



PROJECT FACT SHEET

Muriel Henchman Park Redevelopment

The Gold Coast Waterways Authority is improving access to the Broadwater and the Seaway for community groups, emergency services, recreational and commercial boaters. We'll be providing improved boat ramps, jetties and pontoons for all types of watercraft. Land-side facilities will also be upgraded including parking, foreshore pathways, landscaping, showers and toilets. These new facilities are being delivered as part of the implementation of the Spit Master Plan.

Benefits:

Muriel Henchman Park is a popular launching area for vessels accessing the Broadwater and The Seaway and open ocean. This project will deliver the following community benefits:

- Improving safety by providing dedicated launching areas for recreational, commercial, emergency and non-motorised vessels to separate the different types of craft and activities.
- Increasing the number of boat ramp lanes to cater for an increased number of traffic movements, especially during peak periods.
- The provision of additional car and trailer parking bays with those bays being located in an area that does not disrupt vessel launching and retrieval activities.
- Improved public amenities including shade shelters, landscaping, toilets and showers and pathways..
- A dedicated area for community clubs to meet and safely store their equipment.
- A dedicated area from which Surf Lifesaving Queensland can undertake emergency operations and for the storage of equipment.

PROJECT LOCATION

Muriel Henchman Park – Seaworld Drive, Gold Coast, Queensland

KEY DETAILS

Planned Investment:
\$9.784 million over 4 years

Estimated Construction Start:
August 2021

Estimated Construction Completion:
June 2024

Current Status:
Concept Phase

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Impacts:

- Construction works will be staged over a number of years to minimise the impacts on users of the facility and neighbouring properties.
- During construction, the number of carparks and boat ramps is likely to be reduced to enable the upgrade works to be undertaken.
- There will be some noise generated by construction activities.
- There will be some restrictions on access to different parts of the Park during construction – information on restrictions will be provided closer to the construction date.

For more information on The Spit Master Plan go to <https://gcwa.qld.gov.au/spit-master-plan/>

Project site area

Concept design from *The Spit Master Plan May 2019* – note final design may change

Outcomes

- 4.1** A small park to the north of the vessel launching facility provides a staging area for events in Marine Stadium, a waiting area for vessel movement and recreation activities adjacent to The Broadwater. It has amenities such as toilets, shelters and beach showers.
- 4.2** Smaller and non-motorised vessels, such as canoes and kayaks, are launched from a separate launching area located in the northern portion of the precinct.
- 4.3** The position of the buildings enables easy movement for pedestrians and cyclists between The Broadwater pathway and the pathway through Muriel Henchman Park and along the eastern edge of the Marine Stadium.
- 4.4** A series of buildings provides storage facilities, vessel mooring and launching facilities, and administrative and meeting spaces for organisations such as Volunteer Marine Rescue and Surf Life Saving Queensland.
- 4.5** The provision of additional car and trailer parking bays reflects the growing demand for recreation boating activities and the arrangement of those bays ensures parking activities do not disrupt vessel launching and retrieval activities.
- 4.6** The vessel launching area provides a safe and efficient arrangement for launching and retrieving motorised and/or larger trailer-borne vessels.

