



# Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Upgrade

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Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour

The NSW Government is delivering major improvements to maritime infrastructure and facilities across the state to help the boating and wider community safely access, use and navigate our rivers and coastal waters.

In February 2021, The NSW government announced \$2.8 million of maritime stimulus funding for the upgrade of maritime infrastructure at Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour.

## Background

The Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour is a popular harbour located on the far north coast of New South Wales (NSW). Originally a commercial fishing port, the harbour is now mostly used for recreation and tourism vessels.

The current harbour infrastructure needs upgrading to meet current safety and accessibility standards.

Transport for NSW was recently appointed as the Crown Land Manager for the harbour that was previously managed by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment – Crown Lands (DPIE - Crown Lands).

## Benefits of the project

The changing water levels within the harbour make it challenging for users and passengers boarding and disembarking from the existing structure, especially those less mobile. The project will look at ways to make it easier and safer for the harbour users. The project aims to deliver:

- Increased community access and use of the boat harbour
- Increased safety for users of the boat harbour facility by upgrading infrastructure to meet relevant modern design standards and requirements
- Improved accessibility for vessel users in the tidal environment
- Metered water and power services for each berth.

## Project development

The project is in early stages of development of the Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour upgrade. We are currently reviewing previous investigations, concepts and community feedback completed by Crown Lands Draft Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Master Plan.

As part of the review process we are investigating berth layout concepts from the Draft Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Master Plan to ensure they meet user requirements, including current safety and access standards.

A concept design will be developed and we will seek feedback from the community as part of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF).

The final design will consider feedback from the community and other key stakeholders.



## What's happening now?

Site investigations are needed to inform early project planning and design stage.

Early site investigation work will start Monday 18 October and will take about four months to complete, subject to COVID-19 restrictions, and weather and tides permitting. All site investigation work will comply with COVID-19 safety requirements.

Routine maintenance work will continue to be carried out as needed.

The hours for investigation and maintenance work will be **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturday**. Work outside of these hours would only occur to allow for tidal or weather conditions and with relevant approvals. We will notify you before any work outside normal hours starts. Site investigations include:

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- Land, water and utilities surveys
- Aerial drone imaging
- Underground and underwater scanning of the work area
- Environmental assessment to understand potential impacts
- Geotechnical sampling to understand ground conditions within the harbour.





Aerial view of Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour

## Next steps

Transport for NSW will be continuing with early planning and project development. Our next steps are:

- Completing early site investigations
- Community “Have your say” on the REF and concept design.

We will continue to update you on the project as it progresses.

## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more on the Brunswick Heads Harbour Upgrade project please contact our project team:



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## Frequently asked questions

### What happened to the Crown Lands, Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Master Plan?

Crown Lands commenced a master planning process in April 2015 which looked at improving boating and visitor safety, access and infrastructure in the harbour and for revitalising Crown Land along the foreshore.

The Crown Lands Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Master Plan was not progressed past draft stage.

The Draft Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Master Plan will remain a valuable reference document for Transport for NSW.

### Will Transport for NSW use anything from the Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Master Plan?

This project focuses on upgrading the berthing infrastructure within the Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour.

The Draft Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Master Plan is being used as a reference document for this project. We are reviewing the previous investigations, concepts and community feedback developed during the master plan process.

### Why do harbour users have an opportunity to comment during early planning?

The harbour users help us develop a functional concept design for berthing infrastructure that we can present to the broader community for comment.

Consulting with harbour users helps us understand what boat sizes and vessel types need berthing.

### Will the community have an opportunity to comment on the design?

We will develop a concept design for the Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour Upgrade. The community and key stakeholders will have an opportunity to view and comment on the concept design and REF display.

All feedback received will be considered as part of finalising the design and environmental measures of the project.

### How many new berthing spaces will become available?

At this early stage of project development we do not have this level of detail. This information will be provided in the concept design and REF display and made available for community comment.

### Who will be managing berthing licences at Brunswick Boat Harbour?

From July 2020, Transport for NSW was given the responsibility to manage berthing licences at 25 Harbours statewide, including Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour.

We have commenced a review of existing berthing licence arrangements and we will be contacting current berthing licensees to formalise the contracts and issue new Transport for NSW berthing licences.

### How do I get a berthing licence at Brunswick Heads?

Brunswick Heads Boat Harbour is a popular harbour and a waitlist has been established for people wishing to obtain a berthing licence and to berth their vessel there.

Due to the popularity there is no timeframe or guarantee that a berthing licence will become available. If you wish to be added to the waitlist please contact our team.



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