Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of ‘e-news’, a regular newsletter on the progress of the Darwin City Waterfront development

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Construction Underway

Construction phase swings into action with the start of building works

The first delivery of more than a million tonnes of landfill and 120,000 tonnes of rock armour to the Darwin City Waterfront site has signaled the start of the exciting construction phase of the development.

The landfill is from land being developed at East Arm and will be used to create a pad upon which the Convention Centre will be built, while the rock armour, from Mt Bundey, will be used to create the sea wall.

Trucks will work around the clock for up to 16 weeks to deliver the huge quantity of fill and rocks required for this phase of the development and motorists are urged to exercise caution on the roads along the truck route, which includes Berrimah Road and Tiger Brennan Drive.

Local suppliers reap Waterfront rewards

It was good news for Territory businesses with haulage contracts for the fill and rock armour awarded to two local transport companies – Gulf Transport and Wagners NT – with both companies employing extra drivers to cope with the increased demand.

Other Territory companies will also benefit with fuel, oil, tyre and spare parts all being procured locally. Australian Fuel Distributors, ABS Tyres and Brakes, DAC Enterprises, Paul Lewis Electrical and Corroboree Tavern are just some of the local companies that will benefit from extra business in the coming weeks, demonstrating the far-reaching rewards of major projects such as the Darwin City Waterfront.

Wharf access in hand

With increased activity at the entry to Stokes Hill Wharf public access is being managed under a Traffic Management Plan to ensure the safe and controlled movement of traffic through the construction site. Additional car parking will be available at busy times at the rear of the Indo Pacific Marine premises on the Stokes Hill Wharf access road.
**Dredging nets heritage finds**

With more than 230 metal objects identified in the marine area of the Darwin City Waterfront site, which was subjected to heavy bombing during World War II, contractors were expecting to find a number of unexploded bombs buried in the mud.

All of the identified metal objects have now been removed and, while no bombs were found, a number of heritage items were discovered. These include a late 19th century Chinese stoneware jug, steel from the MV Neptuna which sank along Darwin Wharf during the 1942 bombings and a brass fuse from a reconnaissance flair from 1941, also a relic from the air raids.

These items, a reminder of the long and interesting history of the area, will be carefully conserved and eventually put on public display.

**Production dredging on the move**

The identification and removal of metal objects from the marine area of the site has allowed for full production dredging to get underway. The dredging will see unsightly mud flats adjacent to Stokes Hill Wharf removed to make way for the Convention Centre pad ensuring that, once complete, the Convention Centre will boast enviable uninterrupted water views.

**Environmental Management**

**Land Auditor Signs Off**

The future site of the Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre was previously used for various industrial purposes including stockpiling minerals and storage of bitumen.

The NT Government has commissioned URS Environmental Consultants and an Independent Contaminated Land Auditor from GHD to oversee and monitor the major cleanup of the area throughout the duration of the project.

The auditor, Dr Peter Nadebaum, has signed off on the Remediation Action Plan and various options for remediating the contaminated soil are being considered.

**Consortium's Environmental Management Plan Complete**

The Consortium has recently completed a Construction and Environmental Management Plan Framework which ensures that all contractors and developers work within the parameters set by the Environmental Impact study and the Remediation Action Plan.

With the commitment of all parties to best practice in this area, all environmental issues will be thoroughly considered and professionally managed at every stage of the Darwin City Waterfront development.

**Better by Design**

**Design Works on Track**

Design works are progressing with the engineering design for the seawall and the breakwater complete and design development of the Convention and Exhibition Centre undergoing final fine tuning before detailed design documentation commences in the coming weeks.

A revised concept design for the public domain is with the Development Consent Authority (DCA) for approval, while a revised concept design for the wave-pool and water recreation area will be submitted to the DCA in November.

Design of civil works such as roads, water, sewer, electrical and other site services is well underway together with the bridge link connecting the site to Smith Street.