

Gunyangara (Gove Port) Tourism Precinct

Construction update – January 2025



Above: Work progressing to build the rock groyne at Gove Boat Club.

Construction is progressing on a project to extend and upgrade marine and landside facilities at Inverell Bay, Gunyangara, near Nhulunbuy.

The works include building a new extended rock groyne, careening facilities that vessels can dock alongside for maintenance, a floating pontoon extending from the groyne, washdown bay, car park upgrades and an entry structure at Gove Boat Club.

The rock groyne has been constructed using rock sourced from the nearby Gulkula Quarry, which is a local Aboriginal Business Enterprise. An estimated 6000 tonnes from the quarry was used to build the rock groyne, which is about 63 metres long.

Approximately 850 cubic metres of concrete recycled from the site was used to construct the rock groyne.

Works are progressing to construct the road on top of the rock groyne and work has started on installing a temporary rock pad and footings for the careening structure.

The next steps for construction include:

- construction of the Tire-Link pontoon
- piling and construction of the careening structure
- concrete and road works on the rock groyne
- car park upgrades
- construct the entry structure.

Approximately 35% of the workforce so far on the project are Indigenous with 8 workers employed at the Gulkula Quarry to source, process and deliver the rock for the project.

DTA Contractors worked with Gulkula Quarry to build local capacity as the company expands its business to quarrying to support local road and other infrastructure projects.

Marine traffic

Earthmoving machinery will continue to be working on the new rock groyne at the Gove Boat Club.

Vessels are required to maintain a safe distance from the construction area while the machinery is in operation.

A marine spotter will be stationed on the foreshore to notify vessels to maintain a safe distance from the construction equipment while it is operating. The marine spotter and excavator operator are contactable via **VHF Channel 16** if required.

The boat ramp will remain open during the initial stages of construction, with boat ramp closures required when construction progresses. The project team will provide notifications prior to the boat ramp being closed.

Notice to Mariners (attached) have been issued and are available at <https://nt.gov.au/marine/marine-safety/directions-and-notice-notice-to-mariners>.

If you have any questions about construction of the project, please contact the Northern Territory Government's Darwin Harbour Infrastructure Projects team at DHIP.DLI@nt.gov.au or call 8936 5668.



Above: Gulkula Quarry employee Leslie McLaughlin at the quarry, where hard rock was produced to build the rock groyne at Gove Boat Club for the Gunyangara Tourism Precinct project. **Below:** Aerial image of the new rock groyne. Credit: Neal Baulch.

