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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### FREMANTLE TRAFFIC BRIDGE

Well the bridge seems to be taking great shape and will certainly be more of a “Visual Landmark” than any other local Traffic Bridge.

Water Flow at incoming and outgoing tides seems already to have “evened out” with less pylon restriction in the water, and greater space between the pylons. At times the “Old Bridge” looked a little like a “Horizontal Waterfall” . So from a Boaters perspective, it should make entering and departing the river a much safer/easier proposition. Yachtees will be delighted with the for greater Water to bridge height – Many more masts will fit under the New Bridge.

We are though, very disappointed that despite our best efforts and considerable communications – **WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HAVE A FISHING PLATFORM RE-INSTATED BENEATH THE BRIDGE**. This was the only issue raised by the Public as being important and of historical significance – and this came from Meeting 1 and was recorded at all meetings. BoatingWA has since written to the Minister, Local Councils, Fremantle Historical Society, and the Bridge Building Team.

Fishing under the Freo Traffic Bridge has been a “Rite of Passage” for a huge percentage of Local Kids. We have also aligned with RecFishWest in making this request of Government. Their perspective strongly aligns with ours.

We noted that a number of Pylons would be left from the “Old Bridge” as a salute to the History of the Bridge – and pursued the relevant Authorities to incorporate a “Viewing/Fishing Platform” around those pylons. A further resounding NO!

So we have not been able to have this small ask furthered – even though it was recorded and acknowledged as THE ONLY HISTORICAL FACTOR voiced at every Public Meeting since meeting Number 1.

Fishers and Boaters start somewhere in their journey to become Boaters – so BoatingWA will continue further this point whenever opportunity presents!

Boating Western Australia acknowledges the passing two young men engaging in the sport they loved so much.

To the families, and friends – We extend our sincere sympathy.

### VALE.

Daniel Turpin 35

Spearfishing near Michaelmas Island off Albany

and

Steven Mattaboni 38

Spearfishing near Horseshoe Reef Rottnest Island.

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*Front cover photo courtesy of Paul Nicholls*

A reminder to Boaters that Spearfishing is regarded as the most dangerous of watersports and necessitates a great deal of care., particularly in ensuring that none of your catch is carried on your person. Predators go to the injured fish; hence it is vital that they are not carried on your person – floats or a sandspike are essential.

Considering areas around Perth/Fremantle that Spearfishers enjoy – there a couple of areas that register with most recorded shark activity. These are:

- Rottnest island
- Garden Island/Cockburn Sound (North End)
- Esperance
- Albany and the South Coast
- Bremer Bay region.

Common Factors in encounters are:

- Seal Colonies
- Islands
- Deep water close to shore.
- Migration routes of whales and large fish.

Times of day when encounters occur most (Remember – There is no perfect rule on this, but risk generally increases at):

- Dawn
- Dusk
- Poor Visibility
- Overcast conditions

Spearfishing stands out for risk in chosen recreation.

Western Australia factors as around number 5 in the world for encounters.

Measures to mitigate risk:

- Check SharkSmart alerts on your phone
- Avoid areas with recent sightings
- Avoid Seal Colonies
- Whale carcasses mean “DO NOT SWIM”
- Avoid murky water.

A Safety thought!!!!

The WA Government still offers a rebate on Shark deterrent. The rebate is \$200 per approved device!

This is applied at the Point of Sale through participating retailers.

The Approved Devices include:

Ocean Guardian FREEDOM 7

Ocean Guardian FREEDOM + Surf and RPELA units.

Does science still support shark deterrents:

YES – BUT WITH LIMITS!!

Around 60% reduction in risk is their assessment.

However – NO DEVICE GIVES 100% SAFETY GUARANTEE

Diving is much out of my reach these days as my age and health suggest strongly that time has passed. I have a few friends who are still diving and the Shark Repellant is in their kit of essential safety equipment.

**WA has had 6 CONFIRMED FATALITIES SINCE 2020. AND TWO WITHIN THE LAST MONTH.**

**WA is ranked around number 5 of Shark activity spots in the world.**

**So – consider the alarm systems available to you**

**Consider the Repellants available, (and the subsidy!)**

**Pick your spot and pick your day1.**

It is a fantastic pastime – and when I take the Grandies out – Boating almost becomes a history lesson, Garden Island, Catalpa, The Swan River, The Harbour/CY O'Connor - The History is boundless!!

For my part – the water I swim in will be considerably shallower – and it will have to be a hot clear day!

So be safe.

Plan your trips well

Happy and safe Boating



Colin Lockley PRESIDENT

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- **Westport Community Update**

Welcome to the Westport community newsletter. We are excited to share the latest updates with you.

### Requests for proposals open for seagrass restoration trials

Westport is seeking seagrass restoration providers to be part of Innovative Seagrass Restoration Trials.



The aim of the trials is to find new and innovative methods for planting seagrass as part of Westport's commitment to the restoration of seagrass meadows in Cockburn Sound.

These early trials commencing in late 2026 are planned well ahead of the port development and build on years of independent, peer-reviewed science from the WAMSI Westport Marine Science Program.

Seagrass restoration providers can submit a proposal via Tenders WA.

[Read more](#)

### Connection to Country through Noongar artwork



Westport's Noongar artwork reflects the strong Noongar connection to the land, sea and animals of Derbal Nara (Cockburn Sound).

Created by Noongar artist Peter Farmer, he used the coastal map of the future port area as a basis for the artwork, with Noongar symbols to represent traditional and contemporary communities and Noongar totems important to the area.



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The artwork represents the journey of Westport and the Noongar community, ensuring Noongar values and knowledge are embedded throughout the port development process.

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## Supporting the future with Anketell Road upgrades



The Australian and Western Australian governments have announced funding to deliver upgrades to Anketell Road – a key road connection supporting the future Westport container terminal and port operations in Kwinana.

Stage 1 works include:

- widening Anketell Road to four lanes between Leath Road and Abercrombie Road
- new grade-separated crossing at Rockingham Road.

These upgrades will improve freight movements linked to Westport, reduce pressure on surrounding roads, and ease congestion for local communities as the Western Trade Coast continues to grow.

[Read the article](#)

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## New demersal rules and \$50 tackle rebate announced

This morning, I joined Fisheries Minister Jackie Jarvis and tackle shop owner Ashley Ramm at Tackle World Miami in Mandurah for the Minister's announcement of two important initiatives for WA fishers:

new demersal bag and size limits outside the West Coast Bioregion, and

boat fishing licence holders will get a rebate of up to \$50 for the purchase of fishing gear through participating WA independent tackle stores.

Both initiatives stem from commitments made in December last year as part of the State Government's response to demersal sustainability challenges and broader fisheries reform measures.

Importantly, the tackle rebate scheme is designed to support WA fishers and local tackle businesses following the biggest fisheries management reset in WA history.

Here's a quick overview of what was announced today and our take on it.

### **New demersal rules from 1 June**

The new rules will apply **outside the West Coast Bioregion**.

Key changes include:

- A mixed demersal bag limit of four demersal fish per person per day (previously five)
- Dhufish reduced to one fish. Coral trout, coronation trout and western blue groper remain at one fish per species.
- Pink snapper, red emperor and tuskfish species (including baldchin groper and bluebone) reduced to two per species.
- On the South Coast, nannygai remain outside the mixed demersal limit, with a bag limit of four fish per person per day.
- The size limit for pink snapper and red emperor will now be 45 cm.

[For all the details on the changes click on DPIRD's website here](#)

The Minister also confirmed future management arrangements for the West Coast Bioregion are still under consideration and will be announced ahead of the reopening of the demersal fishery in Spring 2027.

Overall, we believe the changes announced today are balanced, sensible and broadly reflect the feedback we've been hearing from fishers we've been talking to across the State.

Importantly, the new rules support the sustainability of key species outside the west coast closure, such as red emperor in the Pilbara and pink snapper on the South Coast, and are a direct response to ensure these fisheries remain healthy for the long term.

And it's worth noting that the new rules are now simpler and easier to understand.

[Click here to read the Minister's media release.](#)

## **\$50 tackle shop rebate scheme**

This is a positive initiative and a perfect excuse to head into your local tackle shop and grab some new gear.

All current boat fishing licence holders will be eligible to claim a rebate of up to \$50 on fishing gear purchased through participating WA independent tackle retailers.

This is a fair and practical step from the Government in recognising that many boat fishing licence holders have paid for access to a demersal fishery they can't currently use. It's the first time we've seen this kind of response, and it's a sensible way to acknowledge that impact in a way that supports both fishers and local tackle businesses.

With more than 40 independent tackle shops across WA participating in the scheme, it should be easy enough to get some new gear and the kind of clued up fishing advice your local tackle shop can provide.

From today, simply keep your receipt after purchasing eligible gear and submit your claim through the ServiceWA app or an online form to get your rebate from next Monday, 18 May, up until 17 November, 2026.

[Click here to learn how to claim your rebate and see participating tackle stores.](#)

So, whether it's some new lures, a catch bag or squidding gear, now's the perfect time to support your local tackle shop and expand the contents of your tackle box!



**Dr Andrew Rowland**

Recfishwest Chief Executive Officer



### **Gascoyne**

#### **Advice: Installation of Environmental Monitoring Buoys – Offshore Point Murat, Exmouth Gulf**

Mariners are advised that two (2) environmental monitoring buoys have been deployed 4NM east of Point Murat within Exmouth Gulf at the following locations:

- -21° 48.091200'S 114° 15.893000'E
- -21° 48.139000'S 114° 15.818400'E

- **Yacht Grot adds a new level of service for BoatingWA Members!**

Roger and his Team at Yacht Grot have been serving BoatingWA Members (individually) for around 30 years – with every conceivable boating part and accessory.

To formalise our partnership, Roger is offering an individual discount to BoatingWA members on the production of their membership card.

It will not take the form of a set discount, as every item in stock has a different margin on it. It will be up to you to ask Roger and the Yacht Grot team – What is my BoatingWA price?

Discounts will vary on the item – but discounts are discounts, and the store that as given our members the best service and prices for this long – it will certainly be worth producing your BoatingWA Membership card.

Introduce yourself to Roger and the Yacht Grot team - and enjoy the expertise and old world values that Yacht Grot has to offer.

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One buoy is 1.7m in diameter and 2.2m in height. The second buoy is smaller, measuring approximately 0.4m diameter. The buoys are located within 100m of each other.

Both buoys are yellow in colour and exhibit flashing yellow lights with a characteristic of Fl.Y. 2.5s.

Mariners are advised to maintain a proper lookout at all times and proceed with caution when navigating in this area.

**Chart reference:** AUS745 - North West Cape to Point Maud

**Location:** -21: 48.1086'S 114: 15.8608'E

**Start date:** 27/5/2026

**End date:** 31/12/2027

**Issued:** 27/5/2026

#### **Advice: Installation of Environmental Monitoring Buoys – Offshore Learmonth, Exmouth Gulf**

Mariners are advised that two (2) environmental monitoring buoys have been deployed 10NM east of Learmonth within Exmouth Gulf at the following locations:

- -22° 11.001200'S 114° 15.899300'E
- -22° 10.975100'S 114° 15.896200'E

One buoy is 1.7m in diameter and 2.2m in height. The second buoy is smaller, measuring approximately 0.4m diameter. The buoys are located within 100m of each other.

Both buoys are yellow in colour and exhibit flashing yellow lights with a characteristic of Fl.Y. 2.5s.

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**Chart reference:** AUS745 - North West Cape to Point Maud

**Location:** -22: 10.9883'S 114: 15.8983'E

**Start date:** 27/5/2026

**End date:** 31/12/2027

**Issued:** 27/5/2026

#### **Great Southern**

##### **Advice: Installation of Water Access Staircase – Albany Waterfront Marina**

Mariners are advised that works are scheduled to install a water access staircase from the western face of the breakwater, Albany Waterfront Marina. Works will commence on 15 June to 3 July 2026, Monday to Friday from 7am to 5pm subject to daylight, weather and sea conditions.

Operations will be undertaken from a 12m x 8m self-propelled barge 'Longreach' equipped with a crane. Temporary yellow buoys equipped with flashing lights will be placed around work areas as a warning to approaching vessels.

Divers may be operating in and around the work areas. All dive support vessels will display the international code flag "A" whilst diving operations are in progress.

All vessels taking part in these works will display lights and shapes in accordance with the Prevention of Collisions in State Waters Regulations 1983 at all times.

Operators will monitor Marine VHF Channel 12 through the duration of the works.

Mariners are advised to maintain a proper lookout at all times, keep a safe distance and reduce speed and wake around the works, follow all temporary markers and signage, and comply with directions from site personnel as required.

**Chart reference:** WA1083 - Albany

**Location:** -35: 1.83'S 117: 53.16'E

**Start date:** 15/6/2026

**End date:** 3/7/2026

**Issued:** 11/6/2026

**Advice: Navigational Aid Replacement – Oyster Harbour, Albany**

Mariners are advised that works to replace the following navigational aids within Oyster Harbour will be undertaken from 15 June to 10 July 2026. Works will occur Monday to Saturday between 7:00am and 5:00pm subject to daylight, weather, and sea conditions. Works will be staged so that one navigational aid is fully replaced before moving to the next. Operations will be undertaken from a 12m x 8m self-propelled barge 'Longreach'

Location:

Coordinates for each location are provided below for reference:

- |                          |                          |                         |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Port Beacon No.8       | 34° 59.62'S 117° 56.72'E | • Port Beacon No.4      | 34° 59.47'S 117° 57.06'E |
| • Starboard Beacon No.5  | 34° 59.48'S 117° 56.80'E | • Starboard Beacon No.3 | 34° 59.50'S 117° 57.11'E |
| • Port Beacon No.6       | 34° 59.48'S 117° 56.82'E | • Port Beacon No.2      | 34° 59.60'S 117° 57.10'E |
| • Starboard Beacon No.3a | 34° 59.44'S 117° 57.06'E |                         |                          |

Divers will be working in and around the work area. All dive vessels will display the international code flag "A" whilst diving operations are in progress.

All vessels taking part in these works will display lights and shapes in accordance with the Prevention of Collisions in State Waters Regulations 1983 at all times.

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**Chart reference:** WA1083 - Albany

**Location:** -34: 59.56'S 117: 56.92'E

**Start date:** 15/6/2026

**End date:** 10/7/2026

**Issued:** 11/6/2026

**Peel**

**Advice: Barge Adrift – Serpentine River**

Mariners are advised that a works barge is currently adrift on the Serpentine River, last known location Lakes Road Bridge. The barge is black with checker plate top and 4x anchor poles on each corner.

Mariners are advised to maintain a proper lookout at all times and proceed with caution when navigating in this area.

**Chart reference:** WA848 - Peel Inlet and Harvey Estuary

**Location:** -32: 30.3478'S 115: 47.4108'E

**Start date:** 8/6/2026

**Issued:** 8/6/2026

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**Advice: Northern Lead Light Dimmed - Ocean Reef Marina**

Mariners are advised that the Ocean Reef Marina Lead Light has been reported as dim and not clearly visible from the required range

Mariners are advised to maintain a proper lookout at all times and proceed with caution when navigating in this area

**Chart reference:** WA001 - Ocean Reef to Cape Peron

**Location:** 31: 45.6364'S 115: 43.856'E

**Start date:** 12/6/2026

**Issued:** 12/6/2026

**Advice: Advice - Floating Timber Hazard - Swan River**

Mariners are advised that multiple large pieces of timber have been reported floating in the Swan River between Mosman Park and Swan River Yacht Club.

Mariners are advised to maintain a proper lookout at all times and proceed with caution when navigating in this area.

**Chart reference:** WA898 - Swan and Canning Rivers

**Location:** -32: 0.8870'S 115: 46.7887'E

**Start date:** 2/6/2026

**Issued:** 2/6/2026

### **South West**

Advice: Maintenance Works of Navigation Aids – Bunbury Shipping Channel

Mariners are advised of maintenance works taking place on the following navigational aids within the Bunbury Shipping Channel on 11 and 12 June 2026, during daylight hours:

- Starboard Beacon No.5 -33° 18.0642'S, 115° 39.0776'E
- Port Beacon No.6 -33° 18.4782'S, 115° 39.1957'E

Operations will be carried out from support vessel 'Scratchy' (ID 461265).

Diving operations will be in progress during the works. All dive vessels will display international code flag "A" whilst diving operations are in progress.

All vessels taking part in these works will display lights and shapes in accordance with the Prevention of Collisions in State Waters Regulations 1983 at all times.

Operators will monitor Marine VHF Channel 12.

Mariners are advised to maintain a proper lookout at all times and proceed with caution when navigating in this area.

**Chart reference:** WA859

**Location:** -33: 18.1789'S 115: 39.1542'E

**Start date:** 11/6/2026

**End date:** 12/6/2026

**Issued:** 11/6/2026

### **Swan and Canning Rivers**

**Event:** SUPWA Paddle Loop – Ascot, Swan River

Mariners are advised that approximately 15 participants will be competing in the approved 'SUPWA Paddle Loop' event between Ascot Kayak Club and Sandy Beach Reserve on the Swan River from 8:45 am to 10:00 am on the following dates:

- Sunday 14 June 2026
- Sunday 12 July 2026
- Sunday 2 August 2026
- Sunday 6 September 2026
- Sunday 4 October 2026

Mariners are advised to navigate with caution when transiting in this area while the event is taking place.

Chart reference: WA898 - Swan and Canning Rivers

Location: 31: 55.3051'S 115: 56.7270'E

**Issued:** 5/6/2026



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# POWER SECTION

## ★ 2026 CALENDAR ★

<p><b>Jun-26</b></p>	7th	FSC Time Trial State Heat 2	
	11th	Section Meeting	
	12th	Power Drinks @ FSC	
	20th	FSC Time Trial State Heat 3	
<p><b>Jul-26</b></p>	9th	Section Meeting – Christmas in July	
	11th	FSC Time Trial State Heat 4	
	18th	River Wine Tour	
	25th	FSC Time Trial State Heat 5	
<p><b>Aug-26</b></p>	8th	FSC Time Trial State Heat 6	
	13th	Section Meeting	
	30th	FSC Time Trial State Heat 7	
<p><b>Sep-26</b></p>	10th	Section Meeting	
	12th	FSC Time Trial State Heat 8	
	26th	Grand Final Day hosted by Power Section	
<p><b>Oct-26</b></p>	8th	Section Meeting	
	17th	City Lights Cruise	
<p><b>Nov-26</b></p>	12th	Section Meeting	
	14th	Gilligans Island Raft Up	
<p><b>Dec-26</b></p>	10th	Section Meeting – Christmas Party	



Dogs on Lead: With the weather cooling down, we're seeing more members and their four-legged friends enjoying the Club grounds. Please remember that all dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. This is both a Club and Council requirement, and fines may apply for dogs found off lead.



## Bunbury Yacht Club

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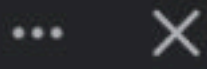
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Asian paddle crab



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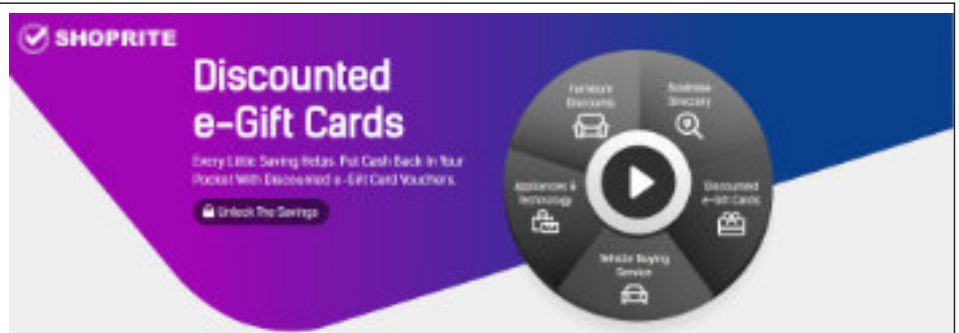
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The Shoprite team are currently in talks with many new businesses who are most eager to join their network and offer preferential discounts to members. Watch this space!

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## • **Bigger, better SailGP returns to Perth in 2027**

The Cook Labor Government is supporting the return of the Australia Sail Grand Prix | Perth in 2027, with an expanded waterside grandstand and new hospitality experiences so more fans can experience the thrill of SailGP.

- Australia Sail Grand Prix | Perth 2027 returns with a 35 per cent increase in capacity
- Tickets on sale for the Australian-exclusive event from 18 June 2026
- Global sailing championship taking place in Fremantle from 20-21 February 2027
- Event forms part of the Cook Labor Government's economic diversification strategy to generate valuable tourism dollars for local businesses and support local jobs

The Cook Labor Government is supporting the return of the Australia Sail Grand Prix | Perth in 2027, with an expanded waterside grandstand and new hospitality experiences so more fans can experience the thrill of SailGP.

Following the sell-out success of Perth's inaugural event in January 2026, the championship will come back to Western Australia as the only Australian SailGP destination on the 2027 global racing calendar, increasing the attendance capacity by 35 per cent.

Taking place in Perth from 20-21 February 2027, sailing fans can soon secure their tickets to the Australia Sail Grand Prix, with pre-sales commencing on 18 June and general sales from 23 June.

WA's event will be held at Fremantle's iconic Bathers Beach for a second consecutive year and is the sole home race of the 2027 season for Australia's championship-leading BONDS Flying Roos team, adding to the excitement for attendees.

The 2026 sporting spectacle attracted more than 12,000 attendees to Fremantle and surrounds and injected millions of dollars into the State's economy while setting a global broadcast record for SailGP, showcasing Perth and Fremantle to the world, with similar results expected again in 2027.

Next year's event marks the second year of a three-year agreement to host SailGP in Western Australia from 2026 to 2028, reinforcing Western Australia's reputation as a premier destination for major international sporting events.

2027 marks SailGP's seventh season and will be the league's biggest global expansion to date, with 13 events scheduled across Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, South America and the Middle East.

New destinations Hong Kong and Rome will join the championship calendar in 2027, alongside the return of San Francisco and other iconic host cities around the world, placing Perth among a prestigious lineup of world-class international destinations.

The elite sailing event forms part of the Cook Labor Government's strategy to diversify the economy through major events that attract visitors, support local businesses and create jobs, while showcasing Western Australia to a global audience.

Fans can sign up to SailGP+ to get first access to tickets at [sailgp.com](https://sailgp.com)

### **Comments attributed to Tourism Minister Reece Whitby:**

"It's fantastic to see the Australia Sail Grand Prix | Perth expanding in 2027, with a larger waterside grandstand and new hospitality experiences. This will mean more fans, more visitors to the State, and more eyes on Western Australia as a world-class host.

"After the sell-out success of Western Australia's first-ever SailGP event earlier this year, I encourage everyone who is interested in attending to grab their tickets early.

"As the only Australian stop on the 2027 SailGP calendar, this event is expected to attract thousands of interstate and international visitors, delivering a strong boost for local tourism, hospitality and businesses, as well as significant global media exposure."

## • **Ocean Reef Marina community facilities now operational**

The Cook Labor Government has marked a major milestone at Ocean Reef Marina, with the Marine Rescue Whitfords (MRW) Marina Manager (MM) facility and the Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club (ORSSC) now operational.

- Marine Rescue Whitfords new facility now complete, strengthening marine safety along Perth's northern coastline
- Service responds to around 250 incidents each year, assisting more than 500 people annually
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The purpose-built MRW facility provides a modern base for one of Western Australia's largest and busiest volunteer marine rescue groups, supporting critical search and rescue operations.

On call 24 hours a day, MRW covers a significant stretch of coastline from City Beach in the south to Alkimos in the north, extending up to 30 nautical miles offshore, providing a vital safety service to recreational boaters and water users.

The new two storey facility includes dedicated training spaces, operational offices and specialist equipment areas, along with a ground floor office for the future marina manager.

A rooftop communications suite further enhances co-ordination with emergency services and maritime agencies.

Adjacent to the MRW/MM facility, the ORSSC is also now operational, delivering upgraded dining, angling, dive, power boating and sailing facilities for members, overlooking the future family-friendly beach and coastal pool.

These are the first community facilities to become operational at Ocean Reef Marina.

Once complete, Ocean Reef Marina will have capacity for more than 1,000 residential dwellings and 12,000sqm of retail and commercial floorspace.

## • **Work to start on new Woodman Point Ammo Jetty**

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- Major milestone for Woodman Point Ammo Jetty project with contract awarded to commence works to modernise critical maritime infrastructure
- Local company Advantearing Civil Engineers selected to deliver the project, supporting more than 100 local jobs during construction
- Cook Labor Government delivering quality infrastructure and services across Western Australia

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The new safer and modern structure replacing the ageing jetty will provide improved access and reliability for the community for decades to come.

Scheduled for completion next year, it features significant improvements including:

a 50-metre-long, three-metre-wide T-head, more than doubling the fishing space in deep water;

greater separation between divers and fishers with a much wider main deck providing a safer environment;

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improved access to the water from the jetty for swimmers and divers via a dedicated ramp and low-level platform; and

increased protection for the valued marine biota on the existing jetty piles.

Following the completion of detailed design and a comprehensive two-stage tender process, local company Advantearing Civil Engineers was selected to undertake the important project having significant experience in the provision of marine infrastructure including recent work at Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour to reclaim land for the new penholder facility.

An initial \$11.67 million contract for the construction of the jetty has been awarded with provision for further works with a value of up to \$17.3 million to complete the project.

More than 100 jobs will be supported during the construction project, including eight apprentices.

A working group led by the Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure (DTMI) and comprising of the City of Cockburn, State Government agencies, Recfishwest, and Fishability continues to guide the jetty replacement project.

The project has planning approval, Traditional Custodians have been consulted throughout the process, and environmental approvals will be finalised before works commence.

To view the jetty design, visit: [transport.wa.gov.au/woodmanpointammojetty](https://transport.wa.gov.au/woodmanpointammojetty)



## • **Joint media statement - TENDERS SOUGHT FOR DELIVERY OF METRONET ON SWAN FERRY TERMINALS**

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The jointly funded \$107 million METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion project is set to transform connectivity on the Swan River, improving public transport options for locals and visitors.

A further \$10 million has been invested by the Australian Government to plan and design a future extension of the network to potential new stops in key riverside locations such as Maylands, Point Fraser, Burswood, Optus Stadium, Claisebrook, Belmont and Rivervale. [READMORE](#)

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