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Sisters Beach boat ramp

The replacement of the landing stage adjacent to the Sisters Beach Boat Ramp is nearing completion. All the precast concrete panels have been installed, and the in situ concrete deck has also been poured.

The next stages of the project to be completed include installing non-slip fibre-reinforced plastic (FRP) decking and handrails. The new structure extends approximately 6.0 metres further into the water and, together with the stepped design, will greatly improve embarking and disembarking from vessels during low tides.



Works are underway at Sisters Beach boat ramp

Gordon Jetty

A contract has been issued to replace the Gordon Jetty. The existing jetty has exceeded its practical life, and a fire in 2023 resulted in the partial demolition of the structure.

To reduce any future fire risk, the new jetty will be constructed using steel piles and concrete crossheads and decks. A lower

landing on the southern side of the new jetty, adjacent to the boat ramp, has been included in the design.

The new jetty will be longer than the existing structure so that the berthing face is located in deeper water, and the areas around the boat ramp and jetty will also be dredged as part of the works. Preparatory works, such as precast manufacture, will commence in June, with on-site works beginning in late July 2026.

CCTV at MAST facilities

MAST recently engaged a contractor to replace its CCTV camera network at its facilities. The new cameras will provide a wider field of view, nominally 360°, with continuous recording. Existing solar-powered cameras are being replaced with 240-volt units to ensure greater reliability.

The new cameras are being installed at MAST's facilities at Margate, Nubeena, Dover, Kettering, Dunalley, Port Arthur and Cygnet. The Sullivans Cove pontoon camera will also be replaced, and the refresh frequency of the image displayed on the MAST website will be increased.



New camera installed at Margate Jetty

Aids to navigation servicing

MAST's AtoN contractors recently completed the servicing of all aids in the far-north west of Tasmania, including Robbins Island and the Duck River. Most of the work completed is preventative maintenance, but whilst on site, MAST's contractors took the opportunity to audit the aids and undertake any necessary remedial work.



New bird deterrent on Duck River AtoN, Smithton

Lights were checked to ensure they are operable, batteries replaced if they were nearing the end of their life, aids were cleaned of bird lime, new bird deterrents were installed, and mooring systems were inspected, with chains and shackles being replaced where required to ensure that the aids will continue to function until the next service visit. Most of MAST's AtoNs are serviced biannually, except for those in the far-north west, which are serviced annually.

VHF radio network update

Over the summer, preventive maintenance inspections were undertaken at MAST radio sites to ensure the continued reliability of the statewide VHF network. Sites include:

- Flinders Island (Walkers Lookout) – VHF Base Station and UHF Data Link
- Three Hummock Island – VHF Base, VHF Repeater and UHF Data Link
- Mt Horror – UHF Data Link
- Elliot Range – VHF Base and UHF Data Link
- South Sister – VHF Base and UHF Data Links (multiple)
- Maatsuyker Island.

Margate Jetty power upgrades

The Margate Jetty has recently received some upgrades to the 240-volt power outlets. The four distribution boxes have been replaced and switchboards upgraded, which will provide improved safety and reliability for users.

The old boxes often suffered vandalism and damage from accidental vehicle impacts. To help protect the new installations, they have been designed to be far more robust, reducing their susceptibility to damage.

Previously, damage has also been caused by people trying to access the locked power boxes without approval from the local commercial users. If people using the facility require power while berthed at the jetty, they must liaise with the local users beforehand.



Margate Jetty now has improved power access

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