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New Boardwalk for Casuarina Coastal Reserve

The elevated boardwalk at Casuarina Coastal Reserve has just received a $150 000 upgrade, Member for Casuarina Kon Vatskalis said today.

Local company Kyoto Contracting was awarded the tender to reconstruct the elevated boardwalk between Rocklands Drive and Casuarina Coastal Reserve.

“Pedestrian and cyclists will be able to use the new boardwalk which is 100m long and 2m wide and links Rocklands Drive to the beach,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“The new boardwalk has been made from Replas – which is a 100 per cent recycled material and consists mainly of recycled printer cartridges.

“It is replaces the old deck boardwalk and is expected to have much longer life with fewer requirements for ongoing maintenance.

“The new bridge will be safer for bike riders, reduces ongoing maintenance of timber slats and is more aesthetically pleasing amongst the natural wonders of Casuarina Coastal Reserve.”

Casuarina Coastal Reserve protects about 1500ha of coastal habitats between the estuaries of Rapid Creek and Buffalo Creek. It includes 8 km of sandy beaches, dramatic cliffs and shady casuarina trees.

“The habitats in this Reserve support one of the most diverse collections of native fauna found anywhere in the Darwin area. As well as the many different bird species, small mammals including the Northern Brushtail Possum and Northern Brown Bandicoot thrive in the forests.

“Casuarina Coastal Reserve is a popular spot for locals and tourists and offers a bitumen cycling track, picnic tables and walking tracks.

“This is a fantastic addition and I believe will be very popular with visitors to the area.”

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