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\$9.3 million to upgrade jetties across South Australia

The 2017-18 State Budget includes a major investment to upgrade jetties across the state.

\$9.3 million will be invested over two years to upgrade jetties at Port Bonython, Port Noarlunga, Whyalla, Henley Beach and Semaphore.

Henley Beach Jetty will be fully refurbished, including driving new piles and replacing timber, the jetty shelter and stairs. This work will maintain the structural integrity of the jetty and provide a safer thoroughfare for all users.

Semaphore Jetty will be enhanced with the addition of a new shelter and seating that can be enjoyed by all recreational users of the jetty.

Port Noarlunga Jetty, adjacent to the Port Noarlunga reef, which is a popular diving and snorkelling attraction, will have existing stairs replaced and a new landing platform constructed to provide all-tide, safe and practical access to the reef for swimmers and recreational divers.

The State Government is also investing \$1 million to redevelop the Whyalla Jetty, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Whyalla City Council.

Port Bonython Jetty, which is a major liquids import and export terminal used by approximately 35 ships per year, will also be upgraded.

Steel remediation works will be undertaken at points along the 2.4 km-long Port Bonython Jetty and the fire pump house platform.

This new funding is in addition to:

- Major refurbishment works that have been completed to the walkways, the mooring point structures and the underside of the loading platform over the past few years.
- Replacement of stairs, ladders and jetty approach lighting over the past few years.

Background

The proposed works on all jetties will ensure that these facilities remain accessible, operational, and support local communities and business.

These major upgrades build on important works we have already delivered including:

- \$2 million upgrade of the heritage-listed Grange Jetty, opened in 2014.
- \$3.5 million to repair jetties across the state following storm damage in 2016.
- \$600,000 major restoration works to Kangaroo Island's Vivonne Bay Jetty.

Quotes attributable to Treasurer Tom Koutsantonis

These works will ensure long-term structural integrity, provide improved safety for recreational users and guarantee these jetties can continue to be enjoyed by the general public for many years to come.

Jetties are important to South Australians living near the coast, or visiting our coastlines, so it's crucial we maintain them so they can continue to be enjoyed.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport and Infrastructure Stephen Mullighan

We understand how important jetties can be to communities, particularly for local fishing and tourism businesses, which is why we are committing this additional funding.

These projects are good for locals, good for visitors, good for the tourism industry and good for business.

With more and more people visiting our iconic beaches, these upgrades will ensure the safety and comfort of all visitors, as well as local recreational users for years to come.

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