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GOLD COAST AIDS TO NAVIGATION TO UNDERGO A MAJOR REVAMP

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Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA) is commencing a major maintenance and renewal project to improve the condition and longevity of aids to navigation in the Gold Coast Seaway and the Broadwater.

These major improvements began in early October, with 27 large beacons set to undergo a significant overhaul.

The project will include replacement of damaged hardware to ensure a safer and more efficient access to these vital assets. Reinstatement of protection systems to piles and columns, including anti-corrosion measures, will extend the operational lifespan of the beacons.

The beacons will also undergo a thorough blast and repaint, to help protect them from the harsh marine environment and enhance their appearance.

Following a tender process, the contract to deliver this important project was awarded to a Queensland based firm, Blue Water Marine QLD Pty Ltd.

At a cost of \$340,000, this project will maintain navigational safety in the Broadwater and the Gold Coast Seaway for recreational and commercial vessels.

The works on site will take approximately three months, with GCWA anticipating completion by December 2023.

For updates and more information on GCWA projects, visit www.gcwa.qld.gov.au

Quotes to be attributed to Mark Bailey, Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services

‘Safe access to the Gold Coast waterways is vital for our marine, tourism, and recreational industries.’

‘A reliable system of aids to navigation plays a key role in guiding vessels safely through waterways, especially in areas of higher vessel traffic regularly navigated by larger vessels with deeper draft.’

‘This project will ensure the structures at the Gold Coast’s large pile beacons remain fully serviceable in optimal working condition, enhancing marine safety and minimising the risk of marine incidents.’

Quotes to be attributed to Chris Derksema, GCWA CEO

‘We prioritise the maintenance and renewal of the major navigations aids to enhance the functionality and longevity of these assets and address any repairs promptly.’

‘This proactive approach helps us mitigate risks and ensure safer navigation within the Gold Coast Seaway and the Broadwater’s north and south channels.’

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