

Green light for new waterways management program

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\$50.4 million will be invested in construction and upgrade projects to improve access to the Gold Coast waterways over the next four years.

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said plans for the Gold Coast waterways were laid out in the Palaszczuk Government's new Gold Coast Waterways Management Program 2022-2026.

"The Gold Coast is one of the fastest growing cities in the country, so we need to keep pace with demand for access to the waterways," Mr Bailey said.

"That's why this program is firmly centred around boating and marine infrastructure, dredging, the operation and maintenance of the Sand Bypass System, and innovation.

"These projects will make our popular marine facilities much easier to use, and allow residents and visitors to experience the incredible Gold Coast waterways.

"They come as part of the Palaszczuk Labor Government's almost \$5.2 billion, four-year transport and roads plan for the Gold Coast, supporting 4,300 good, secure jobs.

"We're delivering the services that matter, helping Queenslanders spend more time enjoying our great lifestyle."

GCWA Chief Executive Officer Chris Derksema said along with ongoing waterways management, a strong pipeline of projects will see infrastructure delivered where it is most needed.

"We have a vision for a 'Waterways City', and this program supports that vision by considering the cultural, social, economic and environmental values that make our waterways so unique," Mr Derksema said.

"And like everything we do at GCWA, it is strongly aligned to our Gold Coast Waterways Strategy 2021-2030 which focusses on improving access, connections, and destinations.

"Engagement with our community, industry and partner agencies is vital to the program's successful implementation, and we'll continue to work with them in the management of our beautiful waterways."

Some of the management program projects to commence in the 2022-2023 financial year are: -

1. West Crab Island Channel Dredging (Northern End)
2. Coomera River Dredging
3. Jabiru Island Boat Ramp Replacement and Floating Walkway
4. Further upgrades to the Sand Bypass System at The Spit
5. Oxenford Boat Ramp
6. Broadwater Parklands Pontoon

Projects to be undertaken by GCWA in the following years include; the Hope Island Jetty Replacement, Wave Break Island Keyhole Anchorage dredging, and North and South Channel dredging.

Visit the GCWA website to find out more about its [10-year Strategy](#) and [Gold Coast Waterways Management Program 2022-2026](#).

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