

# Beachport Jetty Upgrade Newsletter



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and Transport

**The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is undertaking works on the Beachport Jetty. These essential works will ensure the long-term structural integrity of the jetty for all users. Works on the heritage listed jetty are funded by the South Australian Government.**

Upgrade works include:

- refurbishment of timber piles, framework, and steel cross bracing;
- installation of new safety ladders;
- replacement of decking; and
- repairs to the landings, handrails and fenders (jetty protective buffers).

We would like to thank the community for their patience while we carry out the upgrades to the heritage listed Beachport Jetty.

These important works will ensure the jetty can be used and enjoyed for generations to come.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

## Access during the holidays

Upgrade works will be temporarily stop over the Christmas and New Year period so locals and visitors to the region can enjoy the Beachport Jetty over the festive season.

During this time the public will be able to access the shore end of the jetty and the refuelling station. The sea end of the jetty, which has yet to undergo any upgrades, will remain closed during this period for all users. To ensure the safe use of the jetty please observe local signage and restricted area.

Works will resume **7am Monday, 9 January 2023.**



Image: Cross bracing and timber portions donations to the Old Wool & Grain Store Museum



Image: Spider Crane used in decking construction

## Preserving Beachport's History

We are excited to be a part of preserving a piece of Beachport's history.

A number of sample portions of the timber, cross bracing and cross bracing clamps from the original bridge structure will be displayed at the local Old Wool & Grain Store Museum.

These artifacts will form part of the Museum's impressive displays which document the rich history of Beachport.

## Timber Donation

As we replace the jetty timber decking, we are donating the timber which is no longer suitable for reuse to the Beachport Rivoli Bay Lions Club. So far 20 cubic metres of timber has been given to the Club which will be repurposed for use in the local community.

## Working with the community

Throughout the works the project team have been working closely with the local community to ensure the impacts are kept to a minimum. Through early engagement we understand the fishing industry is an important part of the Beachport Community.

To ensure the fleet was ready to launch at the beginning of the fishing season, the project team worked closely with boat owners to coordinate opening up the jetty for the loading of cray pots and fishing gear.

The team also opened the jetty for the annual Blessing of the Fleet to celebrate the beginning of the season and a safe and successful year ahead.

## Works Update

Since this project started in September 2022, just over 100 of the 452 sets of cross bracing, on the underside of the jetty, have been replaced.

To undertake the repairs of the jetty the crew have used a combination of a Spider Crane (pictured above) and A-frame for working from above and a work boat from below.

To date 300 decking planks of timber have been replaced on the jetty, along with the structural timbers supporting them.

The hardwood timbers are being sourced from Grafton in NSW and selected for this project to ensure the longevity of the Jetty.

As part of the upgrade 14 bents have been completely rebuilt, with a further 49 to be replaced over the project.

A "bent" is the frame on which the jetty is built, the rebuilding of these bents will ensure the long-term structural integrity of the jetty.

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