

Coastal Walkway Field River section now open

The upgraded and extended Field River Section of the City of Marion's popular Coastal Walkway was open to the public this week.

This section connects the walkway between Heron Way Reserve and the Field River is the first renewal project of the City of Marion's \$4.8 million redevelopment of the Coastal Walkway.

The entire redevelopment is being funded by Marion Council in partnership with the State Government which has provided \$2.4 million as part of its stimulus package to deal with the impacts of the coronavirus.

"Residents and visitors have been very keen for the Field River section to finally open," Marion Mayor Kris Hanna said.

"I'm thrilled the new boardwalk is made of locally-sourced, fibre reinforced, recycled plastic.

"This section is now more sustainable and drastically more accessible.

"The path design caters for 2100 sea-level rise requirements. Now THAT'S planning ahead!"

The second project in the redevelopment involves reconnecting the Grey Road and Kurnabinna Terrace gullies along the walkway.

At its March 8 General Meeting, Council considered, in confidence, an evaluation report on the Coastal Walkway, including the suspension bridges proposed for Grey Road Gully and Kurnabinna Gully.

To make as much information as possible available to the community, Council decided to release the report but to redact financial figures and the names of tendering parties until the construction contract is finalised.

A further report is scheduled to be received at the General Council Meeting on March 22 which will outline the final price and construction program for this project.

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