

Critical safety work at the Balls Head Coal Loader wharf, Waverton

Transport for NSW will carry out critical safety work at the Balls Head Coal Loader wharf from **Monday 8 November, 2021**.

Following recent weather events in late September and early October, sections of the structure collapsed causing some loose timber and debris to fall into the water. This presents a risk to navigational safety, both in the immediate vicinity, as well as more broadly into Sydney Harbour's busy shipping lanes.

Maritime maintenance crews have retrieved the potential navigation hazards from the water and have been carrying out daily inspections.

There remains some loose hanging timber within a section of the structure, which is highly likely to fall into the water, especially in poor weather conditions.

As a result, we will be carrying out critical safety work to remove the loose timber before it enters the water and becomes a navigational hazard, or causes further damage to the structure.

Timber pieces removed from the site will be preserved at Transport's Rozelle office.

Transport understands the importance of the heritage significance of the Balls Head Coal Loader. This work will be carried out with due consideration to the heritage fabric of the Coal Loader Wharf, and in accordance with the State Heritage Register exemptions for navigational safety works.

Our work schedule

This will occur from Monday 8 November, which will take around three days to complete, weather permitting. Our day work hours will be from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 1pm on Saturday.

How will the work affect you?

Boaters will need to take extra care when navigating around Balls Head Bay while the work takes place.

Next steps

Transport will need to carry out further investigations on the structural integrity and safety of the structure, and consider the potential future reuse of the retrieved timber, over the coming months. This will be done in consultation with key stakeholders including Heritage NSW and North Sydney Council.

We will keep the community informed of progress.

Contact us

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