

Frequently Asked Questions – Eastern Foreshore North and Central

What is the background to the City Centre Waterfront projects?

Previous planning and engagement for the City Centre Waterfront has been completed through the Mandurah Foreshore Focus 2020 Master Plan in 2007. In 2018 the City invited the Community to be involved in shaping the vision for the City Centre Waterfront. This included the Eastern and Western Foreshore Reserves. The Community was asked to share what they love about the foreshore spaces, identify opportunities for improvements, and prioritising areas that may require change.

This community consultation and stakeholder engagement process set the focus and direction for the planning, design, and redevelopment of the following areas:

- Western Foreshore Leisure Precinct
- Eastern Foreshore North Boardwalk Precinct
- Eastern Foreshore South Precinct
- Smart Street Precinct

The aim of the redevelopment was to contribute towards making Mandurah an even more inviting destination for locals and visitors and to create a thriving City Centre.

The summary report for this Phase 1 City Centre Waterfront Engagement process is accessible at: mandurahmatters.com.au/city-centre-waterfront.

Are the upgrade proposals funded?

The Mandurah Foreshore Redevelopment, a City-led project, has received a \$10 million funding contribution from the State Government and \$7 million from the Federal Government. The City itself has contributed \$8 million.

Hasn't the Eastern Foreshore already been upgraded?

Yes, upgrade works have been completed for the Eastern Foreshore **South**.

Previously to this, the Eastern Foreshore Reserve was also extended by 10-20 meters, and a new seawall was constructed with pedestrian walkways adjacent to it. This extension included an additional grassed area along the water's edge, upgraded beach areas and additional seating and amenities.

The current works on the Eastern Foreshore North and Central precinct does not require changes to the recently constructed sea-wall area.

What are the main benefits of the works on the Eastern Foreshore North and Central?

The work on the Eastern Foreshore brings numerous benefits to the community. Safety is improved with upgraded lighting that meets Australian standards. Additionally, widened paved access and safe pedestrian paths improve accessibility throughout the site. An inclusive play area in the north, along with modern amenities such as accessible barbecues and seating, cater to diverse needs. Moreover, the addition of open grassed areas in the central space offers room for informal recreation and open-air events. This is complemented by increased shade along the water's edge, ensuring the community's comfort and enjoyment.

Will access be maintained to the businesses at the Northern end?

Access to the businesses at the northern end will be maintained for the majority of the project. Signage will be in place to safely direct the public throughout the area and provide access to all buildings. View the [site map](#) for more information.

Why are the works not being completed in stages or sections? / Why is the entire Eastern Foreshore fenced off for works?

It is not practical, efficient, or economical to undertake the work in stages. Staged or sectioned works would result in an unacceptable project duration and an extended impact to the community and businesses. Practically, the work needs to be completed across the entire site; and to ensure this happens safely, the whole of the Eastern Foreshore has been fenced to restrict public access.

What are the proposed changes to the Northern car park?

The Eastern Foreshore design involves adjustments to the layout of the car park at the Northern end near the Mandurah Visitors Centre. The number of car park bays will be reduced by approximately six from the existing car park.

The proposed car park design will include the addition of a drop-off/pick up area. You can view the [concept plan of the northern car park](#) for more details.

How will parking be affected?

Most of the car bays along the Eastern Foreshore Reserve will remain open throughout the construction works. There are also multiple other car parking opportunities available including Sutton Street Hall car park, Hackett Street car park, and the City's Administration Building car park will be made available to the public during the weekends.

Is new lighting proposed for the Eastern Foreshore?

Yes, prioritising lighting is essential. We will be installing new lighting infrastructure along the Eastern Foreshore that meets current Australian standards. Activating the area and ensuring people feel safe day and night is an important aspect of this project.

Additionally, we will include feature lighting where appropriate throughout the Reserve.

Why is the playground being replaced?

A lot of the equipment in the current playground is nearing end-of-life. The new playground will provide a greater range of play opportunities with an emphasis on accessible and inclusive play. You can view the [play items](#) for more information.

Why is the liberty swing being removed?

A new, more inclusive, swing component is proposed for the new play area.

Will the new playground be fenced?

The new playground will be completely fenced to provide a safe and secure environment for all users.

Will any of the current equipment or materials from the Eastern Foreshore be recycled or reused?

Sustainability is being prioritised by reusing and recycling materials during the demolition stage of this project. The contractor, responsible for recycling and reusing materials where possible, is carefully sorting materials for appropriate removal and recycling. Some playground equipment has been kept for reuse at other sites, and the boat from the previous playground will be incorporated into the new playground on the Eastern Foreshore. While this approach to sorting materials takes extra time, it is essential to ensure everything is managed responsibly. Dedication to sustainability remains a key focus throughout this project.

Are there any 'water play' facilities proposed?

Water park facilities and water play elements have been on the 'wish list' of several participants contributing ideas for the Waterfront Project. While these facilities are fun and valued by users, they require a high level of maintenance and management and can have potential health risks. They also use potable water resources. Fresh, clean water is a limited resource, and the City of Mandurah is committed to sustainable water management practices. The Estuary Pool and associated Foreshore beach provides an opportunity for people to interact and play with the natural estuary water body. The Eastern Foreshore does not include any built 'water play' elements.

Are there any new toilet facilities proposed?

The construction of the new toilet facilities on the Eastern Foreshore is now complete. There is also a toilet facility available next to Visit Mandurah.

Service provisions will also be made for the inclusion of toilet facilities around the new playground area should this be required in the future.

What picnic facilities are to be provided?

The design includes picnic tables, shelters, and barbecues. An [artist impression](#) is available for more information.

What will the path connections be?

A fully accessible dual use path is proposed along the length of the Foreshore and the current path along the water's edge remains unchanged. Smaller paths will provide connection to the water's edge across the Eastern Foreshore.

Significant improvements will take place to the current path connections at the Northern end to ensure a safe, accessible, and level surface.

Will there be an impact to the trees currently onsite?

In the process of enhancing the waterfront, a number of mostly non-native trees situated along the existing promenade, within the northern carpark, and in the new playground area will be removed to accommodate the new infrastructure. This strategic removal is designed to improve sight lines and enhance the flexibility of the overall site. However, this is not without consideration for greenery as a large number of new trees will be introduced. Additionally, the project includes an expansion of garden beds throughout the site, ensuring a vibrant and green environment for the community.

What is the purpose of the central grass area?

The grass area will provide a space for picnics, passive recreation, and community wide use. It is also an adaptable space that can be used for music events, performances, and festivals. Provisions will be made for the allowance of a temporary demountable stage to allow the space to transition from a passive recreation area to an events space.

How long will the construction works take?

Construction is scheduled to begin in June 2024, with staged reopening from November, and overall completion by early March 2025, ensuring as minimal disruption as possible to the community.