

bringing you the latest in marine and boating news





FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time for a Rethink:

WA Fishers and Boaters Leading the Way for Healthy Demersal Fisheries

There has been a lot of concern for demersal fish recently following the release of stock assessments highlighting sustainability issues for demersal stocks around the state.

While many people have told me they are still catching plenty of snapper the science is saying there are issues that need to be addressed. The Minister is set to make an announcement on the future management of demersal fish in the next few weeks.

With the current uncertainty about what the rules, bag limits or seasons will look like many anglers are asking the same question: How do we still enjoy our fishing while helping protect the future of these prized species?

Western Australian boaters and fishers have a proud record of caring for our oceans and doing the right thing when it comes to looking after our fish. WA boaters are already showing what responsible fishing looks like. Clubs have shifted from a “Catch and keep” mindset to one built around the simple principle of doing the right thing. Some of the initiatives clubs have done include:

- adopting mystery-weight prizes instead of “biggest fish” categories, reducing pressure to upgrade catches.
- promoting catch, photo and release competitions rather than bring a fish back simply to be weighed.
- encouraging boaters to explore alternate target species such as pelagics around Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs), helping spread fishing effort while keeping the excitement alive.
- celebrating good catch care practices such as using release weights, handling fish gently with wet hands, requiring soft or knotless nets, using circle hooks to reduce deep hooking and reviving fish before release,
- ensuring fish weighed in at competitions are presented on ice in edible condition
- double point for witnessed successful releases, extra points for non-demersal species and
- limits on how many demersal fish can be weighed in.
- promoting the fisheries Send us your skeleton program to assist research,

It is clear WA’s boaters are already changing the way they think about and value demersal fish. Across the State, boaters, fishers and local clubs have been quietly getting on with the job. In addition, WA boaters have also been busy restoring habitat, supporting research, and helping fish stocks recover.

From Exmouth to Esperance, boaters have led the way building artificial reefs, reseeding seagrass meadows, and protecting spawning fish. Artificial reefs have created new marine life hotspots from Esperance to Exmouth boosting biodiversity and easing pressure on natural reefs. Seagrass restoration projects in Cockburn Sound and shark bay are helping bring back critical nursery habitat. Stocking programs like Snapper Guardians which sees kids releasing baby snapper is building great stewardship and appreciation of our oceans.

Front cover photo courtesy of Paul Nicholls

Every one of these initiatives has been driven by local boating communities with a shared belief that good fishing starts with healthy oceans and active stewardship. Our boating community once again needs to step up to protect demersal fish.

Demersal fish hold enormous social value in Western Australia. They are part of our culture, our coastal lifestyle, and our connection to the sea. A day on the water chasing a dhufish or pink snapper is a cherished tradition for hundreds of thousands of West Aussies, it's about family, friendship, and time spent together.

At the same time, it is important to acknowledge commercial fishing for demersal fish plays an important role in supplying fish to those who don't have a boat so there needs to be a balance between commercial and recreational fishing. The productive waters and smaller populations in WA's north are perfect for ensuring our super markets have demersal fish for the community while the West Coast where most of WA's boaters and recreational fishers live demersal fish are far more valuable as a recreational resource delivering wellbeing, regional tourism, and social connection.

At times like now when there is less fish available to catch it makes sense to ensure every fish that is caught delivers the greatest overall community benefit. That's good fisheries management: getting the best community value out of every fish while ensuring healthy stocks for the future.

The strength of WA's boating community lies in our willingness to roll up our sleeves and be part of the solution. Fishers, boaters, clubs, researchers, and local businesses have shown what's possible. From changing the way competitions are run, celebrating good when we work together building reefs, reseeding seagrass, supporting research through fish frame donations, and backing better science to guide management. It's this community spirit that will keep our fisheries healthy and our coastal lifestyle thriving.

I have embraced the sport fishing principle of doing the right thing for many years, and have been able to pass along much of that knowledge to the next generation of family and friends. Now the Grandchildren are here and hugely keen to be on a boat and catch a fish and I very much wish to share that experience and knowledge with them. I will show them the joys of fishing and instill in them the need to fish for the future.

Healthy fish, healthy habitats and healthy communities, That's the future we're all working for. With a lot of luck and some good management my grandkids will be able to take their grandchildren out fishing for demersal of the WA coast.

Safe Boating



Colin Lockley

PRESIDENT

Boating Western Australia Inc.



Photos courtesy of Mark MaMaczkowiak

- **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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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dear Member,

As you may be aware, it is Membership Renewal time of the year again.

If you are not a Swan Yacht Club or Bunbury Yacht Club Member and you would like to continue your membership and receive your any Insurance rebates, discounts - and the many other Membership Benefits available to you – we ask that you kindly renew your membership.

Boating WA is eager to continue to serve our members and to provide a strong and united voice of reason to decisions made by government that affect WA Boaters.

Your earliest attention would help us ensure that we can achieve that goal.

Your support is greatly appreciated. Please either reply via email with your credit card details, make payment via EFT or complete and return the attached Membership Renewal Form [[DOWNLOAD](#)] to secretary@boatingwa.com.au

We are happy to deduct your Members Fee from any rebates you may be entitled to.

If making payment via EFT, please don't forget to include your name and/or member number as a reference.

Electronic Transfer:

Account Name: Boating Western Australia Inc.

BSB: 086-164

Account Number: 56-390-8418

Warm regards and safe boating!

Colin Lockley

President,

Boating Western Australia Inc.

- **Fishing Futures Forum to protect WA's demersal fish**

Key stakeholders from across the fishing community have come together to take part in the Fishing Futures Forum and play their part in ensuring there are Western Australian demersal fish for the future.

Cook Government leads critical science and management forum to protect 'at risk' demersal fish stocks for the future

Scientific stock assessments, reviewed by an international expert, show key WA demersal species are under severe threat

Long-term fisheries management solutions needed to rebuild fish stocks

Key stakeholders from across the fishing community have come together to take part in the Fishing Futures Forum and play their part in ensuring there are Western Australian demersal fish for the future.

The latest scientific stock assessments for WA's demersal species show depleted stock levels along much of the State's coastline, prompting urgent action to enable stocks to recover.

The Cook Government has called on representatives from the recreational, commercial, and charter fishing sectors, scientists, small businesses, and the wider community to be part of the solution.

The forum aims to co-develop guiding principles to inform government decisions and generate practical, forward-thinking ideas that support long-term sustainability.

Participants will include peak bodies representing WA's commercial sector, recreational fishers, and charter tourism, the Western Australian Fishing Industry Council, Recfishwest, and Marine Tourism WA.

They will be joined by representatives from fishing and boat clubs, seafood businesses and tackle shops, the Aboriginal Fishing Advisory Committee, WA universities, and marine conservation organisations.

The forum will be led by independent facilitator Susanna Durston, while Fisheries Research and Development Corporation managing director Sean Sloan, South Australian Research and Development Institute research scientist Dr Troy Rogers, and Australian Fisheries Management Authority senior manager Dan Corrie will provide insights from State and Commonwealth fisheries.

Participants will have the opportunity to have their say and share their ideas on the future management of WA's demersal fisheries throughout the forum.

The government will consider the outcomes of the forum to help guide management decisions that need to be made by the end of the year.

The stock assessments for WA's demersal species have been independently reviewed by international expert and CSIRO scientist Professor André E. Punt.

To review the latest demersal science, including stock assessments and recreational fisheries survey results, and to have your say, visit: www.dpird.wa.gov.au/demersal-scalefish-resources.

Comments attributed to Fisheries Minister Jackie Jarvis:

"We know that several demersal species State-wide are under serious threat from continued fishing pressure, including pink snapper, red emperor, and dhufish - which is only found in WA.

"Our fisheries make a significant contribution to the WA economy and lifestyle, and we want to ensure our kids and grandkids can enjoy the same fishing opportunities as we can today.

"Today is an important step in protecting the long-term sustainability of our demersal fish.

"I want to thank everyone for coming together to be part of the solution and understanding the need to work together to protect this shared resource.

"I've been very clear, that we need all management options on the table and I urge everyone who cares about our demersal fish to have their say so we have fish for the future."



• **Project 4.2.2.2 Zooplankton in Cockburn Sound**

28 Oct 2025

4.2.2 Zooplankton in Cockburn Sound

Westport has partnered with the Western Australian Marine Science Institution (WAMSI) to deliver the \$13.5 million WAMSI-Westport Marine Science Program. This 3-year program is developing the latest data, information and modelling on the complex environmental systems and community values associated with Cockburn Sound.

Project 4.2.2.2 Zooplankton in Cockburn Sound

Theme: Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Researchers: Strzelecki, J. (2025)

Examining zooplankton abundance, biomass, and phytoplankton biomass in Cockburn Sound

This study examined zooplankton abundance, biomass and phytoplankton biomass in Cockburn Sound, assessing their spatial and temporal variability. The study was conducted at 15 sites over one year and found that zooplankton abundance and biomass were highly variable, with copepods (small planktonic crustaceans) dominating throughout. The findings highlight the importance of hydrodynamic retention, nutrient availability and biological interactions in shaping plankton communities.

How Westport will use the report

Westport will use this research to inform environmental ecosystem modelling and our environmental impact assessment.

[Read the full report.](#)



• Woodman Point – Western Boat Ramp Replacement

The Woodman Point Recreational Boating Precinct includes the busiest public boat launching facility south of Perth. There are eight lanes for boat launching with catwalk jetties, a floating universal access pontoon and parking facilities.

Four of the boat ramp lanes and two fixed catwalk jetties, located on the western side of the boating facility, are the oldest at the facility.

Two of the four lanes to be replaced were built in 1981 and an upgrade in 1985 saw two additional concrete ramps built.

Project background

To ensure continued safe launching facilities for the public at Woodman Point, four lanes and two catwalks will be replaced.

The oldest section of the ramp is now more than 44 years old and beyond its design life of 40 years. An inspection of the Western boat Ramp was conducted in December 2022 and the overall condition was classed as poor. Both the launch ramps and the fixed catwalk jetties are no longer fit for purpose, and don't meet the DTMI guidelines for this type of structure. They are in need of significant upgrades and both the boat ramp lanes, and the catwalk jetties will be replaced.

Project timeline

2025

Tender evaluation and contract award

2026

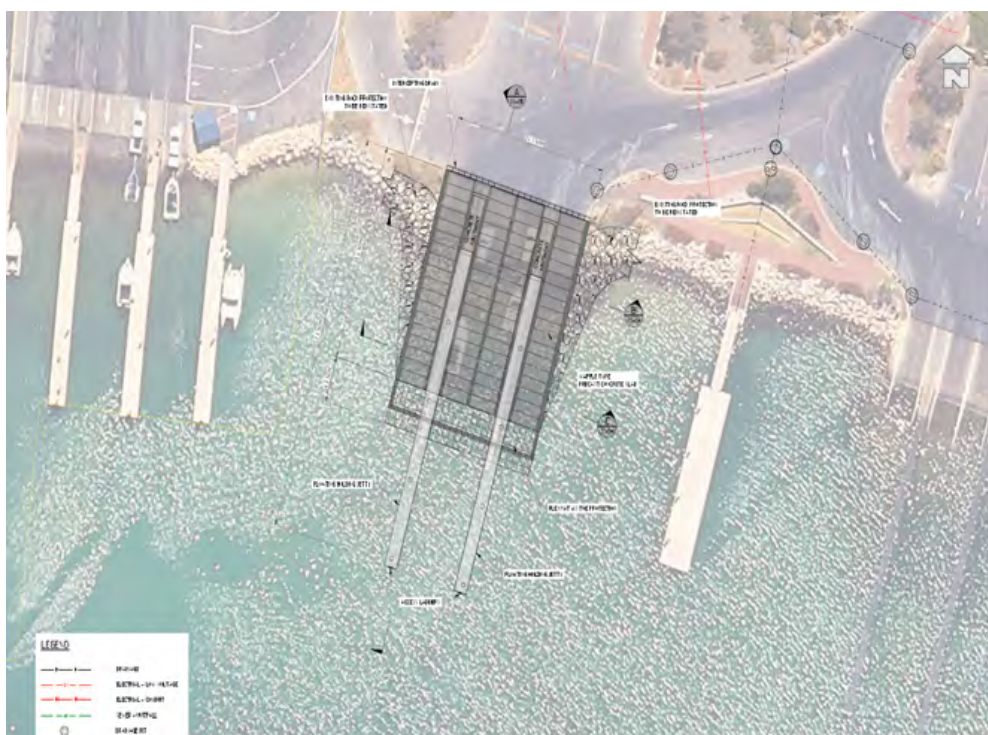
Commence design

Commence works

Project completion

Project status

A tender process is underway to award a design and construction contract for the project.





Perth

Event: Closure of Waters and Speed Restrictions – Rockingham Cup, Mangles Bay, Rockingham

I Graeme Meinema, delegate of the Chief Executive Officer, acting pursuant to section 66 of the Western Australian Marine Act 1982 hereby close the following area of water to all vessels from 6:00AM on 15th November 2025 to 9:00PM on 16th November 2025.

Area of Closure: All the waters over the Mangles Bay Dive Trail contained by lines commencing at 32°16.402'S, 115°43.813'E (approximately 190 metres northwest from Flinders Lane) thence to 32°16.337'S, 115°43.763'E (approximately 140 metres north-westerly) thence to 32°16.270'S, 115°43.885'E (approximately 228 metres north-easterly), thence to 32°16.334'S, 115°43.932'E (approximately 140 metres south-easterly), thence south-westerly to the point of commencement at 32°16.402'S, 115°43.813'E

and;

Conditions of closure;

No vessel shall transit through, anchor or moor within the closed waters area during the above mentioned times;

Mariners are advised that in addition to the above closure, an 8 Knot speed limit shall apply from 6:00AM on 15th November 2025 to 9:00PM on 16th November 2025 in the following area:

All the waters adjacent to the Mangles Bay Dive Trail contained by lines commencing at a point on the foreshore at 32°16.368'S, 115°43.956'E (adjacent to Bell Park), thence approximately 83 metres northwest to 32°16.335'S, 115°43.931'E, thence southwest to 32°16.401'S, 115°43.812'E, thence northwest to the border of the water ski area at 32°16.338'S, 115°43.762'E, thence northwest to 32°16.408'S, 115°43.635'E, thence southeast to a point on the foreshore at 32°16.511'S, 115°43.677'E, thence along the foreshore to the point of commencement located at 32°16.368'S, 115°43.956'E.

This area has been set aside as a spectator vessel area for the '2025 Rockingham Cup' event.

Please refer to the link below for a map of the closures and restrictions:

2025 Rockingham Cup - [Vessel Spectator MAP.pdf](#)

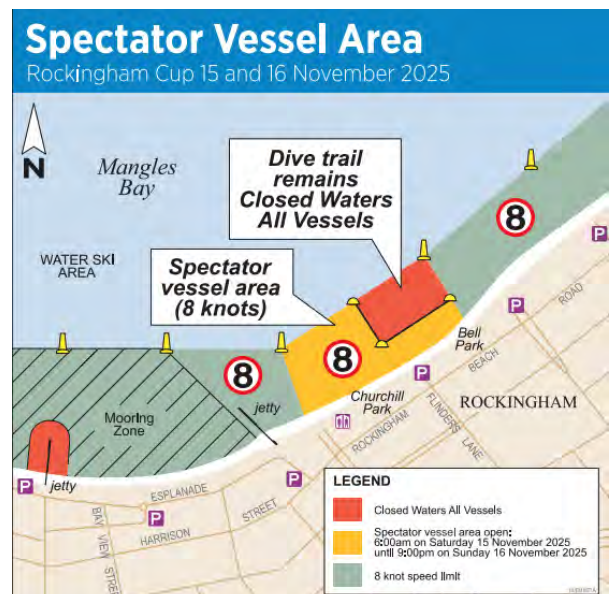
Chart reference: WA913 - Cape Peron to Dawesville

Location: -32: 16.368'S 115: 43.956'E

Start date: 15/11/2025

End date: 16/11/2025

Issued: 5/11/2025



Event: Multicultural Festival – Pyrotechnics display, Closure of Waters, Elizabeth Quay

I Graeme Meinema, delegate of the Chief Executive Officer, acting pursuant to section 66 of the Western Australian Marine Act 1982 hereby close the following area of water to all vessels from 15/11/2025 to 16/11/2025 during the following times: 8:50pm-9:20pm

Area of Closure: All waters within Elizabeth Quay north of the Pedestrian Footbridge, Swan River.

Conditions of Closure:

No vessel shall transit through, anchor or moor within the closed waters area.

Bonafide vessels associated with the fireworks display are exempt from the closure.

Swimming is prohibited in the above area of closure.

This area is set aside for safety measures during the set up and display of pyrotechnics.

Chart reference: WA898 - Swan and Canning Rivers

Location: -31: 57.5624'S 115: 51.3486'E

Start date: 15/11/2025

End date: 16/11/2025

Issued: 5/11/2025

Advice: DBCA Research Buoy and echo acoustic logger - Mosman Bay

Mariners are advised that there is 1 x Echo Acoustic Logger with an orange surface buoy attached deployed in the Mosman Bay area

Mariners are advised to navigate with caution while in the area.

Chart reference: WA898 - Swan and Canning Rivers

Location: -32: 0.4517'S 115: 46.4803'E

Start date: 24/10/2025

End date: 31/3/2026

Issued: 27/10/2025

Advice: Works – Closure of Waters, Crawley, Swan River

I Graeme Meinema, delegate of the Chief Executive Officer, acting pursuant to section 66 of the Western Australian Marine Act 1982 hereby close the following area of water to all vessels for the following dates and times:

- From 7:00 AM on 27 October 2025 to 9:00 AM on 10 November 2025
- From 7:00 AM on 4 March 2026 to 6:00 PM on 12 March 2026

Area of Closure: All the waters adjacent to J.H. Abrahams Reserve bounded by a line commencing at approximately 31°59.238'S, 115°49.209'E (on the foreshore adjacent to the boat ramp), thence south to approximately 31°59.2544'S, 115°49.2110'E, thence northeast to approximately 31°59.2479'S, 115°49.2380'E, thence northwest to a point on the foreshore at approximately 31°59.2235'S, 115°49.2263'E, thence along the foreshore to the point of commencement at approximately 31°59.238'S, 115°49.209'E.

Conditions of Closure:

No vessel shall transit through, anchor or moor within the closed waters area.

Bonafide vessels associated with the fireworks display are exempt from the closure.

Swimming is prohibited in the above area of closure.

This area is set aside for Pontoon assembly for City of Perth 2025.26 events.

Chart reference: WA898 - Swan and Canning Rivers

Location: -31: 59.238'S 115: 49.209'E

Start date: 27/10/2025

End date: 12/3/2026

Issued: 22/10/2025

South West

Advice: Area of shallow water - Bunbury outer harbour - Berth 1

Mariners are advised that there is an area of shallow water caused by sand accumulation on the east end approximately 75m along Berth 1 and 50m away from the berth edge.

Mariners are advised to navigate the area with caution.

Chart reference: WA776 - Preston to Bunbury

Location: -33: 18.3000'S 115: 38.7000'E

Start date: 31/10/2025

End date: 10/11/2025

Issued: 31/10/2025

Advice: Casuarina Boat Harbour, Bunbury - Slipway works

Mariners are advised that maintenance works will be undertaken at Casuarina Slipway, Bunbury Harbour between 29 October 2025 and 29 November 2025 between the hours of 6:00am – 6:00pm.

Divers and support craft will be operating within the slipway area during this period.

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 international code flag "A" will be exhibited whilst diving operations are in progress.

Mariners are kindly requested to:

- Exercise caution when navigating in the vicinity of Casuarina Slipway.
- Observe all demarcated exclusion zones and reduce speed to minimise wash.
- Maintain a proper lookout for diving operations and support vessels whilst navigating in the area.

Chart reference: WA859 - Bunbury to Port Geographe

Location: -33:18.7172'S 115:38.2297'E

Start date: 29/10/2025

End date: 29/11/2025



FREMANTLE SAILING CLUB

General Meeting

In accordance with the Constitution of Fremantle Sailing Club (Inc.), notice is hereby given that the General Meeting of the Club will be held: Date:

Tuesday, 18 November 2025

Time: 7:30 pm Location:

The Wardroom, Fremantle Sailing Club

The Galley will be open from 5pm with a special menu for the evening.

Cashless Payments From 1 November 2025 for Food and Beverage only

Please note there will be changes to FSC accepting cash at the Sailors Bar, The Galley, and Function Spaces. If you would like to continue to pay by cash, you can top up your EPURSE account at either the bar designated till (open 7 days) or reception during reception office hours. Reception is open Monday to Friday, 8:45am – 4:45pm.

There will be no changes to Reception accepting cash for any payments. This means you can still pay your membership fees, house levy, rent etc at reception.

Please note **EPURSE DOES NOT EXPIRE.**

Thank you to our members for your continued patience and understanding during this period



Credit picture - Johnno Wroth

FREMANTLE SAILING CLUB ACHIEVES CLEAN MARINA & FISH FRIENDLY ACCREDITATION!

We are delighted to share some fantastic news: **Fremantle Sailing Club (FSC)** has successfully regained its **Clean Marina accreditation**, along with **Fish Friendly certification**. This achievement is a testament to our commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable marina operations.

About the Clean Marina & Fish Friendly Programs

Clean Marina is an international, voluntary accreditation program for marinas, boatyards, and associated industry operators. The goal of the **Clean Marina and Fish Friendly** initiatives is to reduce non-point source

pollution, protect and enhance inland and coastal waterways, improve fish habitats, improve air quality, and support thriving, sustainable marina businesses.

Our journey to reaccreditation

As many of you know, FSC previously held Clean Marina accreditation but lost it in 2018 due to compliance challenges. Since then, reinstating this status has been a key goal for the Club. Regaining accreditation for a facility of our size and complexity is no small task, and we are incredibly proud of the team effort that made it possible. Accreditation involves meeting over 60 stringent criteria covering compliance, facility management, emergency preparedness, and boater education.

What changed?

Over the past months, we have implemented a series of improvements to meet the program's stringent criteria, including, but not limited to:

- **Enhanced fuel safety:** Upgraded signage on all fuel bowzers with clear emergency protocols and contact details. (Temporary signage is currently in place while permanent signage is being arranged.)
- **Improved waste management:** Installed a new wastewater treatment system and reviewed disposal practices for boatyard waste streams, including sandblasting grit.
- **Emergency readiness:** Added fire suppression equipment, spill kits, absorbent booms, and containment systems across key locations.
- **Safer storage:** Installed new flammable storage cupboards and bunding for large drums in contractor areas.
- **Infrastructure upgrades:** Added a new fire hydrant, installed new fire pumps throughout the site, and improved security systems with cameras in critical zones.

A commitment to our Community This reaccreditation is more than a milestone it's a promise to our members and community that FSC will continue to lead in environmental stewardship, ensuring our operations safeguard the ocean for generations to come.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we strive to make Fremantle Sailing Club a benchmark for sustainability.

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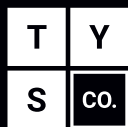
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Commodore's Ball - Saturday 22nd November

Dreaming of the Amalfi Coast? Step into paradise at our Commodore's Ball!

Dress: Formal Amalfi Coast attire

Includes: Live entertainment by Little Belle, premium canapés, and a 5-hour premium drinks package

When: Saturday, 22nd November | 6:30 PM – Midnight

Cost: \$140 per person

Ticket sales close: 12th November (or sooner if sold out)

Phone 9339 3520 to secure your tickets and be part of this glamorous celebration at the Grand Opening of our Greenspace!



Stage 2 Marina Development

We're so excited to see Stage 2 coming to life! The first 8 piles are in, and the next steps are to build them up and drive them deeper into the riverbed.

The concrete pontoons are already in Perth and will soon be floated out to the new piles and connected. This is a major milestone in our marina expansion, bringing us closer to more pens, better access, and an even stronger waterfront community.

Huge thanks to Broadway Marine Construction and Jurovich Surveying for their expertise on the project so far!





Ladies Christmas Luncheon

Friday, 28th November

Join us for a festive afternoon of fun and celebration!

When: 28th November

Cost: \$55 per person

What's included: 2-course plated lunch, live music, raffles, and a drink on arrival

Please bring a small, unwrapped gift for Hannah's House Christmas Appeal ([Click here to see their gift guide](#))



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Rottnest & Garden Island News

Rottnest Island



• Main Roads Resealing Works | October to November 2025

Various island roads

Commencing: 13 October 2025

Completion: 24 November 2025

Resealing of 33 km of island roads will take place from 13 October to 24 November 2025.

There will be no road closures, but temporary traffic controls will be in place. Emergency vehicles will have full access at all times.

Some services may be interrupted or altered. Please contact operators to confirm availability.

Works Schedule Thursday 6 to Friday 14 November 2025:

[Download the weekly works schedule and map](#)

Date Location

Thursday 6 November	Bovell Way - western end of Ricey Beach to 400 m west of City of York Bay
Friday 7 November	Bovell Way - 400 m west of City of York Bay to Noongar Loop
Monday 10 November	Bovell Way - 400 m west of City of York Bay to Noongar Loop
Tuesday 11 November	Bovell Way - Noongar Loop to Geordie Bay
Wednesday 12 November	Ngaliwanga Banan Noongar Loop
Thursday 13 November	Noongar Loop Parakeet Road
Friday 14 November	Parakeet Road Little Parakeet Road

Pinky Beach Access Upgrade | November 2025

Pinky Beach

Commencing: 10 November 2025

Completion: 20 November 2025

A short section of the existing boardwalk will be removed to build a new accessible ramp and entry, along with bike parking and improved connections between the road, boardwalk, and paths.

There will be minor disruptions for service vehicles accessing Discovery Resorts - Rottnest Island.

The Pinky Beach access point will be closed during the works. An alternative access point located 50 m south will remain open, with signage in place to assist visitors.

• Rottnest Island late-night ferry services to boost visitor economy

Rottnest Island will commence seasonal late-night ferry services to and from the island starting 30 October, enabling visitors to experience the island's growing dining scene.

- Seasonal late-night Rottnest Island ferry service commencing 30 October
- A 9pm service will depart Rottnest Island October to April
- Extended ferry schedule to activate evening island experiences
- Supports Cook Government's commitment to diversify the economy so it remains strongest in the nation

Rottnest Island will commence seasonal late-night ferry services to and from the island starting 30 October, enabling visitors to experience the island's growing dining scene.

Getting to the island has been made easier, with late afternoon and evening departures to the island. The late-night ferry services departing the island at 9pm will operate Thursday to Sunday from late October to January, and Friday to Sunday from February to April.

The later departure gives visitors more choice to either extend their day trip, visit the island for a sunset tour, or to enjoy a unique dining experience at one of the many island restaurants.

The 9pm service also supports the island businesses, allowing island workers to commute later, and businesses to extend their opening hours, supporting local employment and the island's economy.

The extended ferry schedule is aligned with the Cook Government's economic diversification strategy in diversifying the visitor base by attracting a broader range of travellers.

For more information about the late-night ferries, visit www.rotnnestisland.com/stayalittlelonger



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2025 Annual General Meeting

Garden Island Fishing & Aquatic Association (Inc) Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers will be held on **Wednesday 19th November 2025** at the **Cockburn Power Boat Association**.

There will be a light meal for members before the AGM, starting at 6:00 pm and the meeting will commence at 7:00 pm. The committee would like you to join us at the conclusion of the meeting for a refreshment or two.

Nominations for President, Treasurer, Secretary, Mooring Manager and Committee have now **closed**.

All existing members must be financial by the **17th of November 2025** to be eligible to vote at the AGM.

24/25 Financials signed by Accountant - to download in PDF: [[CLICK HERE](#)]

Minutes of the previous 2024 Annual General Meeting - to download in PDF::[[CLICK HERE](#)]

GIFAA October AGM Notice (Agenda etc) 2025 - to download in PDF: [[CLICK HERE](#)]

Pete Fry

Secretary

GENERAL NEWS

Swan and Canning Riverparks

- **Applecross Ferry Terminal, Applecross - Application under the Metropolitan Region Scheme**

Update 24 October 2025 - Public comment on this development application closed on 23 October. Feedback from the community, key stakeholders and local government will be considered to inform a recommendation to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC).

A WAPC meeting to determine the application will be scheduled when the assessment is complete and all registered parties will be informed of the meeting date.



Overview

A development application for a new ferry terminal in Applecross, City of Melville has been received by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). The application is to be determined under Part 10 of the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS).

The application forms part of the Public Transport Authority's METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion Project(External link). Valued at \$7.7 million, the proposed ferry terminal comprises of the following land and water-based elements:

- a fixed jetty with covered waiting area
- gangway and floating pontoon
- modifications to the footpath and principal shared path
- bicycle u-rails, and
- landscaping adjacent to the land-based infrastructure.

The application from Element Advisory on behalf of the Public Transport Authority is being advertised to seek public comments.

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• **\$1.85 million boost to enhance Swan Canning Riverpark biodiversity**

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- Builds on Stage 1 of the program which has delivered 20 river revegetation projects
- Cook Government committed to increasing urban tree canopy so future generations can enjoy the natural environment

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Grants are available for projects up to three years that aim to expand urban canopy and enhance biodiversity, with the program contributing up to two-thirds of total project costs.

To date, the program has funded 20 projects, delivering 41 hectares of weed control, 27 hectares of revegetation and the planting of more than 500,000 native plants.

[Full grant guidelines and eligibility details are available here.](#)

Applications close 4pm on Friday, 28 November 2025 with further opportunities opening in 2026.

Comments attributed to the Environment Minister Matthew Swinbourn:

"The Cook Government is proud to continue backing this program which delivers riverside restoration projects that benefit both the environment and the community.

"Extending this program for another two years reinforces our commitment to improving the ecosystem health, amenity and connected landscapes of our much-loved Riverpark.

"Through targeted revegetation and improved management, we can better support native fauna and improve water quality entering the river."

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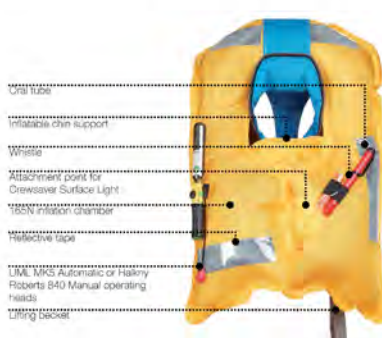
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News from the South West

- **Our South West team goes above and beyond to remember Marley**



A much-loved dog who made Casuarina Boat Harbour at Bunbury his home for more than a decade has been honoured with the naming of a street at the Department's facility.

Following the passing of Marley, in acknowledgement of the significant loss felt by harbour users, our South West office sought approval from Landgate to rename Boat Ramp Road to Marley Place working in close collaboration with the City of Bunbury and the South West Development Commission.

In 2013, Marley first came to live at the harbour with his owner who had rescued him years earlier as an orphaned pup in the Pilbara. Marley became a familiar face at the harbour and was much loved by locals and visitors.

Marley's owner moved away from the harbour in 2022 but the adjustment was too much for Marley and he was returned to the harbour unofficially adopted by Marine Rescue Bunbury and the harbour community.

Also referred to as the harbour dingo because of his appearance, there was a huge community response when Marley died in June 2025.

The renaming of Boat Ramp Road to Marley Place was especially fitting as it leads to the headquarters of the rescue group who looked out for his welfare, providing food, fresh water and a place to shelter.

- **Major funding boost for Bindjareb Djilba (Peel-Harvey estuary)**

Grassroots efforts to restore the Bindjareb Djilba (the Peel-Harvey estuary) are getting a major boost, with the Cook Government investing \$5 million to back community-led projects and Traditional Owner partnerships, fulfilling an election commitment.

- Total of \$5 million allocated for community-led initiatives that restore rivers and increase care of waterways
- Bindjareb Traditional Owners to receive \$1.3 million to continue Aboriginal-led partnerships in waterways planning and management

- Peel Development Commission will receive \$3.7 million for river restoration and schools program supported by the State Government

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The Peel Development Commission will receive \$3.7 million, with projects to be delivered through the Peel-Harvey Catchment Council targeting priority areas near the Waangaamaap Bilya (Serpentine River) and surrounding waterways.

The funding will accelerate on-ground action to protect the estuary's health and build climate resilience.

Activities that will be delivered include:

revegetating 142ha of land along the Waangaamaap Bilya;

- installing 10km of fencing to exclude livestock and pests;
- reintroducing habitat to support native fish, mussels and rakali;
- launching a tailored education program for primary schools in Mandurah and Dawesville; and
- supporting community groups involved in river and estuary restoration.

An additional \$1.3 million has been allocated to support Bindjareb Traditional Owners and strengthen ties with local Aboriginal corporations. This will help to drive Bindjareb-led actions under the Bindjareb Djilba Protection Plan (BDPP) and leadership in estuary and catchment management.

Key initiatives include:

- continuing the Bindjareb Djilba Kaadadjan Bidi Yarning Circle for collaborative governance;
- partnering with Winjan, Waroona and Harvey Aboriginal Corporations;
- enhancing a digital cultural mapping tool to embed cultural values in decision-making;
- delivering the Culture First Waterways Action Plan; and
- advancing projects that promote cultural health and economic opportunity.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) is also working closely with Bindjareb people through cultural governance, and knowledge sharing via the Bindjareb Djilba Kaadadjan Bidi Yarning Circle and the BDPP Policy and Planning Committee.

The Bindjareb Djilba Protection Plan, launched in 2020, is a whole-of-government strategy to safeguard the estuary's ecological, cultural, social and economic values by improving water quality and climate resilience - ensuring it continues to support the community, environment and local economy for generations to come.

protecting and restoring Bindjareb Djilba, which is why I'm so proud that the Cook Government is increasing care for the system."

• **Court full of Peel-Harvey fishing offences**

Media release A 42-year-old Swan View man has been penalised \$3,174 this week (4/11) in Mandurah Court for taking 109 mullet over the daily bag limit.

Last updated: 6 November 2025

The man was observed by DPIRD Fisheries Officers in February removing fish from a set fishing net at Herron Point in the Peel Harvey Estuary and coming ashore with 58 mullet.

An inspection of the man's vehicle revealed a further 81 fresh mullet which he had admitted to netting.

The daily bag limit for mullet is 30 and set net fishing is only allowed in Peel Harvey waters from 4.30pm to midnight on Wednesday nights from 1 November until 31 July.

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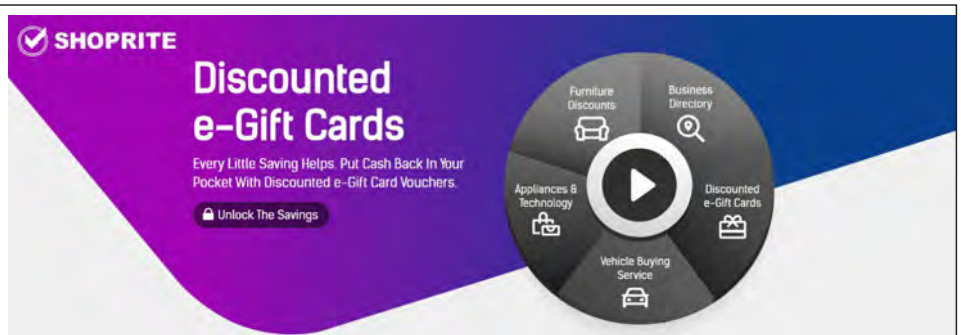
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Also in Mandurah Court, a 28-year-old Byford man was ordered to pay \$2,844 for being in possession of 23 undersize blue swimmer crabs caught in estuary waters in January off the Coodanup foreshore.

The minimum width of the crab carapace needs to be 127 millimetres. In this catch, an inspection by Fisheries Officers recorded the carapace widths of the undersize crabs ranged from 76.4 mm to 121.4 mm.

All crabs in the man's possession, including one of legal size, were seized and released back into the water.

In a separate matter, a 42-year-old Northbridge man was and penalised \$2,244 for obstruction and possession of undersize crabs taken at the Rivergums Boat Ramp in South Yunderup in December 2024.

The man, who had been fishing from a jetty with crab drop nets, attempted to dispose of two undersize crabs to avoid them being measured by Fisheries Officers. A third crab in the man's possession was measured and found to be undersize.

Regional Compliance Metro Director Todd A'Vard said fishers should expect that DPIRD Fisheries Officers could be operating in the Peel region at any time throughout the year.

"Fishers must be aware of the rules prior to going fishing and ensure they don't fish beyond the bag and size limits which are there to protect the sustainability of these recreational fisheries for everyone to enjoy," he said.

The rules for recreational fishing are available in the [Recreational fishing guide 2025](#) and information can also be found online by searching the [rules by species and location](#).

Anyone who suspects illegal fishing activity should call [FishWatch](#) on 1800 815 507 or report the matter via the online form on [Crimestoppers](#).

News from the North West

- **Dampier's STARDECK Mackerel 5000 once again stands out for scientific fish sampling**

October 28, 2025

As expected, Dampier's STARDECK Mackerel 5000 has shone, producing a healthy number of Spanish mackerel samples being donated to science by local fishers.

The 2025 STARDECK Mackerel 5000 held in Dampier, organised by the Nickol Bay Sportsfishing Club, showcased the Pilbara as a powerhouse for this pelagic predator, with 56 Spanish mackerel – including the winning fish – sampled at the table.

Supported by Woodside Energy, the Recfishwest Fishing for Science team joined forces with DPIRD researcher Paul Lewis for the event, collecting important data for ongoing research to help inform the future Pilbara's Spanish mackerel stock assessment.

The idea of Fishing for Science is simple but powerful – anglers donate their catches at the weigh station, and our team records vital data and takes samples. This allows fishers to become better stewards of the fishery, aiming to give participants a better scientific understanding of important recreational species and how they can help improve their sustainability.

Backed by STARDECK, this year's competition saw 50 participating boats and over 150 anglers happy to donate fish. The data collected included biological information (length, weight, sex, and gonad stage) and otoliths (ear bones) which are used by Fisheries to determine the age of a fish by examining the annual growth rings (bands) under a microscope.

Since 2020, more than 500 pelagic fish have been sampled from recreational fishers participating in Pilbara recfishing events, directly contributing to monitoring the large pelagic resource in the North Coast Bioregion. [Find out more here.](#)



The otoliths (ear bones) of Spanish mackerel are removed to help determine the age of the fish – which is quite a forensic task given how small they

“The Mackerel 5000 always produces a lot of mackies each year and they are usually very healthy fish, so the competitors kindly making these contributions to science is always greatly appreciated,” said Recfishwest’s Senior Operations Officer Sam Russell.

“Along with collecting samples we’re here to have a good yarn with the locals, the Nickol Bay Sportfishing Club, King Bay Game Fishing Club on how we can improve fishing in the Pilbara and they always make us feel welcome.”

Big prizes for big macks

As always, the Mackerel 5000 lived up to its reputation for producing some of the biggest Spanish mackerel catches out of any WA-based competition.

The top honors for biggest mackie went to Art Skotniczny, who almost cracked the magical 30kg mark with a monster 29.60kg mackerel, earning him the grand prize of \$5,000 sponsored by the Stardeck Group.

Even the youngsters got in on some prizes that would make any avid fisher jealous, with Michael Clauson (pictured below) taking out the Junior Overall category with a 15.06 kg mackerel, winning a Shimano Stella 5000 HG on a Grappler from NBSFC!

The STARDECK Mackerel 5000 competition continues to strengthen its roots and a special thanks to all competitors who did their part for science by donating samples to our crew, we’ll see you in 2026!



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