



Community update

December 2020

Keeping our neighbours informed

Welcome to our Port of Melbourne Community Update.

This quarterly newsletter will keep you informed about what's happening at the port, including upcoming works, community initiatives and events.

If there's anything you'd like to hear about, drop us a line – our contact details are over the page. Thanks for reading!

Keeping an ear on noise

Recently Port of Melbourne has been investigating noise impacts experienced by some of our neighbours.

Port of Melbourne is committed to addressing the issue of noise and in November we began a new noise monitoring program that will provide us with detailed data from multiple points within the port precinct, as well as from within the surrounding community.

The program will build on the data collected from our initial noise monitoring activities earlier this year and help us to better associate a noise complaint with activities within the port or, conversely, identify off port activities as the source of the noise.

This program will provide us with the evidence we need to have informed conversations with our port operators about noise produced by their operations and work with them to mitigate impacts where possible.

Public areas

Did you know that the Port of Melbourne manages more than 10 hectares of public open space?

The parkland next to Webb Dock in Port Melbourne includes a nautically themed playground, a fishing platform and a lookout, as well as plenty of historic port equipment that's been repurposed and rehomed!

There's also a large stretch of waterfront land in front of Newport Power Station that's popular for fishing and dog walking.

While we do our best to keep these public spaces clean and tidy, sometimes antisocial behaviour leaves a bit of mess.

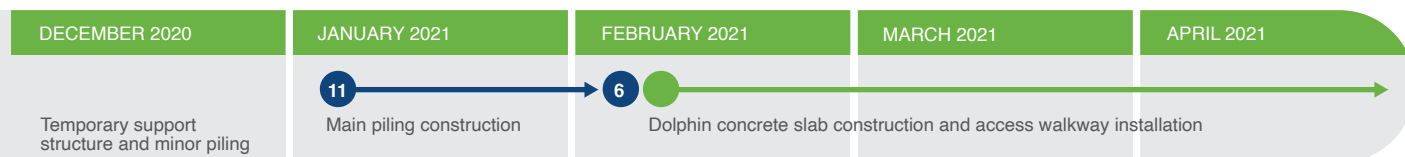
Thank you to our community members who help care for these areas, but if you spot a problem please let us know via the contact details below and we'll get right onto it.



Newport riverbank

Upcoming works

PROJECT DURATION



Work to build a new mooring dolphin at Webb Dock is set to begin in December this year and run until April 2021.

Mooring dolphins are small structures (approx. 6m in width) that are constructed on piles driven through the sea bed and have attachment points where ships tie additional mooring ropes to keep them stationary while docked in the port.

During December a temporary support structure will be built and some minor temporary piling works will take place.

The main piling work will occur from 11 January – 6 February 2021. The contractor will construct the dolphin concrete slab and install the new access walkway between February – April 2021.

Works are scheduled to take place on weekdays between 7am-5pm with some work required on Saturdays between 7am-1pm.

We expect the impacts on our neighbours to be minimal, if you have any questions please contact us on the numbers below.



Guided tours of the Port Melbourne freight facilities

Boat tours

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we have had to put our regular port boat tours on hold.

These tours are a fascinating family-friendly behind the scenes look at what goes on inside the Port of Melbourne. Best of all, from the water you can get a close up look at ships loading and unloading, as well as the equipment that helps keep Australia's biggest port moving.

We're keen to get them going again as soon as possible. If you're interested in a tour, keep an eye on our Facebook page (@portofmelbourne) for updates.

Turning back time

The signs that mark the Port Heritage Trail are getting a facelift.

Running from Station Pier in Port Melbourne all the way to Point Gellibrand in Williamstown, the heritage trail traces the 150-year history of the port.

It includes stops that take in key parts of Melbourne's industrial history, the point where the Yarra and Maribyrnong rivers meet and the intriguingly named "Rotten Row".

The trail follows well-established shared use paths, making it an easy to follow outing on foot or bicycle, with signs along the way highlighting key heritage sites and important places in the development of the port.

After a member of the Seaworks Maritime Museum let us know the sign at Breakwater Pier was in need of some TLC, we've ordered several replacement signs for the trail which should be in place before Christmas.

If you'd like to know more about Melbourne's maritime history, [Seaworks](#) is a great source of information and home to an impressive collection that tells the story of the long association our city has had with the sea.



Interpretive signage along Port Heritage Trail

Contact

For more information about the project and upcoming works, please go to the website or contact us via phone or email. Follow project updates on our Port of Melbourne Facebook page.



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