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FROM THE PRESIDENT

APRIL AND MAY!

My two best months for fishing. You have to watch the weather for “quick turns” and be cognizant of the arrival of the Seabreeze.

But days like today – little or no breeze – a flat ocean – time to stretch the motor a little and perhaps call in to Garden Is on the way in!

Enjoy the weather while you can – the lawnmowing will wait!

Just to update you on a few of the issues we have been pursuing,

- **Fishing under the Fremantle traffic Bridge.**

It was stated and recorded in the first of the Consultative Meetings with BWA and the public – that “fishing under the Bridge”

Was seen as a Rite of Passage for the youth of Fremantle – and although it was declared early – it has not been included in the final outcome.

We spoke with and put our concerns in writing to:

Minister Saffiotti

Those Managing and Conversing with the public on the Bridge Project.

The Mayor of Fremantle

The Fremantle Historical Society, and

We partnered with RecFishWest to push this point as far as we possibly could – **BUT WITH NO ONE LISTENING!**

We were aware from the “drawings” that a few pylons were to be left in the water at North Fremantle as a “monument to the history of the bridge.

We then tried to capitalise on that opportunity by suggesting and presenting sketches of how these pylons could be used in establishing a “Platform of History” – and to further that – How the “re-milled” timbers taken from the bridge could become part of the platform and further lock in the history of the Bridge.

To this point – after much consultation and effort – we have been unable to convince someone/anyone that the “ONLY ASK FROM THE PEOPLE OF FREMANTLE – AND THE ONLY PUBLICLY RECORDED REQUEST FROM THE PUBLIC OF FREMANTLE” - to replace the fishing Platform for the Youth of Fremantle.

BOATINGWA HAS NOT LET THIS ONE GO YET!

We will continue to pursue this outcome in all relevant forums.

Give the kids back Fremantle’s most iconic fishing spot. Don’t steal our history and Rite of Passage.

Whilst on the topic of “Things Fremantle”:

Front cover photo courtesy of Paul Nicholls

- **LEEWIN BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP.**

It is in “overflow” on regular occasions – and its position will become more crucial as the development of the New Harbour moves forward.

We have often used the example “that it is 39kms from Cockburn Power Boats Ramp to Hillary’s marina ramp”. To go down to the Leeuwin to launch and then be turned away is heartbreaking.

Much of the Parking Infrastructure a Leeuwin has been funded through The Recreational Boating Fund – ie from your Boat Licenses, and even with the current configuration of ramps – the parking is very tight. Parking on lawns at HMAS Leeuwin will get you a nasty fine.

Overview: We have 2 Jetties and 3 ramps currently and this could lend itself to 2 jetties and 4 ramps – thus speeding the launching process.

BUT - still the parking problem exists.

Boating WA has spoken with East Fremantle Council and we currently have a submission to Government to “Put aside or joint use an area” across the road in the Leeuwin Compound to park Cars and trailers whilst owners are out boating. The Leeuwin has been currently considered for sale – and we have registered our concern/claim to ensure that it is considered in the process of Subdivision and Sale.

Registered Vessels in WA now nears 105,000, and this will only continue to grow. Many of the new ventures – such a Westport will dominate and put pressure on Recreational Facilities, and BoatingWA see that we need to maximise the ones we have as well as seek new facilities.

- **FANTASTIC NEWS:**

RecFishWest and the original owner have taken over Management of the “Mussell Farms” in Cockburn Sound between the Coast and Garden Island.

The roping structure was still on the bottom – still carrying mussels.

If your memory is good, you will remember that the Mussell Farm (close to the “Blue Silos” at Rockingham) was savaged one night by a School of Snapper – who managed to remove 10tonnes of Mussels (Much to the owner’s chagrin!).

RecFishWest have recognised this as an opportunity to “continue attracting Snapper” to the area despite the new Westport Facilities coming into operation. The Beds will be reinstated (floating and marked) and remain as an attractant to Snapper and other such species coming into Cockburn Sound and give them a reason to continue doing so.

WHAT A BRILLIANT IDEA – AND BOON TO WA FISHOS.

Congratulations RecFishWest - Boating Western Australia salutes your foresight and expertise!

More to come on this initiative – but my Snapper pole is readied!!

- **SKIPPERS TICKETS – GETTING THEM AND HOLDING THEM!!!**

Boaters are aware that Drink Driving laws apply as much to Skippers on Water as they do to drivers of cars.

The rules are essentially the same and the penalties are very similar.

Add to this now is the provision that Boaters should be in good health when driving a boat, particularly with passengers aboard.

Dementia, Dizzy spells, blood pressure, diabetes - and the last one to arrive for consideration are eye tests.

Authorities are not asking for these items currently - and you are assumed to be in good health prior to taking yourself and passengers on the water in your boat.

- **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?

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BUT – here is a big but!

If these maladies present themselves – in some circumstances Doctors are obliged to report such instances.

This has recently happened to a Member of my Family who presented to his Doctor and within a day or so – got a notice that his license was cancelled and that he would require a certificate of wellbeing, and to re-sit his Driver's License. The fee to re-sit the license is considerable and as stated earlier must be accompanied by a certificate clearing you, from your Doctor. Paperwork is the same as per Drivers Licenses.

The BIG ONE will be if they ever attach an (AGE TEST) to licensing as they seem to be trying to do now.

Bus Drivers and professional Drivers have been obliged to operate under these rules for some time – and that each license renewal must be accompanied by a "Fit to Drive" certification from your Doctor.

BoatingWestern Australia will monitor for any changes on this front. We did campaign strongly and only accepted that Skippers ticket were testament to your ability to drive a vessel and would not be a renewable license. This has eroded a little with the new "Breathalyser Regulations – and we are watching for any uncomfortable changes on this point.

We grew old so that we could go out and play in our boats when we finally retired.

BoatingWA are keen to keep it that way!!!.

Enjoy what is left of WA's good boating weather and,

Be safe Always.



Colin Lockley

PRESIDENT

Boating Western Australia Inc.



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FROM THE LOG

• **Lifejacket Checker created to boost on-water safety**

Boat owners and water users now have access to a new digital tool to help them choose the correct lifejacket for their boating or recreational activities.

The Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure's (DTMI) Lifejacket Checker is a quick, easy to use, online guide designed to give skippers and others greater confidence when they are purchasing a lifejacket.

DTMI Director of Waterways Safety Management Graeme Meinema said a lifejacket could save a life but only if it was the correct type, size and fit for the activity, location and person wearing it.

"Safety compliance statistics show that 93 per cent of skippers meet the requirements for wearing and carriage of lifejackets and that is a fantastic result. However, there were still 710 cautions and infringements issued for noncompliance in WA last year and personal water craft (PWC) or Jetski riders accounted for 439 (62 per cent) of those which reinforces the need for further targeted education of operators to comply with marine laws and give safety higher priority," Mr Meinema said.

“The new Lifejacket Checker asks users questions about the type of on-water activities they need a lifejacket for including powerboating, paddling, sailing or riding a PWC, also the area they will be navigating and then identifies the appropriate lifejacket at the required level.

“It’s an easy, fast and effective way to ensure you make the right choice as a consumer, not only guaranteeing you are compliant with the law when you are on the water but also that your lifejacket is fit for purpose and will save your life in an emergency.”

In a registrable vessel carriage of lifejackets, meeting the standards, is required when more than 400 metres from shore in WA. Lifejackets must be worn in open waters on small vessels (less than 4.8 metres) or if you are aged between one and 12 years. All people on board a PWC must wear a lifejacket (minimum level 50s) at all times, in all navigable waters.

Mr Meinema said responsible skippers and water users should regularly check their lifejackets for signs of wear and tear and replace them if needed.

“The Lifejacket Checker also supports DTMI’s successful Make a difference lifejacket program where participants are shown how to maintain a lifejacket and given a voucher to buy a new lifejacket if theirs is deemed unserviceable,” Mr Meinema said.

“Lifejackets are a key part of being safe on the water and should always be worn when required, if you are not a good swimmer or if conditions are not ideal.

“Too often lives are lost when they are not worn.”

To find out more or use the [Lifejacket Checker](#) or visit our [website](#)



- **Lighthouse camera to capture whale movements**

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is trialling a new thermal imaging camera off the coast of Augusta to gather more information on humpback whale migration patterns.

The trial is part of DPRID's Working for Whales project which is engaging with businesses and industries across the State that operate in whale migratory areas to develop new ways to collect data and information on whale movements and behaviours.

This data will be used by DPIRD researchers to refine management measures to protect migrating humpback whales and mitigate potential entanglements, while also minimising impacts on fishers and other water users.

DPIRD Principal Research Scientist Jason How said the thermal imaging camera was currently located on the Leeuwin lighthouse, which due to its height above sea level and proximity to migrating whales, provided a great vantage point to detect whales.

"DPIRD worked with Capes Foundation, part of the Margret River Busselton Tourism Association, to install the camera on the lighthouse which will stay in place until August to capture the northern whale migration season," he said.



The thermal imaging camera located on the Leeuwin lighthouse provided a great vantage point to collect data and information on whale movements and behaviours. Photo credit: Coasting Outback.

The camera located on the Leeuwin lighthouse.

"The camera system uses thermal imaging to detect whale blows, which have distinct thermal signatures, coupled with AI processing of the data to record the sighting.

"The data will be analysed to produce a daily count of whales detected. This information will then be used to determine the peak migration period for humpback whales heading north and south to help inform fisheries management arrangements to mitigate whale entanglements."

Dr How said DPIRD was also exploring working other businesses including charter flight operators and whale watching companies to gather whale migration data.

“Much like ferries, charter flights often fly the same routes enabling them to potentially conduct 'surveys', which record where whales were sighted, but also where they weren't seen which can be equally as valuable,” he said.

Dr How said reporting sighting of whales via the revamped Marine Fauna Sightings app was another a great way for the community to contribute to important fisheries research by providing more specific and timely information on whale movements along our coast.

“If you sight a whale, it only takes a couple of minutes to use the app and make a report,” he said.

“The app automatically adds the GPS location, date and time from the phone or device to pinpoint the location of the sighting and then you can take a photo and upload as part of the report if you like.”

The Marine Fauna Sightings app was developed with the support of the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation and Western Rock Lobster, led by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development in partnership with Australian Antarctic Division and the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions.

The app can be downloaded from the Apple or Google Play stores or by visiting the [DPIRD website](#)



Mid West

Advice: Marine Construction and Demolition Works - Port Denison Boat Harbour

Mariners are advised Jetty that Marine Constructions Pty Ltd (JMC) will be carrying out marine construction and demolition works on the Port Denison Public Boat Ramp and the neighbouring concrete jetty from 1 May 2026 to 31 May 2026.

Works will take place Monday to Friday between 7:00 am and 5:00 pm, subject to daylight, weather, and sea conditions.

The boat ramp will be closed throughout the duration of the works.

Demolition of the adjacent concrete jetty will also be undertaken as part of the overall project works throughout the construction period.

The project will involve the use of a spudded barge and support Tug vessel operating in and around the jetty and boat ramp area.

During non-working hours, vessel, barge and equipment will remain securely moored within the designated work area. No vessels or equipment will be present on site on Saturdays or Sundays.

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.

The works area will be marked by temporary yellow buoys and warning signage installed both on the water and onshore.

Mariners are requested to proceed with caution, reduce speed and wake, follow all signage, and comply with directions of site personnel if required.



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Chart reference: WA963 - Dongara - Port Denison

Location: -29: 16.478'S 114: 55.115'E

Start date: 1/5/2026

End date: 31/5/2026

Issued:1/5/2026

Perth

Advice: Rottnest Island – Navigational Aid Replacement

Mariners are advised that Jetty and Marine Constructions Pty Ltd (JMC) will be carrying out staged replacement works on navigational aids within Rottnest Island Waters from 2 February to 30 June 2026. Works will be staged so that one navigational aid is fully replaced before moving to the next.

Working Hours:

- Monday to Saturday, 7:00 am – 6:00 pm subject to daylight, weather, and sea conditions.

Marine Operations and Safety:

- JMC will have a tug 'Leah' and spudded barge 'Shaw II' on site during the works with crane operations onboard.
- Operators on the above vessels will monitor Marine VHF channel 12 during operating hours.
- Temporary yellow flashing buoys will be placed around work areas as a warning to recreational and commercial vessels.
- Divers will be working in and around the work areas, and all dive vessels will display International Code Flag 'A' whilst diving operations are under way.

Mariners are advised to keep a safe distance and exercise caution when transiting the areas.

Location:

The works will affect the following navigational aids within Rottnest Island waters. Coordinates for each location are provided below for reference:

- Monday Rock Port Marker – 733
31°59.138' S 115°32.274' E
- Geordie Bay Port Marker – 718
31°59.340' S 115 31.181' E
- Longreach Bay Port Marker – 727
31° 59.329' S, 115° 31.691' E
- Rocky Bay Port Marker – 762
32° 00.640' S, 115° 28.009' E
- Thomson Bay Port Marker – 765
31° 59.754' S, 115° 33.051' E
- Rocky Bay Port Marker – 754
32° 00.581' S, 115° 28.015' E
- Point Clune Port Marker – 3624
31° 59.117' S, 115° 31.368' E

Mariners are advised to maintain a safe distance from all work areas and proceed with caution. Reduce speed and wake, follow all temporary markers and signage, and comply with instructions from site personnel as required.

Chart reference: WA412 - Rottneest Island

Location: -32: 0.2709'S 115: 30.4233'E

Start date: 2/2/2026

End date: 30/6/2026

Issued: 12/5/2026

South West

Advice: Old Pilot Boat Jetty Demolition - Casuarina Boat Harbour, Bunbury

Mariners are advised that Jetty and Marine Constructions Pty Ltd (JMC) will be undertaking demolition works at the old Pilot boat jetty from 20 April 2026 to 31 May 2026.

The works will occur in the immediate vicinity of the old Pilot boat jetty, within the Casuarina Boat Harbour, adjacent to the Marine Rescue Bunbury building.

Works will be conducted Monday to Saturday between the hours of 7:00 am to 5:00 pm subject to daylight, weather, and sea conditions.

During the works period:

- A JMC barge with crane operations will be positioned at the worksite
- A silt curtain will be installed around the demolition area
- Temporary yellow flashing buoys will mark the works area; these will be located external to the silt curtain
- Diving operations will be conducted in and around the worksite
- All dive vessels will be clearly marked with dive flags in accordance with regulations

All vessels associated with the works will display lights and shapes as required by the Prevention of Collisions in State Waters Regulations 1983.

When navigating the area mariners are advised to reduce their speed and wake, keep well clear of all work areas and follow all temporary markers and signage.

For assistance or further information, contact site vessels on Marine VHF Channel 12, which will be continuously monitored by JMC.

Chart reference: WA859 - Bunbury to Port Geographe

Location: -33: 18.5855'S 115: 38.4889'E

Start date: 21/4/2026

End date: 31/5/2026

Issued: 21/4/2026

Swan and Canning Rivers

Advice: Bridge Inspection Works – Narrows Bridge, Swan River

Mariners are advised that pipeline inspection works will be undertaken beneath Narrows Bridge on the Swan River between Wednesday, 13 May 2026 and Sunday, 17 May 2026.

The works will be conducted daily between 7:00am and 5:00pm from a scaffold tower mounted on the deck of an 8m x 4m work barge, 'Westcoast 2' (UVI 462544). Vessel access through the navigational span will be maintained; however, partial obstruction may occur during certain stages of the works.

The work barge will be positioned at multiple locations beneath the bridge to provide inspectors access to the pipeline across the bridge structure as per the work schedule below:

Works Schedule:

- Wednesday 13 May - Inspections commence across the navigation span
- Thursday 14 May - Inspections continue across the navigation span
- Friday 15 May - Inspections will be focused on the Port outer span
- Saturday 16 May - Inspections will focus on the Starboard outer span
- Sunday 17 May - Contingency day to complete any outstanding inspections on the outer spans

A spotter vessel 'SPV 865' will be stationed in close proximity to the work barge while operations are underway within the navigable span of the bridge. The spotter vessel will alert approaching vessels to the works ahead and coordinate with the work barge to temporarily cease operations and exit the navigational span, allowing river traffic to pass safely. Operators will monitor Marine VHF Channel 16 and Channel 9 during operational hours. All vessels associated with the works will display appropriate lights and shapes in accordance with the Prevention of Collisions in State Waters Regulations 1983 at all times.

Mariners are advised to maintain a proper lookout, navigate at a safe speed, and minimise wake and wash when operating in the vicinity of the works.

Chart reference: WA898 - Swan and Canning Rivers

Location: -31: 57.7888'S 115: 50.8181'E

Start date: 13/5/2026

End date: 17/5/2026

Issued: 4/5/2026

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NEWS FROM THE CLUBS



FREMANTLE SAILING CLUB



Join the Cruising Section on Thursday 21 May for their next Topic Night, focusing on lithium batteries onboard your boat.

Dacre Barrett-Lennard, Manager of WA Solar Supplies, will share practical insights into what you need to know, followed by Rob Hills and Iain Grassick speaking from their own first-hand experience.

All members welcome. No registration required.

QUIZ NIGHTS ARE BACK TONIGHT

Quiz Nights return to the Sailors Bar tonight, with Bamboozled Quiz Masters bringing a fun, fast-paced evening of trivia from 7pm.

Plus, enjoy our new Wednesday night curry specials from the Winter Menu.

We recommend booking a table in the Sailors Bar if you're planning to join us.

Members and guests welcome.



Friday nights at the Club are about to get even more interesting, with this week's Members' Draw jackpot hitting \$1000 after Trevor Whittle wasn't there to claim it last Friday.

Join us from 5.30pm for Happy Hour, live music from Bill Chidzey through to 8.30pm, and complimentary bar snacks from 6.30pm. Grab a drink, catch up with friends and make sure you're there when the draw is called.



HELPING MEMBERS LOVE LIFE ON THE RIVER

The Byfield's Biggest Morning Tea



The Byfield's Biggest Morning Tea returns to the Club on Thursday 21st May, with doors opening from 9:30am for a morning that remains close to the hearts of many within the SYC community.

This year's event includes raffles, auctions and some incredible prizes including accommodation vouchers, river cruise lunches, private river cruises, champagne and more.

\$15 entry + please bring a small plate to share. RSVP is essential with Reception.

Wednesday: Steak Night



Have you come down for Steak Night yet?

Join us at the Swan Yacht Club for a deliciously satisfying dinner! Choose from a tender 200g Sirloin for just \$22 or a juicy 350g T-bone for only \$27, both served with golden, crispy chips and a fresh salad.

Come unwind by the river, enjoy a relaxing atmosphere, and treat yourself to a mouthwatering meal! Don't miss out – it's the perfect way to spend your evening!



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Rottnest News



Joint Statement: Traditional ceremony marks reinterment of Aboriginal ancestral remains on Wadjemup / Rottnest Island

Cultural Warning: This statement contains references to Aboriginal ancestral remains.

9 MAY 2026

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NO RAFTING

Members are reminded that rafting of vessels is prohibited in Herring Bay and Pig Trough Bay.

Rafting is the mooring together of two or more vessels in any configuration as per the examples below.



Why is it important?

GIFAA manages the moorings under the Recreational Moorings Management Policy for the Controlled Naval Waters of Garden Island (2005). The policy and the GIFAA Constitution set out the requirements for recreational boats to use the moorings within naval waters.

It is essential that GIFAA members adhere to the policy to help ensure that we maintain our relationship and compliance with the navy so that we can continue the use of the island and moorings.

- Rafting of vessels results in congestion within the mooring area
- Rafting of vessels can interfere with the swing of moorings resulting in damage to vessels
- Rafting of vessels may load the mooring beyond its design or cause other damage.
- Non-compliance with the policy may lead to issues with ongoing use of the island and moorings.

What can I do?

- All members should adhere to the policy at all times. It is important that we set an example for the public.
- If you see a non-member rafting, politely let them know about the policy and the signage at the entrance to Herring Bay.
- You can download a copy of the WELCOME TO GARDEN ISLAND BROCHURE from the GIFAA web-page and pass to non-members [[DOWNLOAD](#)]

With the use of large floating pontoons becoming more popular please be mindful of the potential impact of its use in the restricted space of the mooring area.

Pete Fry

Secretary

Garden Island Fishing and Aquatic Association (inc)



The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) is reminding freshwater fishers not to return pest species such as redfin perch, carp and goldfish to the water.

It follows new DPIRD research that revealed some recreational fishers were releasing pest freshwater fish species back into the water after being caught.

These species pose a significant threat to native fish and if not eaten, these fish species should be humanely euthanised and disposed of in a rubbish facility or bin.

Under no circumstances should pest fish species be translocated to other waterways.

The latest South West Freshwater Angling Survey showed that redfin perch accounted for 77 per cent of the total catch in 2024/25.

The research showed that almost one in five redfin perch caught was released despite the risk to WA's freshwater fisheries.

While most fishers are aware that redfin is a pest species, they may not be aware of the need to retain and not release caught fish.

Redfin perch have a voracious appetite with a diet including crustaceans like marron and small fish including native galaxiid minnows

Redfin can be found in dams, rivers and streams in the South West and, as a prolific breeder, their numbers can grow rapidly when introduced to a new waterway and out-compete native fish species.

DPIRD Fisheries Management Officer Aaron Moses said the recorded 19 per cent release rate of redfin perch was a concern.

"The increase in released catches of redfin perch is likely due to a lack of awareness of the impact this pest species can have on the environment," Mr Moses said.

"All fishers can play a key role by removing and not releasing redfin perch to help protect the future quality of the marron fishery in the WA's South West Region."

More details on redfin perch and other large predatory pest species are available in a fact sheet for freshwater fishers at [redfin-perch-fact-sheet.pdf](#)



- **DPIRD’s survey on proposed changes to recreational blue swimmer crab rules on the West Coast has officially closed.**

Recfishwest has made our submission following consultation with the crabbing community across the West Coast.

[Click here to read our full submission.](#)

In summary, we support the 10 crab bag limit as it is simple, consistent, sustainable and helps keep the fishery in good shape while making the rules easier to follow.

However, we don’t support pushing the whole recreational season back to January.



This would unnecessarily take away December crabbing opportunities, especially when many fishers are already getting good catches of legal crabs in places like the Swan River, Cockburn Sound and Peel-Harvey when using drop nets. Plus, many families love to get a feed of crabs for Christmas.

Instead, we’ve proposed delaying scoop netting in the Peel-Harvey until Boxing Day, a targeted measure that protects undersize crabs early in the season while keeping December crabbing open elsewhere.

“Crabbing is one of WA’s great family fishing experiences enjoyed by a huge amount of WA’s recreational fishers, so getting these settings right really matters,” said Recfishwest CEO Dr Andrew Rowland.

“We will keep the fishing community updated on any changes. We have put forward a practical middle ground that protects undersize crabs while maintaining December crabbing opportunities.”

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• Northern suburbs to gain new fishing jetty at Quinns Rocks

Great news for shore-based fishers in Perth's northern suburbs, with Fisheries Minister Jackie Jarvis unveiling plans for a new 17.3m fishing jetty at Quinns Rocks.

Set to be ready by early 2027, the four-metre-wide jetty will extend from the groyne near Frederick Stubbs Park and include a range of fishing-friendly features.

"Recfishwest campaigned hard for more fishing jetties as part of our 2025 State election manifesto, so it's great to see this commitment for a new jetty in the northern metro suburbs progressing," said Levi De Boni, Recfishwest's fishing jetties and platforms project lead.

"We also welcome the City of Wanneroo taking on our input into the design, including practical features like a fish cleaning station with a solar-powered saltwater tap and lighting."

Jetties are often where youngsters catch their first fish and lifelong connections to the water are made. Jetties make fishing safe, simple and accessible for kids, families, people with disabilities and for future generations.



Backed by strong community support, the Quinns Rocks jetty will provide a spot to target metro favourites like herring, tailor, whiting and squid.

The platform has been designed for full accessibility, featuring ModWood decking, seating and lowered handrails to accommodate all users.

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Swan and Canning River Parks

• Urban forest projects boost Swan Canning Riverpark restoration

The Cook Labor Government is delivering new urban forest restoration projects across the Swan Canning Riverpark and its connected landscapes, backed by \$925,000 in funding through the Urban Forest program.

- Six new urban forest restoration projects to be implemented over the next three years
- \$925,000 in funding to be shared by six local government land managers
- Program extended in 2025 with an additional \$1.85 million over two years
- Cook Labor Government protecting and restoring WA's natural environments for future generations



The Cook Labor Government is delivering new urban forest restoration projects across the Swan Canning Riverpark and its connected landscapes, backed by \$925,000 in funding through the Urban Forest program.

This investment supports the Cook Labor Government's commitment to protecting and restoring Western Australia's natural environments so future generations can continue to enjoy the lifestyle and benefits afforded by WA's natural landscapes.

Successful recipients will partner with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) to develop projects, helping them meet urban canopy and biodiversity targets outlined in their strategic plans.

The program contributes up to two-thirds of each project's total cost. The six projects funded in this round are located in the cities of Gosnells, Armadale, Perth, Belmont, and Bayswater, and the Town of Bassendean.

The Swan Canning Riverpark Urban Forest program began as a 2021 State Labor Government election commitment of \$3 million over four years and supported 20 restoration projects that included 41 hectares of weed control, 27 hectares of revegetation, and more than 500,000 new native plants.

The Cook Labor Government extended the program for a further two years in 2025, providing an additional \$1.85 million to continue improving the ecosystem health, amenity, and community value of the Riverpark and surrounding urban landscapes.

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News from the South West



- **Does this new all abilities fishing platform make Mandurah “the most fishable city in Western Australia”?**

Lines were already in the water as Mandurah’s newest all-abilities fishing platform officially opened under the Estuary Bypass Bridge, with local anglers quick to test out the new spot.

Recfishwest was proud to participate in the launch of the new state-of-the-art platform over the weekend, alongside our partners Fishability, who played a key role in bringing this new fishing spot to fruition over the past few years.

More than 100 locals turned out on the day, with crabs, whiting, herring and tarwhine already showing up.

Fishability Board Member Michael Donnelly said the platform offers something for everyone.

New Shoprite Member Benefits App

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Our friends at ShopRite have developed a new member benefits mobile app to make it easier for members to access their benefits, save not only money but also time.

The app will be replacing the cards currently sent out to members.

You will need to create a ShopRite digital account, using your BWA member number. If you don't know your number, please contact our secretary at secretary@boatingwa.com.au

How do I create a ShopRite digital account? Its simple!

1. If you do not have an account, go to "Sign In or Register", found at the top of the page, and enter the required information.
2. Click the "Register" button at the bottom of the form to complete your registration.



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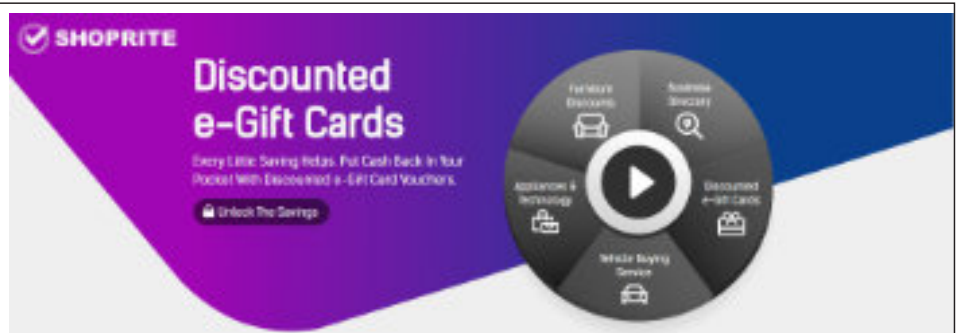
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The ShopRite team have been working hard and negotiating to secure more benefits and special deals for members. Our most recent additional benefit is Discounted eGift Cards.

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- Priceline
- Myer
- Kathmandu
- Flight Centre
- EB Games
- Endota Spa
- BWS
- Dan Murphys
- BigW and **many more.**

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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“This is exactly what fishers want from an all-abilities platform, with plenty of space to enjoy Mandurah’s great fishing. I’ll probably get into trouble for saying this, but I think this makes Mandurah the most fishable city in Western Australia!” Michael enthused.

Recfishwest Operations Manager Leyland Campbell said accessible platforms play a vital role in local communities.

“These are often where kids catch their first fish and where people with mobility challenges can still enjoy fishing, so it’s important we see more of them across WA.

“We applaud Fishability, the City of Mandurah and the State Government for delivering another top fishing spot in a region that lives and breathes fishing.”

[CLICK HERE TO READ MORE ABOUT THIS NEW PLATFORM](#)



News from the North West

• **New visitor boardwalk for Shark Bay World Heritage Area**

Replacement of the damaged Hamelin Pool boardwalk in the Shark Bay World Heritage Area is underway, following the award of the contract to SMC Marine WA Pty Ltd to deliver the project

- \$4.6 million investment in tourism infrastructure on Australia's Coral Coast
- New boardwalk designed to protect the unique and globally significant stromatolites
- Cook Labor Government protecting and restoring our environment for future generations

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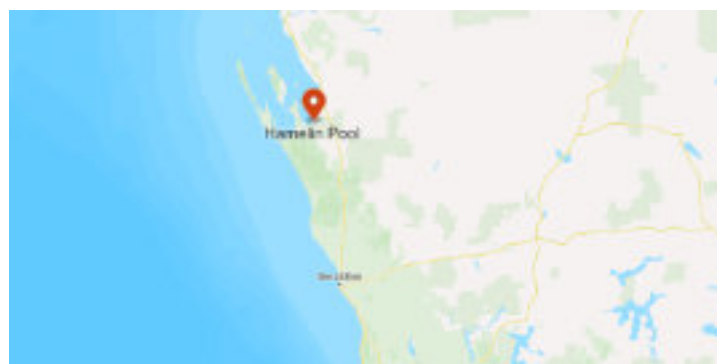
The new 260-metre boardwalk will restore safe visitor access while protecting the ancient stromatolites - some of the oldest living life forms on earth and an important part of Shark Bay's World Heritage values.

The original boardwalk was severely damaged by Cyclone Seroja in April 2021 and subsequently closed. At almost 30 years old, the structure was nearing the end of its service life, with engineering advice confirming full replacement was required to minimise environmental impacts on the stromatolites.

Extensive planning and approvals were required due to the site's remote location and environmental sensitivity, with works needing a specialist construction approach to protect this internationally significant area.

Located around 1.5-hours from Denham, Hamelin Pool is a key tourism drawcard, attracting visitors from across Australia and overseas to experience its world-renowned stromatolites and the broader natural and cultural values of the Shark Bay World Heritage Area.

For more information, visit [*Hamelin Pool Boardwalk Project | Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions*](#)



• Community engagement progressing for Exmouth Gulf Marine Park

Following the announcement on 5 September 2025 of the proposed whole-of-Gulf marine park, community and stakeholder engagement has been progressing as part of the planning process.

- Proposed marine park to protect Exmouth Gulf's unique ecological and cultural values
- Community information sessions held in Onslow and Exmouth as part of the planning process
- Planning partners will now begin work on the draft zoning scheme with targeted consultation to start late 2026
- Delivering on the Cook Labor Government's priority to protect and restore WA's natural environment
- Following the announcement on 5 September 2025 of the proposed whole-of-Gulf marine park, community and stakeholder engagement has been progressing as part of the planning process.

To support this work, the Cook Labor Government has resolved to pause the planning process for Marmion Marine Park for this term of government.

Planning for the Exmouth Gulf Marine Park is being led by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and the park's future joint managers, Nganhurra Thanardi Garrbu Aboriginal Corporation, as planning partners.

Engagement has included community information sessions in Onslow and Exmouth, along with targeted briefings and meetings with a number of stakeholders including local governments, development commissions, government agencies, industry representatives, tourism operators, conservation organisations, research institutions, and relevant peak bodies

With the initial phase of engagement conducted, planning partners will now begin preparing the draft zoning scheme. Targeted consultation is expected to start in late 2026 in Exmouth and Onslow.

In addition, comprehensive marine surveys are continuing across Exmouth Gulf to gather critical baseline data to inform marine park planning and long-term monitoring.

This work includes field surveys, species monitoring and habitat assessments focused on key species, critical habitats and environmental conditions, alongside collaborative research and ongoing ecological monitoring.

Further information about upcoming information sessions, workshops, and consultation opportunities is available at: www.dbca.wa.gov.au/exmouth-gulf-marine-park

Comments attributed to the Environment Minister Matthew Swinbourn:

"The Exmouth Gulf deserves careful protection and management to preserve its outstanding values. Its diverse marine ecosystems not only enrich the Gulf but also sustain the nearby Ningaloo Reef.

"The Cook Labor Government's goal is to strike the right balance between protecting critical habitats and cultural sites, while allowing sustainable fishing, tourism, and economic activity for the region to continue.

"By listening to the community and stakeholders throughout the planning process, we can create a marine park that reflects shared values and secures the Gulf for generations to come.

"We recognise that Marmion Marine Park is an important asset for many people living in the northern suburbs. However, consideration of the review and potential extension of the marine park will occur at an appropriate time in the future and will not be progressed during this term of government."



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- **Rottnest – Temporary Notice to Mariners**

<http://www.rotnestisland.com/boating/boating-information/temporary-notice-to-mariners>

- **Rottnest Marine News**

<https://mailchi.mp/rotnestisland/latest-rotnest-island-authority-marine-news?e=0a6b7000a1>

- **Garden Island Fishing and Aquatic Association GIFAA**

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- **TEMPORARY NOTICES TO MARINERS LINK**

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- **TIDE PREDICTIONS LINKS**

For general tidal predictions around WA: [Click Here](#)

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- **FSC DIVERS GROUP**

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- **BOATING COMMUNITIES NEWSLETTER**

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Other useful links

ShopRite – <http://www.shoprite.com.au/>

River Guardians – <http://www.riverguardians.com/>

Fremantle Sailing Club News – <http://www.fsc.com.au/home/latest-news-information/>

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