

Tweed Heads Boat Maintenance Facility Community Update

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The project

The NSW Government recognises the continued need to support the renewal and upgrade of boating infrastructure and facilities with local significance for recreational and commercial boating throughout the state.

The Tweed River is used by recreational boaters, commercial fishing vessels and maritime related tourism operators. The slipway has been in operation since the 1960's and now requires replacement as it only serviced a small number and range of vessels due to its deteriorating condition and reduced lifting capability.

What's happening now?

The preliminary results of recent soil sample investigations have identified levels of contamination that are present in the old slipway area and further detailed investigations and soil samples are to be conducted before construction can start. The type of contamination present is commonly occurring in many older slipway operations across NSW.

The recent floods and heavy rainfalls have delayed the additional soil and water sample investigations. The investigations are underway with the laboratory analysis and test results expected to be completed by the end of May.

These results will then enable the finalisation of the Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) report and approval of the site Remediation Action Plan (RAP) by the site auditor. The RAP will outline what remediation work needs to be carried to manage contamination in the area.

The remediation work will take place prior to construction. Depending on the extent of contamination, we may need to adjust our design and construction methodology of the site, which may cause further delays to the project.

We will notify the community once a suitable outcome has been approved in **July 2022**.



Image of the Tweed Heads previous slipway and location of the Boat Maintenance Facility.

Next steps

Construction of the Tweed Heads Boat Maintenance Facility will start following approval of the RAP, completion of the required remediation work outlined in the RAP and any design and/ or construction changes. Work is expected to begin in the **third quarter of 2022**.

We have commenced the early procurement of long lead time items off-site, including the steel piles for the travel lift runway beams, the pontoons and gangway, the pre-cast beams and trade waste system. This early procurement will support an efficient start for the construction team following completion of the remediation activities.

We will notify you before project construction begins on site.

Frequently asked questions

Is the slipway at Tweed Heads open?

In preparation for the project the slipway is now closed.

Why was the slipway closed?

In preparation for the project the slipway at Tweed Heads closed late October 2021. This allowed us to carry out initial investigations, planning and early work prior to the start of construction of the project.

What size will the travel lift be?

The travel lift for this project will be 75–tonne.

The travel lift being used on the project is custom–built to have an internal width of 8.4 metres, which is wider than a standard 75–tonne boat travel lift, and is similar width to the 100–tonne travel lift on the Gold Coast.

Will I be impacted by site investigations?

Investigation work will have no impact to local residents. It is likely that local residents will not notice these activities being carried out.

When will construction start?

A contract has been awarded to SMC Marine Pty Ltd. Further investigations and soil samples are needed before construction can start. Work is expected to **begin in the third quarter of 2022**, pending approval of our Remedial Action Plan (RAP). We will continue to update you on the start of construction and progress of investigation results.

Why isn't Stage 2 being constructed now?

The proposed Stage 2 works would allow for an expansion of the hardstand area at a future time. Stage 2 was planned, designed and consultation was completed during this project. Stage 2 will require additional funding which will be considered as part of future budget submissions. To find out more about Stage 2 please refer to our previous community update.

Will amenities be available for fishing fleet?

We are continuing to explore a permanent amenities solution and will update you as more details are available. Temporary amenities will be arranged for fishing fleet when construction starts.



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Now the slipway is closed, what will happen if I need emergency repairs or inspections?

We suggest that you develop an emergency repair or inspection plan for your vessel and investigate local alternatives such as Tweed River Marine at Chinderah, contact 1800 427 246.

In emergency situations vessel operators should contact 000 and seek assistance from NSW Water Police and Marine Rescue.

Will the travel lift platform impact navigation in the area?

The design and location of the travel lift was developed to ensure it continues to provide safe navigation and access. The design has been assessed by our Maritime Operations team and the appropriate navigational aids or signage will be put in place to advise navigation changes when the project is completed.

When construction starts temporary navigational buoys will be put in place to indicate the work area. Please be aware there may be temporary changes in the area and follow any on–water navigational aids.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more on the Tweed Heads Boat Maintenance Facility project please contact our project team:



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