

Work starts on footings for Coastal Walkway bridges

Work on the footings for the two suspension bridges being built along the Coastal Walkway at Hallett Cove is scheduled to start next week.

Construction on the ground anchors for the bridges is expected to start on Monday, May 8, and work will be ongoing at Kurnabinna Gully for the next four weeks and at Grey Road Gully for around eight weeks

These works will involve drilling and excavation activities, which will generate increased noise levels during the scheduled daytime working hours.

City of Marion contractors will be monitoring noise levels during this phase of the project and taking all reasonable measures to minimise the noise impacts.

The two 40m bridges at Grey Road Gully and Kurnabinna Gully are expected to be finished by the end of the year.

Work on upgrading Fryer Street Reserve near Kurnabinna Gully is on track with the City of Marion installing a public toilet, drinking fountain, picnic bench, shelter, new path and landscaping.

Residents and visitors are being reminded to be careful when traversing the locality. The boardwalk is not accessible, and walkers are asked to follow the detour signage in place.

The Coastal Walkway is located in the Marion Coast Park which extends 7.2 km from Marino in the north, to the Hallett Headland Reserve at Hallett Cove in the south.

Upgrading the Walkway is a multimillion-dollar commitment for the City of Marion with the State Government providing \$2.44 million towards the project.

A structural audit on the popular tourist attraction was conducted by engineers in 2019 leading to some sections of the boardwalk being closed for safety reasons until they could be rebuilt.

Installing suspension bridges across Grey Road Gully and Kurnabinna Gully are the last sections to be addressed.

The \$1.126 million Field River section extension was officially opened in April. 2022.

| For environmental, accessibility and long-term financial reasons, the City of Marion resolved to proceed with suspension bridge designs rather than rebuilding the stairs.

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