

Batemans Bay Bridge replacement

Foreshore upgrades

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Artist impression of new floating L-shaped pontoon



What we're doing

We are upgrading the northern and southern foreshores as part of the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project. These upgrades are expected to be complete in mid-2022, weather permitting. They include:

- public art murals
- sculpture celebrating the old bridge
- new L-shaped floating pontoon
- Aboriginal Heritage Interpretative Area
- viewing and fishing platforms
- playground
- toilet blocks, picnic shelters and parking facilities.



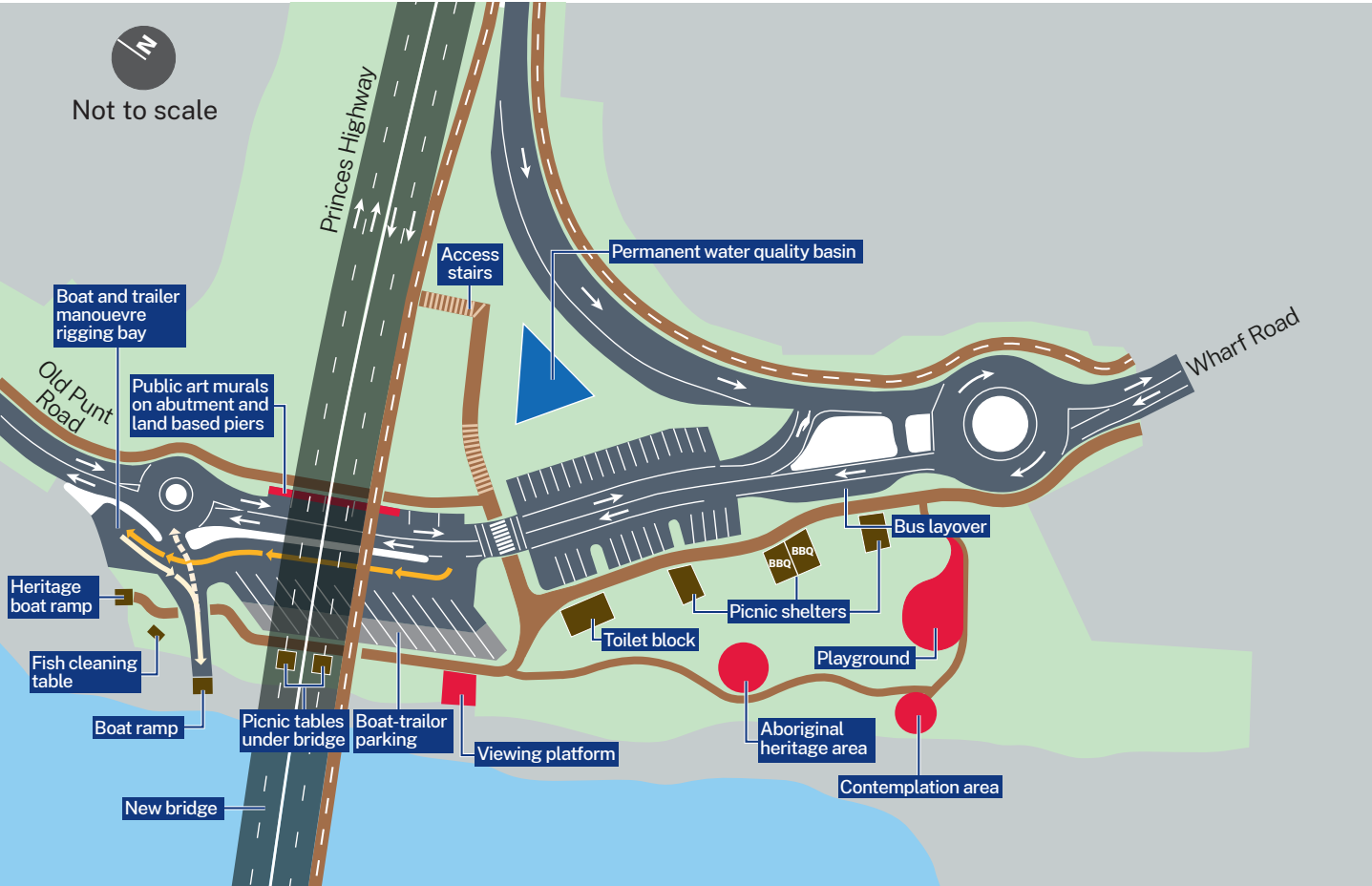
Access during construction

Access changes and restrictions on the foreshore will continue for the safety of workers and community. Signage, traffic control and temporary fencing will be in place to guide the community around the work areas. We will continue to keep the community updated as this work progresses.

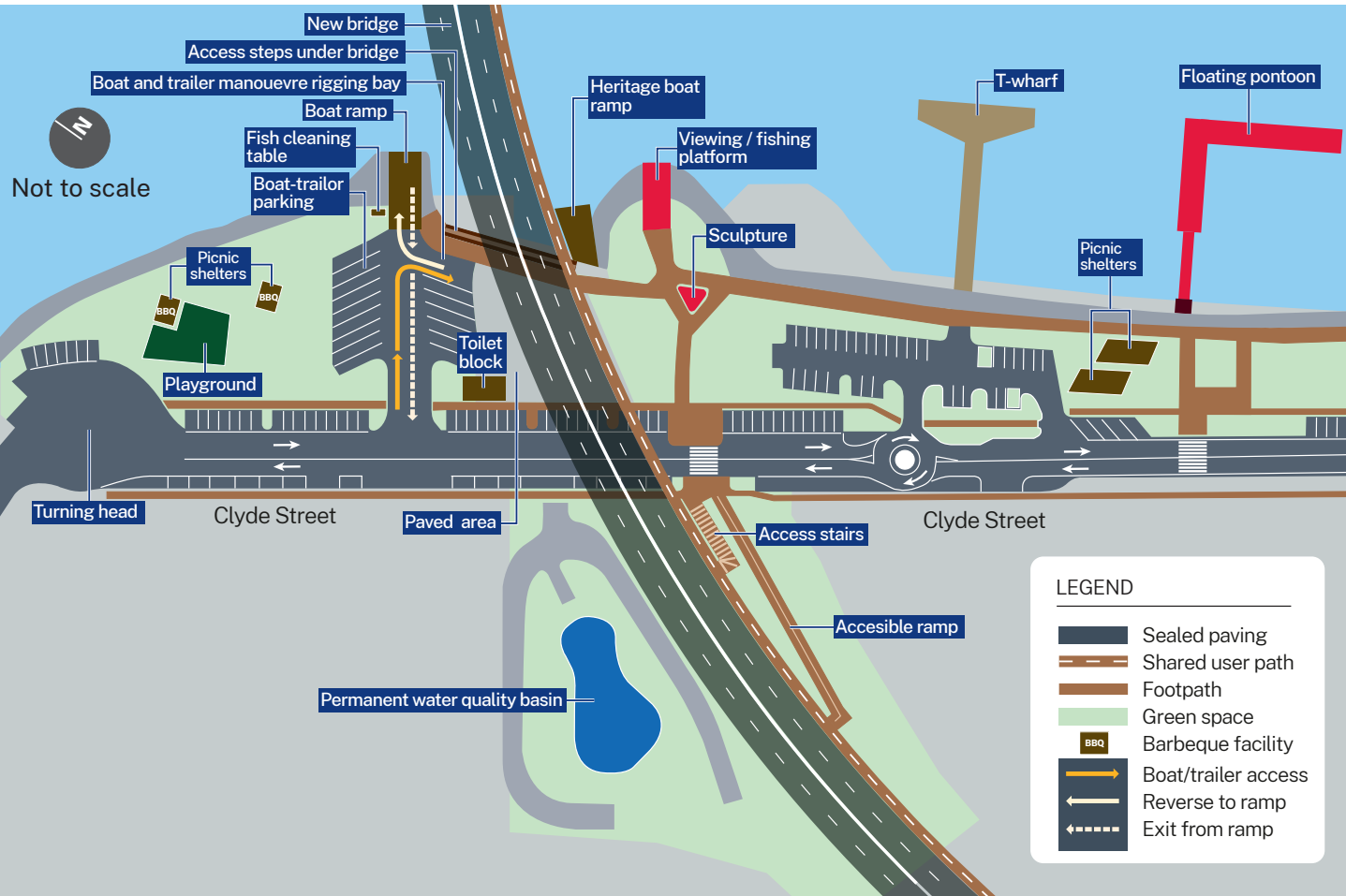


The northern and southern foreshore facilities are planned to progressively open from mid-2022.

Northern foreshore design



Southern foreshore design



Public art mural

The six metre tall northern abutment retaining wall and bridge pier has been given a makeover with large public art murals painted last month. The murals are inspired by stories of Bhundoo (Clyde River) collected from the local Aboriginal community. Bhundoo, traditionally occupied by the Walbunja people from the Yuin nation, has long been a collective place of stories. The artwork pays respect to the river and elders of this land past, present and future.

The artwork includes elements of Bhundoo, Didthul (Pigeon House Mountain) and local flora and fauna to represent the many food sources, stories and animals sacred to Walbunja people still to this day. Local Aboriginal elders lead a smoking ceremony on the northern foreshore before work started on the mural. Students from Ulladulla High School attended to learn about the ceremony and the importance of cleansing before work starts. Another public art mural will be painted on the land-based pier on the southern foreshore later this year.

Aboriginal heritage interpretive area

An Aboriginal heritage interpretive area will be located on the northern foreshore to celebrate the culture of the local community and how they have cared for Country over tens of thousands of years. This area will represent the main gathering place on the northern foreshore, connecting with the nearby playground and creating a space for reflection, recreation and connection.

Culturally significant rocks from Hanging Rock are being placed to create a meeting place. Interpretive signage will also be integrated into the Aboriginal heritage interpretation area, highlighting the importance of Yangary (Batemans Bay) and Bhundoo in the cultural landscape of the far South Coast.



Public art murals on the northern foreshore and Aboriginal elders leading a smoking ceremony

Playground

We are building a playground in the eastern section of Korner's Park on the northern foreshore in partnership with Eurobodalla Shire Council. Inspired by feedback from local children and community members, the playground will include an accessible in-ground trampoline, mega swing, climbing towers and slides. Work on the new playground has started and is expected to be complete by mid-2022, weather permitting.



Artist impression of the new playground at Korner's Park, looking north



Artist impression of the new playground at Korner's Park, looking south



Sculpture

We have worked with Eurobodalla Shire Council's Public Art Advisory Committee to commission a sculpture that commemorates the old bridge removed last year. The sculpture is being made from steel sourced from the original Batemans Bay Bridge. It will be brought to site in pieces and installed on the southern foreshore in April, weather permitting. The large artwork will be almost six metres tall. For more information, visit the project webpage to see interviews with the artist, Joel Adler.



Sneak peek at the sculpture to be installed



New L-shaped floating pontoon

A new floating pontoon is being built downstream of the existing T-wharf on the southern foreshore. The new pontoon will deliver a better connection between the town and river for all types of vessels. The pontoon will sit about 400mm above the water level and have a lower area available for easier access for smaller personal watercraft. The pontoon is about six metres wide and will provide over 130 metres of berthing frontage.

The existing T-wharf will not be impacted as part of the project. Piling for the new pontoon was carried out in December 2021 and work is expected to be complete in mid-2022, weather permitting.



Piling for the new L-shaped floating pontoon



Viewing and fishing platform under construction on the southern foreshore. Inset shows artist impression of platform.


Other features

We will be reinstating a number of facilities as part of this work. This includes toilet blocks, picnic and barbeque shelters, a contemplation seat, boat ramps and parking. Eurobodalla Shire Council are currently building stairs in the vicinity of both boat ramps. These stairs will allow access to the sandy beach and water. A large open paved community space will also be created under the new bridge. Open green space and meandering paths will allow the community to access these facilities and enjoy the area around the new bridge.

Interpretive signage will also be installed along the foreshores with information about the Aboriginal and European heritage of Batemans Bay and the significance of the old bridge.

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