Renmark Paringa Council

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Renmark Wharf Upgrade - Project Announcement

The Renmark Wharf between the Taylor Riverfront Precinct and the Visitor Information Centre will see a major upgrade, with construction proposed to start in November 2022 dependent on River Murray levels.

Once constructed, the renewed wharf will provide:

- Improved access for houseboats at variable river levels
- Improved walkway accessibility for pedestrians with three-metre-wide footpath through the project zone
- Improved safety for river users and pedestrians
- Improved overall aesthetics of the Renmark Riverfront

The Wharf is a highly utilised town asset that provides access Renmark's Town Centre for houseboats and recreational river users. In 2019-20, Council engaged consultants to undertake an engineering assessment due to concerns for the structural adequacy of this asset. As a result, Ecospec Coastal and Marine were appointed in late 2021 as the successful contractor to deliver this significant project.

Designing the upgraded wharf has included extensive consultation with stakeholders ensuring a long-lasting, fit for purpose solution with a focus on building an asset that is going to provide longevity and improved access for all users.

Acting Chief Executive Officer, Tim Pfeiffer said "This significant project will provide an inclusive, high quality functioning asset for pedestrians and river users that meets current and future demands for Renmark and the wider community."

The wharf construction will occur in a staged approach, to enable a portion of the wharf to remain open for river users at all times during construction. As Renmark is currently experiencing higher River Murray flows, this will have an impact on the construction start time. Construction is scheduled to commence in November 2022 however, river levels may delay commencement.

The Renmark Wharf Project has been co-funded through two streams of external funding; the Government of South Australia's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program and the Department of Environment and Water Constraints Measure Project. The River Murray in South Australia Constraints Measure project is being delivered by the South Australian Government in partnership with the Australian Government and the Murray-Darling Basin Plan.

For detailed project information, please refer to the project website <u>https://www.renmarkparinga.sa.gov.au/services/major-projects/renmark-wharf-upgrade</u>

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