

MARIA CREEK SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

Timeline of Key Communication



This timeline overview has been prepared to reflect key items and communication throughout the Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project.

July 2016	Significant storm/weather events <i>100,000m³ sand 'slug' mobilised</i>
13 July 2016	Facebook Post Significant storm/weather events – facility closed
26 July 2016	Facebook Post Storm damage update
28 September 2016	Facebook Post Weather event anticipated – facility closed
30 September 2016	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility open
14 October 2016	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility closed due to significant seagrass build up
28 October 2016	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility remains closed
4 November 2016	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility open
7 November 2016	Facebook Post Dredging works due to commence at Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility
21 November 2016	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility closed due to significant inundation of sand and seagrass
25 November 2016	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility open
25 November 2016	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility closed due to dramatic change in conditions
30 November 2016	Facebook Post Commencement of dredging works at Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility

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2 December 2016	Facebook Post Marine infrastructure update – facility remains closed for dredging works
9 December 2016	Facebook Post Weed inundation – facility remains closed
16 December 2016	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility open from 17 December 2016 during daylight saving hours
23 December 2016	Facebook Post Channel marker placed inside passage – facility remains open
2017	<i>Southern Breakwater reaches full saturation</i>
23 March 2017	Facebook Post Dredging to commence on 28 March in preparation for Kingston Offshore Fishing Competition
5 April 2017	Facebook Post Eastern pontoon closed until further notice due to damage
13 April 2017	Facebook Post Navigation pathway for Kingston Offshore Fishing Competition
2017 winter	Significant amount of sand and seagrass accumulated in channel
14 July 2017	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility closed due to significant seagrass and sand accumulation
7 August 2017	Facebook Post Storm damage – facility closed and blocked with seagrass
8 September 2017	Facebook Post Update on Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility. Awaiting EPA approval for dredging works to commence
25 September 2017	Facebook Post Facility remains closed and still awaiting EPA approval for dredging works to commence

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2017/18	<i>Maria Creek Facility Closed for duration of 2017/18 peak holiday season (dredging of facility attempted but not successful)</i>
15 December 2017	Facebook Post Facility remains closed and still awaiting required approvals from Government Authorities for dredging works to commence
22 December 2017	Facebook Post EPA approval received with an anticipation for dredging and earthworks to commence on 27 December
4 January 2018	Facebook Post Update on dredging and excavation works
12 January 2018	Facebook Post Update on dredging and excavation works
19 January 2018	Facebook Post Update on dredging and excavation works
2 February 2018	Facebook Post Ceased dredging and excavation works due to significant influx of seagrass and the significant movement of sand from the South
7 February 2018	Informal Gathering Workshop of proposed Maria Creek Breakwater and Boat Launch Facility Investigation with Tonkin Consulting
9 February 2018	Facebook Post Update on Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility and key findings from Tonkin Consulting
16 February 2018	Council Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. That Council ceases all works at the Maria Creek Boat Ramp Facility, until further notice.</i><i>2. That Council approves the release of the attached public communique, as amended, to all rate payers.</i><i>3. That administration seeks a fee proposal from Tonkins Consulting to investigate options and associated short and long terms costs for Maria Creek Boat Ramp Facility.</i>

Cr JI Pope / Cr JM Gluyas CARRIED (9988)

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- 22 February 2018** **Facebook Post**
Update on Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility and future steps including engagement of Tonkin Consulting
- 7 May 2018** **Facebook Post**
Visit from Premier Steven Marshall and Member for MacKillop Nick McBride to discuss numerous coastal issues and tour coastal facilities
- 31 May 2018** **Informal Gathering**
Workshop of options and concept study with Tonkin Consulting
- 31 May 2018** **Facebook Post**
Report received from Tonkin Consulting and available for public viewing
- 22 June 2018** **Council Meeting**
1. *That council receive and note the Tonkin Consulting report on the Maria Creek Breakwater and Boat Launching Facility, dated May 2018.*
 2. *That council proceeds with the dredging of approximately 20,000 cubic metres of sand and seagrass within the Maria Creek system as per council's 2018/19 budget.*
 3. *That council reassesses Tonkin Consulting report recommendations, post 2018/19 dredging activities.*

Cr GD Usher / Cr JI Pope CARRIED (10,041)

- 16 August 2018** **Council Meeting**
1. *That council notes that a Coastal Protection Board grant application has been submitted requesting \$109,000 to support the excavation of seagrass from within the Maria Creek channel.*
 2. *That council acknowledges that the Coastal Protection Board grant application is reliant on the State Government's budget allocation for 2018/19 and that successful applications will not be known until after the state budget is released in September 2018.*
 3. *That in the event that council is successful with the Coastal Protection Board grant application, council defers the following projects and allocate cash savings towards the Coastal Protection Boards \$109,091 grant to establish a budget of \$136,364 for the excavation of seagrass within the Maria Creek channel:*

<i>Projects</i>	<i>Total Budget</i>	<i>Cash Savings</i>
<i>Gough & Charles Street Footpath</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>	<i>\$29,970</i>
TOTAL	\$50,000	\$29,970

4. *That internal budget savings of \$20,030 and other minor cash savings from resolution (3) are reallocated towards council's 2018/19 rural roads program.*

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5. That in the event that council is unsuccessful with the Coastal Protection Board grant application council defers the following projects and allocate their cash savings to establishing a budget of \$65,970 for the excavation of approximately 16,500 cubic metres of seagrass from within the Maria Creek channel:

Projects	Total Budget	Cash Savings
Maria Creek Solar Lighting	\$36,000	\$36,000
Gough & Charles Street Footpath	\$50,000	\$29,970
TOTAL	\$86,000	\$65,970

6. That internal budget savings of \$20,030 from resolution (5) be reallocated towards council 2018/19 rural roads program.
7. That council reallocate the 2018/19 EPA dredging, earthworks and drainage budget of \$51,000, to the existing \$38,000 budget for the removal of seagrass from between the groyne and jetty, and defers the following projects to establish a total budget of \$178,520 for the excavation of approximately 18,000 cubic metres of seagrass between the groyne and jetty:

Projects	Total Budget	Cash Savings
Wyomi Beach Footpath	\$30,000	\$18,520
Lions Park Bin Storage	\$10,000	\$10,000
Township Line Marking	\$26,000	\$26,000
Red Cross Vehicle Replacement	\$45,000	\$25,000
Township Trees	\$10,000	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$121,000	\$89,520

8. That internal budget savings of \$31,480 from resolution (7) be reallocated towards council 2018/19 rural roads program.
9. In the event that savings are achieved from the \$128,000 budget allocation for seagrass removal on the southern side of the jetty, that council allocates savings to the seagrass removal between the groyne and jetty.

Cr JJ Pope / Cr JM Gluyas CARRIED (10,106)

26 August 2018

Facebook Post

Excavation works at Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility to remove seagrass and reopen channel to relieve the build up of water in Maria Creek

27 September 2018

Facebook Post

Update on Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility. Excavation works due to commence within the next week

2 October 2018

Facebook Post

Update on Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility. Excavation works due to commence on 8 October

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15 October 2018	Facebook Post Update on Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility. Excavation works commenced
5 November 2018	Facebook Post Update on excavation works and release of the pontoons to allow for a thorough clean
13 November 2018	Facebook Post Update on excavation works and next steps
23 November 2018	Facebook Post Update on excavation works. Additional seagrass inundation
24 November 2018	Facebook Post Facility remains closed and excavation works to continue
2018/19	<i>Maria Creek Facility opened from late November 2018 to February 2019 (and reopened for Easter weekend)</i>
28 November 2018	Message from the Mayor Update and announcement of facility open
21 December 2018	Facebook Post Safe navigation route
26 March 2019	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility closed
17 April 2019	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility open
23 April 2019	Council Meeting <i>That a workshop be held to discuss the options for the future of the Maria Creek boat launching facility and at that workshop after assessing the options, a recommendation be made for the 21 May 2019 Council meeting.</i> <i>Cr JI Pope / Cr MG Ringshaw CARRIED (2019-77)</i>
29 April 2019	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility open
14 May 2019	Informal Gathering Workshop of options and concept study with Tonkin Consulting

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21 May 2019

Council Meeting

1. *That council note the workshop held on Tuesday 14 May 2019 regarding the Maria Creek boat launching facility.*
2. *That a report on the workshop discussion be presented to council at its meeting of 18 June 2019.*

WR Armfield / Cr RA Wingard CARRIED (2019-127)

18 June 2019

Council Meeting

1. *Council acknowledge that current short-term solutions to provide access to the Maria Creek recreational boat launch facility are not financially sustainable and Council's focus will be on providing a long-term solution that is financially sustainable through an affordable capital solution.*
2. *That Council will not make provision in the 2019/20 budget for the excavation of seagrass and sand from the Maria Creek channel and therefore the facility will be closed for the 2019/20 fishing season. Council will continue to investigate funding opportunities to provide a short term solution for the 2019/20 fishing season.*
3. *That having considered Council's Procurement Policy, Council engage the services of Tonkin Consulting to provide a scope of works brief for the 'Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project'.*
4. *In recognition of the impact on recreational fishers, Council*
 - a. *Maintain the 2019/20 daily boat launch fee at*
 - *\$10.00 daily launching permit*
 - b. *Reduce the 2019/20 annual boat launch fee*
 - *\$80.00 annual launching permit;*
5. *That Council's Fees and Charges Policy (as presented at item 16.3.2 of this agenda) be updated to reflect resolution 4 above.*

Cr TM Harding / Cr JM Gluyas CARRIED (2019-151)

20 June 2019

Message from the Mayor

Facility closed for 2019/20 fishing season. Investigate possible funding opportunities to provide short-term solution and focus on a long term solution

20 August 2019

Council Informal Gathering

Coastal Update Workshop

22 August 2019

Media Release

Council Continues to Focus on Long-term Solution for Maria Creek

25 August 2019

Facebook Post

Update on coastal matters – including link to Media Release listed above

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26 August 2019	Facebook Post Link to Coastal Update Workshop documents
17 September 2019	Council Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>That Council continue to focus on providing a long-term solution for the Maria Creek boat launch facility that is financially sustainable through an affordable capital solution.</i><i>That Council proceed in accordance with Council's Procurement Policy for Stage 1 – Detailed concept design.</i> <p><i>Cr JI Pope / Cr WR Armfield CARRIED (2019-217)</i></p>
19 September 2019	Facebook Post Update on progressing to Stage 1 – Detailed Concept Design
10 December 2019	Council Informal Gathering Coastal Update Workshop
17 December 2019	Council Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>That Council maintain its focus on the provision of a long-term solution for the Maria Creek boat launch facility and surrounds, that is financially sustainable through an affordable capital solution.</i><i>That Council engage Wavelength Consulting Pty Ltd to deliver 'Stage 1 – Investigations and Concept Design' of the Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project, in accordance with the Request for Quotation submission received and budget delegations.</i> <p><i>Cr Armfield / Cr Ringshaw CARRIED (2019-266)</i></p>
19 December 2019	Facebook Post Engagement of Wavelength Consulting to deliver Stage 1 – Investigation and Concept Design
20 December 2019	Upper SE Recreational Fishers Association Meeting Mayor Kay Rasheed presentation
21 December 2019	Fact Sheet Release & Website Update Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project
30 January 2020	Have Your Say Future Projects Full Postal Mailout

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7 February 2020	Facebook Post Wavelength one-on-one sessions (1,835 people reached)
10 February 2020	Have Your Say Future Projects E-newsletter Distribution
10 February 2020	Facebook Post Have Your Say Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility (3,589 people reached)
13-14 February 2020	One-on-one sessions with Wavelength 22 attendees
20 February 2020	Message from the Mayor Update and thanks for those who attended sessions
21 February 2020	Kingston to the Cape E-Newsletter 3 Update on Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project
28 May 2020	Kingston to the Cape E-Newsletter 5 Update on Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project
21 July 2020	Council Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <i>That Council receive the Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project 'Concept Study' Report dated 17 June 2020 prepared by Wavelength Consulting.</i>2. <i>That Council make the 'Concept Study' report available to the public from 22 July 2020.</i>3. <i>That given the importance of this project to the community, Council form a targeted focus group comprising of key stakeholders to consider the detail of the 'Concept Study' report and to provide contribution on behalf of the community.</i>4. <i>That the Chief Executive Officer be given delegated approval to approach key representatives of industry or interest groups to form the community focus group.</i>5. <i>That the community focus group be facilitated with administrative representation from the Chief Executive Officer, Manager Assets & Infrastructure & Team Leader Sustainability & Projects, with Wavelength providing technical engineering representation.</i>6. <i>That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Pope, and Cr Harding be appointed to the Community Focus Group as Council representatives.</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cr Gluyas / Cr Pope CARRIED (2020-095)</i></p>

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22 July 2020	Fact Sheet Release & Website Update Concept Study / Concept Study Overview Fact Sheet / FAQ
23 July 2020	Facebook Post Concept Study Release and Community Focus Group (4,332 people reached)
24 July 2020	Message from the Mayor Concept Study Release & Community Focus Group (Council outcome)
7 August 2020	Kingston to the Cape E-Newsletter 7 Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project Concept Study
17 August 2020	Community Focus Group #1 Wavelength presentation on Concept Study
20 August 2020	Message from the Mayor Community Focus Group
21 August 2020	Minutes/Fact Sheet Release & Website Update CFG Minutes / Presentation / Q & A
1 September 2020	Facebook Post Community Focus Group Meeting documents (2,434 people reached)
1 September 2020	Kingston to the Cape E-Newsletter 8 Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project Community Focus Group
21 September 2020	Community Focus Group #2 Wavelength presentation on Community Submissions & Temporary Options
22 September 2020	Council Meeting Community Focus Group Minutes tabled (information agenda)
24 September 2020	Message from the Mayor Community Focus Group & Temporary Access
25 September 2020	Minutes & Website Update CFG Minutes / Presentation
29 September 2020	Community Focus Group #3 Wavelength presentation on recommended temporary option

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30 September 2020	Kingston to the Cape E-Newsletter 9 Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project Community Focus Group
30 September 2020	Special Council Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>As per the recommendation of the Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project Community Focus Group, Council proceed with the purchase of Faun Trackway to be installed at Johnston Avenue to improve beach access.</i><i>That Council approve a capital budget variation of \$214,278** to be facilitated from Council's cash reserves.</i><i>That Council acknowledge the contribution of the Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project Community Focus Group, and support its progress and continued focus in considering a preferred pathway for the Maria Creek and surrounds.</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cr Pope / Cr Harding CARRIED (2020-146)</i></p> <p>**Note: Reduced expenditure of \$80,216 due to availability**</p>
6 October 2020	Minutes/Fact Sheet Release & Website Update CFG Minutes / Presentation / Faun Trackway Fact Sheet
8 October 2020	PO Issued for Faun Trackway 30m availability only, shipped from UK via Forward Defence
20 October 2020	Council Meeting Community Focus Group Minutes tabled (information agenda)
21 October 2020	Message from the Mayor Community Focus Group & Faun Trackway progress
26 October 2020	Community Focus Group #4 Wavelength presentation on Community Submissions
28 October 2020	Minutes/Fact Sheet Release & Website Update CFG Minutes / Presentation / Q & A
29 October 2020	Kingston to the Cape E-Newsletter 10 Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project Community Focus Group & Faun Trackway
17 November 2020	Council Meeting / Informal Gathering Community Focus Group Minutes tabled (information agenda)

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27 November 2020	Message from the Mayor Community Focus Group, Hybrid Concept, Ratepayer Survey
30 November 2020	Community Focus Group #5 Wavelength presentation on Hybrid Concept
2 December 2020	Minutes/Tech Note & Website Update CFG Minutes / Presentation / Technical Note / Fact Sheet
3 December 2020	Kingston to the Cape E-Newsletter 11 Update on Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project
15 December 2020	Council Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>That the progress update on the Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project Community Focus Group be received and noted.</i><i>That Council approve a budget variation of \$20,000 for the preparation of a business case by BRM Advisory.</i><i>That Council continue to actively seek appropriate grant funding opportunities, with a formal position of Council on the preferred pathway to be determined after consideration of the business case.</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cr Pope / Cr Armfield CARRIED (2020-188)</i></p>
16 December 2020	One-on-one sessions with BRM Advisory Business case contribution from local businesses
18 December 2020	Message from the Mayor Maria Creek Business Case (Council outcome)
23 December 2020	Kingston to the Cape E-Newsletter 12 Update on Faun Trackway
11 January 2021	Installation of Faun Trackway at Johnston Ave Deployment of 30m (in collaboration with Forward Defence)
14 January 2021	Media Release <i>Council Rolls Out Australia's First Boat-Ramp-On-A-Roll</i>
22 January 2021	Message from the Mayor Faun Trackway Installation at Johnston Ave
9 February 2021	Community Focus Group Meeting #6 BRM Advisory presentation on Business Case

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12 February 2021	Minutes/Fact Sheet Release & Website Update CFG Minutes / Presentation / Business Case / Fact Sheet
16 February 2021	Council Meeting <i>That:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1. The progress update on the Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project Community Focus Group be received and noted.</i><i>2. The Maria Creek Business Case - Final, as prepared by BRM Advisory dated February 2021 be received and noted.</i><i>3. Council acknowledges the preferred reinstatement pathway will have significant detrimental impact of Council's financial sustainability without a substantial increase in Council rates or reduction of other services.</i><i>4. Council's 'in principle' position is that it does not proceed with the reinstatement of the Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility unless it is confident that ratepayers as a whole, are willing to pay to meet the on-going cost of this facility.</i><i>5. Council seek the views from the owner of every rateable property in the Kingston District Council area about the potential significant rate increase required to fund the preferred pathway to reinstate the Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility.</i> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cr Ringshaw / Cr Gluyas CARRIED (2021-200)</i></p>
19 February 2021	Message from the Mayor Business Case Outcome, In Principle Position & Ratepayer Survey
22 February 2021	Full Postal Mailout of survey to each rateable property Letter, Overview of Business Case and Survey return form
26 February 2021	SABFAC Meeting attendance/presentation Grant funding application/SABFAC Stage 1 Assessment
2 March 2021	Facebook Post Maria Creek Boat Launching Facility Ratepayer Survey (7,564 people reached)
4 March 2021	Kingston to the Cape E-Newsletter 1-2021 Update on Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project Ratepayer Survey
5 March 2021	Facebook Post Survey Due Date Extension (608 people reached)
12 March 2021	Facebook Post Survey Due Date Extension (1,424 people reached)

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21 March 2021	Close of Survey 52% return rate
23 March 2021	Council Informal Gathering Initial consideration of survey results

For further information and supporting documents, please refer to the Maria Creek Sustainable Infrastructure Project page on Council's website:

<https://www.kingstondc.sa.gov.au/our-services/major-projects/maria-creek-sustainable-infrastructure-project>