publications."

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