Upgrades on the way for Jabiru Island boat ramp

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A popular Paradise Point boat ramp is set to undergo major upgrades in the coming months.

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said the \$950,000 project commencing in May this year will see the recreational boat ramp lanes at Jabiru Island expanded and upgraded to the latest specifications.

"Located on the southern side of Jabiru Island, near the convergence of the southern arm of the Coomera River, Coombabah Creek and Saltwater Creek, the Jabiru Island boat ramp is an important access point for recreational boaties," Mr Bailey said.

"Maintaining facilities like this boat ramp is an important part of ensuring safe navigable access for waterway users, especially as demand for these facilities continues to climb on the Gold Coast."

Gold Coast Waterways Authority Chief Executive Officer Chris Derksema said the upgrades were part of a \$50.4 million investment in construction and upgrade projects to improve access to the Gold Coast waterways through the <u>Gold Coast Waterways Management Program 2022-26.</u>

"Boaties and other recreational users will be able to access three other mixed-use lanes on weekends while the works are carried out, so we expect minimal disruptions," Mr Derksema said.

"As always, the community can stay in the loop with the progress of our projects via the <u>Gold Coast</u> <u>Waterways Authority website</u> or social media accounts."

The Jabiru Island boat ramp upgrades project is expected to be completed by October 2023, or earlier.

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