

Mandorah Marine Facilities Project

Construction update

The Northern Territory Government is delivering new marine facilities to improve and maintain public transport services for residents and visitors to Mandorah, Wagait Beach and Belyuen.

The new facilities will include a new boat ramp, toilet facilities, car park upgrades and an improved experience for ferry users. Importantly, it will also provide *Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)* compliant access.



Marine construction update

Marine piling will begin in early April 2025 to install marine piles for physical navigational aids in the entrance to and inside the basin, and marine piles to secure the new floating pontoon.

Works will be scheduled during daylight hours to minimise any potential noise impacts.

It is anticipated that the navigational aids will be commissioned in June 2025.

Landside works update

Construction progress on site includes:

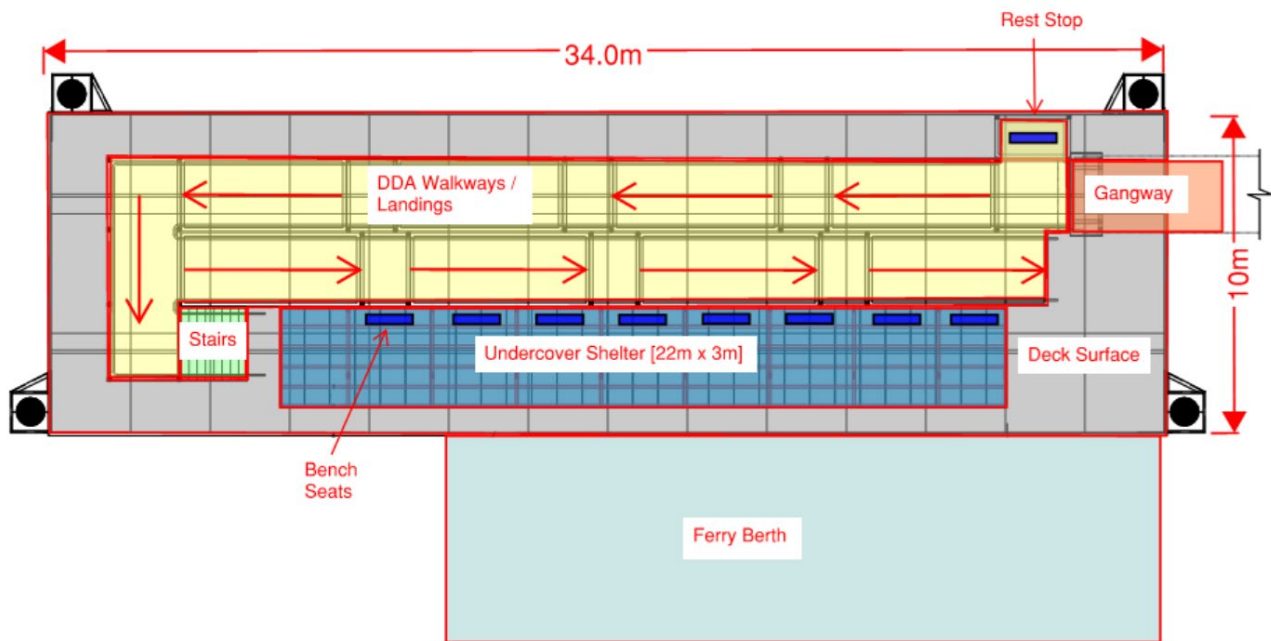
- completing stormwater infrastructure, drainage and kerbing
- completing 80% of the civil works for the car park and access road
- completing the external cladding and roof on the ferry terminal building, with wall cladding underway
- starting boat ramp construction, with locally manufactured pre-cast concrete panels anticipated to be installed in May 2025.

Access to some sections of the existing Mandorah Jetty car park area may be restricted during the works and updates will be provided on any potential construction impacts.

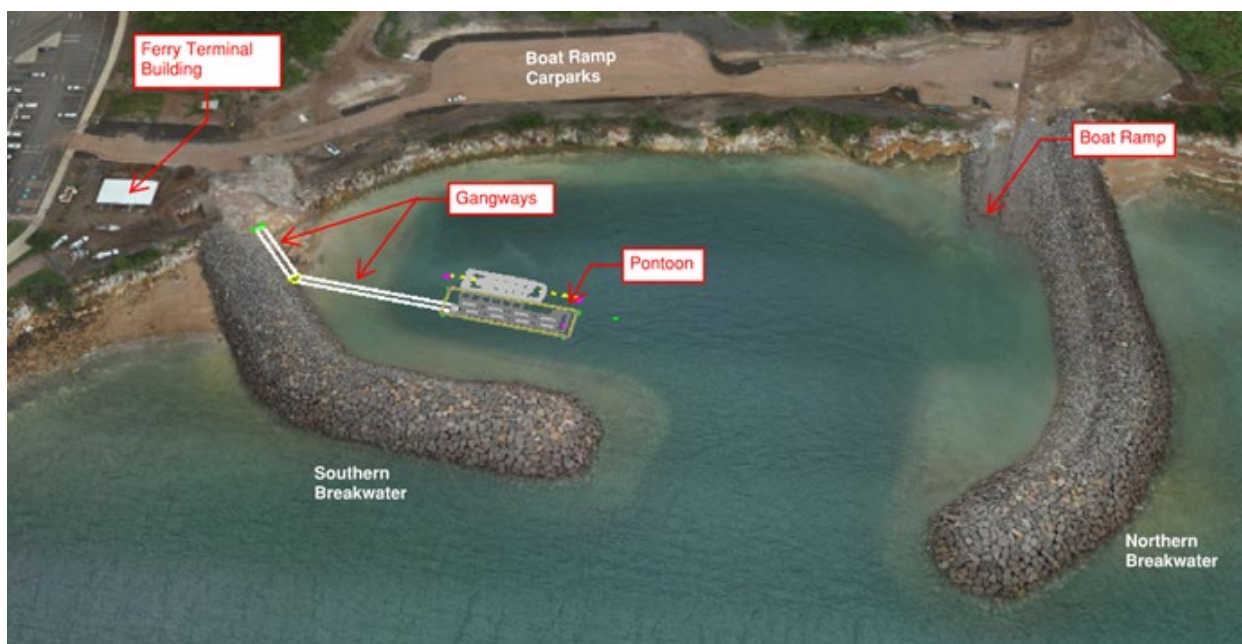
Pontoon and gangway

Design works for the pontoon and gangway are now largely complete.

A 22 metre long fixed aluminium gangway connects to a 42 metre long hinged gangway to provide DDA compliant access to the pontoon. The pontoon is approximately 34 metres long and 10 metres wide with shade, seating, a DDA compliant walkway with landings, and stair access from the gangway to the pontoon platform (see image below).



The components of the pontoon and gangways are being fabricated offsite and will be assembled on-site. The pontoon and gangways are expected to be installed in June 2025.



Final design feedback

Following engagement with key stakeholders in early 2024 and January 2025, the following has been incorporated into the final design:

- car park numbers have been increased, compared to the original concept design
- shade has been increased on the floating pontoon
- the pontoon is designed for a capacity of 150 people
- a DDA compliant accessible boat platform will be located next to the boat rigging bay to enable people to get in and out of their boats from a raised platform before they launch their boat
- the boat trailer parking was changed to diagonal parking for ease of use
- rest stops and landings are included on the gangway and pontoon.

The project team would like to thank the stakeholders who provided feedback during the design process.

Construction program

The Mandorah Marine Facilities Project is anticipated to be completed in July 2025, subject to reaching the following milestones:

Ferry terminal construction completed	April 2025
Landside civil infrastructure including boat ramp, access road, and lighting	May 2025
Ferry pontoon and navigational piles	June 2025
Target project completion	July 2025

More than 73% of the total number of subcontractors and suppliers engaged by SMC Marine for the project are Territory businesses, with the remainder of contracts being for very specialised disciplines.

Marine safety

Harbour users are directed not to enter the construction area marked by hazard markers, buoys and lights.

Notices to Mariners have and will be issued to all Darwin Port users and are available at <https://nt.gov.au/marine/marine-safety/directions-and-notice-notice-to-mariners>.

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