

# Gunyangara (Gove Port) Tourism Precinct

## Tender released for marine and landside works

A construction tender to extend and upgrade marine and landside facilities at Inverell Bay, Gunyangara, near Nhulunbuy has been released.

The scope for this tender includes:

- an extended rock groyne that vehicles and pedestrians can access
- careening facilities for vessels to dock alongside for maintenance
- floating pontoon
- washdown bay
- car park upgrades
- entry structure.

This is the third package of works for the \$9 million Gunyangara (Gove Port) Tourism Precinct project, which will bolster marine and landside facilities for vessels to dock to enable more visitors to explore the region's natural beauty and rich cultural history.

The new marine and landside facilities are designed to enable ongoing maintenance by local Gove Peninsula businesses and the floating pontoon is detachable so it can be removed and stored safely in preparation for a cyclone.

## Completed works

The first package of early works for this project was completed by local Indigenous Business Enterprise Deltareef in 2022 to secure an area of significance in the car park on the site adjacent to the Gove Boat Club.

Deltareef also completed a \$1.4 million package of works that included constructing toilet facilities, shade and seating to provide additional amenities and comfort for visitors and users. This works package supported 15 jobs, including five local Aboriginal people who made up one third of the construction team.

Six tonnes of local Darwin Stringybark (*Eucalyptus tetradonta*) timber was sourced from the Birany Birany forest and milled at the Gumatj Saw Mill to construct the new shade shelter and as cladding for the new toilet block. Seven local Aboriginal employees of Delta Reef Gumatj (DRG) worked to prepare the timber at the Gumatj owned timber mill before it was erected on site.

The Gunyangara (Gove Port) Tourism Precinct is jointly funded by the Australian Government through the Aboriginals Benefit Account to the Gumatj Corporation, the Northern Territory Government and



Developing East Arnhem Limited. It is being delivered in collaboration with project stakeholders, Ngarrariyal Aboriginal Corporation and Gove Boat Club.

The project will provide better facilities for recreational users, charter vessels, cruise ship operators, and other marine operators and provide business and employment opportunities for local people, including Yolngu tourism operators.

## Contact

If you have any questions about construction of the project, please contact the Northern Territory Government's Darwin Harbour Infrastructure Projects team at [dhip.dipl@nt.gov.au](mailto:dhip.dipl@nt.gov.au) or call 8936 5668.



*Deltareef employees Mitchell Street and Klay Mercer put up the milled Stringybark Eucalyptus timber as part of a new amenities building at the Gunyangara Tourism Precinct project.*



*Local DRG employees Jeffrey Dhurrkay, Carlos Gumbula, Jeffrey Baxter, John van Beelen and Keith Marika ready to process Darwin Stringybark timber at the Gumatj Saw Mill for the Gunyangara Tourism Precinct project.*