

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

August 2020

As we near the start of early works for the Ocean Reef Marina, we want to provide you with an update on the project.

## FAMILY FUN DAY

On Sunday 16 August 2020, we will be hosting a free family event at the Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club. Join us between 10am and 4pm to hear more about the project, and enjoy a day of family activities including eco art, Indigenous craft, a fishing simulator and more. We hope that you will be able to join us.

## EARLY ACTIVITY ON SITE

You may have noticed some activity onsite over the past few days. Geotechnical investigations are currently underway to test the below-ground conditions of the site. This will help to ensure stable foundations for the future development.

All works are being done strictly in accordance with the native vegetation clearing permit conditions issued by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER). We have specifically selected the location of the tracks and geotechnical testing sites to avoid areas of better quality vegetation and we engaged an Ecologist to supervise the first day of testing to ensure these areas were clearly marked.

## RESPECTING ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

We recognise that all land is significant to Aboriginal people so we are working closely with Aboriginal Development Managers, the Yunga Foundation.

Yunga have been appointed to engage Traditional Owners and Whadjuk People and to discuss cultural and economic elements of the project. Following Yunga's engagement and review of heritage surveys of the site, no sites of significance have been found.

We are committed to working closely with Aboriginal people throughout construction to ensure the site is closely monitored and appropriate processes are followed. This includes having Aboriginal monitors on site during clearing works.

## PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

Ocean Reef Marina will bring hundreds of jobs and improved amenities to the local area. These benefits will also be balanced with protection of the native bushland.

We have undertaken extensive flora and fauna surveys for the site and have worked with DWER to achieve all necessary approvals for early works.

To date we have acquired 26ha of land, of similar environmental value, to offset vegetation onsite. This land will be owned by the State to preserve this bushland into the future. We have also committed to rehabilitating 5ha of degraded bushland onsite.

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Native seeds will be collected and used to help rehabilitate the surrounding bushland. The works have been planned to ensure minimal disruption to the environment and community during later stages of construction. A more detailed update on early works will be provided soon.

## UPCOMING EARLY WORKS

Comprehensive Management Plans have been developed for the early works to address construction, dust, noise, vibration and traffic management.

Further detailed information on the key interest areas will be available in coming months. Some initial details include:

**Working times:** Works will take place Monday to Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm, and Saturday 7:30am to 5:00pm (when required)

**Truck movements:** The majority of truck movements are expected to be internal to the site along Boat Harbour Quays.

**Existing facilities (boat ramps, car park and cycle path):** There is no disruption to the boat ramp and car park expected for the early works. A diversion of the walking and cycle path will need to take place towards the end of 2020. Prior advance warning and communications will be available leading up to this time.

## CONSTRUCTION WORKING GROUP

A Construction Working Group (CWG) made up of 23 invited local stakeholder and community organisations and five randomly selected immediate Ocean Reef residents has been created. We had a great response from residents to join the CWG. The CWG has been set up to help keep members of the community informed through construction, and will help to proactively identify and manage potential issues and opportunities relating to the early works and breakwater construction. The first meeting was held on Thursday 30 July and we will keep the broader community updated of the outcomes following each meeting.

## GET IN TOUCH

As we move into early works and construction, we will continue to engage with local residents and stakeholders in a number of ways. Never miss an update. Stay informed about the project by signing up for updates through the Ocean Reef Marina website.



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