



Port Augusta

CITY COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE

Notice to Residents – Removal of Eastside Jetty

Port Augusta residents are advised that work to remove the Eastside Jetty will commence the week of 4th February. All works will be conducted from water based floating plant. The plant consists of a 20 metre tow vessel, 12 metre jack-up barge with crane and small punt to push the barge into shallow waters.

The jetty has been out of service since 2014 when engineering reports found a range of structural issues that rendered the structure unsafe. Further investigation in 2017 revealed the jetty pylons had deteriorated to the point the structure could not be easily repaired and would instead require full replacement.

Unfortunately the cost of replacement of the jetty was well beyond the financial capability of the Council. A decision was made in May 2018 to demolish the unsafe structure and instead focus on redeveloping the foreshore.

The tender for the demolition work was completed in November 2018 and awarded to Davey Hydraulics. Final approval for Council to remove the jetty was granted by the South Australian Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure in late December.

Recognising the significant history of the jetty, several of the timbers will be kept for future artworks or furniture pieces as part of the Eastside foreshore redevelopment, or used as an artwork pieces within Port Augusta.

A small section of the jetty will be retained (approx. 3.5 metres) which will provide a viewing deck and signage which will highlight the significance of the Jetty to Port Augusta.

Council will be preparing a design for the foreshore upgrade area over coming months and encourages community input, including ideas on re-purposing the jetty timber into artworks or furniture.

Davey Hydraulics will be dismantling the jetty from the water, meaning there may be minor disruption to boat ramp users during this time. A site office and compound will be setup on the Carpenters Landing Boat Ramp carpark from 28th January 2019 which will require the temporary removal of 2 existing boat parks to allow traffic flow during the duration of the project. This will include closure of the western boat ramp lane at times during the term of the project for the unloading of the jetty timbers. It is anticipated that these closures will be minimal with an anticipated completion date being 25th February 2019.

Council apologises for any inconvenience during the demolition works and looks forward to working with the community over coming months as part of the foreshore redevelopment.

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