

Granite Island Causeway Project

Project Update

The new Granite Island Causeway opened on Wednesday, 22 December 2021. The new Causeway continues to deliver social and economic benefits to the region and provide a long-term solution that is environmentally sensitive. The South Australian Government committed \$43 million towards this important project that is being delivered by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

Following redevelopment, the Causeway Plaza has also reopened to the public, providing a multiuse space for visitors to the Plaza and access to the new Causeway. Features include new paving, decking and garden beds. A new Horse Drawn Tram platform, together with rail transition to the new Causeway, has been constructed. The Causeway Plaza and the Granite Island landing integrates urban design features that complement and acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri - Ramindjeri culture and connection to the area.



Image: Photo of the new Causeway view from Victor Harbor.

Works will continue in 2022, with the remaining construction activities to be completed:

- installation of new Causeway boat landing (early 2022);
- SAPN cable pull and cutover of services (early 2022);
- installation of decking seats in the Causeway Plaza and Granite Island landing (mid 2022);
- installation of interpretive signage and wayfinding including historic storytelling of the existing Causeway, local Flora and Fauna, European Heritage and Aboriginal Heritage including Ngarrindjeri - Ramindjeri Dreaming Stories (mid 2022);
- installation of bench seats on the new Causeway and in the Causeway Plaza using remediated timber from the old Causeway (mid 2022);
- installation of timber features on the Horse Tram shelter (mid 2022); and
- installation of Ngarrindjeri - Ramindjeri sculpture in the Causeway Plaza (mid 2022).

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Public access to Granite Island and its facilities will remain open during these works, with intermittent short-term closures of the new Causeway during the installation of the new Causeway boat landing and minor finishing works.

The Encounter Bikeway route from Encounter Bay will remain open. Pedestrians and cyclists are advised to take care when travelling through the area. For safety reasons, there may be some temporary access restrictions. When required, signage will be in place to direct pedestrians and cyclists. Every effort will be made to minimise the impact to the community.

The old Causeway is planned to close on 31 January 2022. Decommissioning of the old Causeway is scheduled to commence in February 2022. The portions of the old Causeway that will be retained at each land end will be repaired and reopened as viewing platforms. These works are expected to be completed in the second half of 2022.

The Department appreciates your patience and cooperation whilst these important works are undertaken.

Members of the public are encouraged to register their details with the project mailing list to receive project updates and information as it becomes available.

To find out more about the project, provide feedback or register to receive project updates, please:

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With kind regards

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