Making Marion content – August 2021 to March 2022

Coastal Walkway March update 2022

At its meeting on 8th March, a Bridge and Walkway Evaluation Report was presented to Council.

Please see the details here.

A report dealing with the next stage in the approval process for bridge designs for the Grey and Kurnabinna Gullies along the Coastal Walkway was scheduled to be considered by Council on Tuesday 22nd March as a confidential item.

The report had to be withdrawn from the meeting agenda because negotiations regarding the final design and costs with the preferred tenderer are still being finalised.

The report is now expected to come before Council in May.

Coastal Walkway December update 2021

At its meeting on 14 December, Council considered an update on the Coastal Walkway project.

Council noted that designs have progressed in response to feedback from residents. The designs seek to:

- minimise impact on views from nearby properties
- complement the local environment
- minimise any wind noise from the bridges
- use decking material that will reduce noise generated by walkers and runners.

Council noted that an independent noise assessment shows wind noise from the bridges is unlikely to exceed recommended noise levels.

The City of Marion will shortly engage a preferred contractor to finalise the suspension bridge designs.

All designs will be completed by February ready for construction to start in early 2022.

Nearby residents have been and will continue to be updated as the project progresses. Recently, staff met with residents adjacent to Kurnabinna Gully to answer questions about the project.

The item was discussed in confidence at the 14 December meeting for commercial reasons. Updated detailed designs will be released once the procurement has concluded.

Updated artist's impressions showing perspectives of the bridge from Grey and Kurnabinna gullies have been posted on this page.

Coastal Walkway October Update 2021

On Tuesday 26 October, Marion Councillors voted unanimously to move ahead with the suspended cable bridge option across the Kurnabinna and Grey Rd gullies along the Coastal Walkway at Hallett Cove.

Elected members noted some public opposition to the bridge design, but said ongoing requests to make the gullies section more accessible to all abilities and the public's desire to have it reopened as quickly as possible, along with the environmental benefits, helped shape the decision to finalise detailed designs.

The cost of the bridge proposal is estimated at $4 million while it would cost roughly $5.3 million to replace the current gullies portion of the walkway. The bridge option also allows for a quicker delivery of the project meaning the popular beachside walk could be open again by mid-2022.

Council also endorsed the removal of beach access at Kurnabinna due to safety concerns but will explore a safer beach access point within segment 7 closer to Fryer Street Reserve.

The final design will be released to the public in early December 2021.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Coastal Walkway October Update 2021

Marion Council is pleased to reveal detailed designs of a proposed new cable bridge linking Grey Rd and Kurnabinna gullies along the Coastal Walkway.

The addition of the suspended cable bridge provides a number of key benefits to the community including:

- Significant reduction on the impact to flora and fauna
- Increased accessibility and user-friendly for all ages
- A reduced construction timeline
- Lower ongoing maintenance costs compared to existing structure

The $4.8 million project (also taking in the segment at Field River) is being funded equally between Marion Council and the State Government. The detailed design includes opportunities for new lookouts along the upgraded section. Beach access will be removed at Kurnabinna gully due to ongoing safety concerns about rock falls at the bottom of the staircase. There are also public safety concerns of entrapment on the beach. Alternate access points will continue to be available via a moderate walk in either direction.

- **Here you can view the October 2021 information flyer that contains an overview of the concepts.**
- **To have your say on the detailed design please complete a short feedback form here.**

Submissions close 19 October 2021

Council is expected to consider the concepts at its meeting on 26 October 2021.

Construction of the gullies section is expected to be complete by December 2022. Council has been committed to fixing the walkway since safety concerns forced the temporary closure of these gullies back in June 2019.

Field River | August Update 2021

- Construction of the walkway connecting Heron Way Reserve to the Field River mouth has commenced.
- Construction will include revegetation, new boardwalk and upgrades to existing paths will bind the Coastal Walkway south of the Field River.
- The new walkway project provides a crucial link in achieving South Australian Government's initiative to establish a continuous 70-kilometre coastal linear park.
- The works will complement the existing environment and enhance the biodiversity of the area through revegetation of dunes, protection of the Hooded Plover, and simultaneously ensures convenient access for the community and visitors to enjoy.

Kurnabinna & Grey Gullies | August Update 2021

- The design for the gullies are progressing with preliminary works already completed.
- Preliminary works include, Flora & Fauna assessment, Aboriginal Cultural examination, Geo technical investigations, Topographic survey with conceptual alignments.
- The project will use a mixture of materials, including recycled plastics that aim to complement the natural environment.
- Construction works for the gullies will commence in December 2021.
- Council endorsed the Coastal Walkway Concept Design at its meeting of 24 November 2020 and approved to progress to detail design for construction.

We will consider community views where possible in the development of the design for the walkway.

Work will cost $4.8 million. Council is providing $2.4 million; a figure State Government has matched as part of its stimulus package to deal with the impacts of the coronavirus.