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State Government contributes \$174,000 towards Port Elliot Jetty repairs

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Structural work on the historic Port Elliot Jetty is scheduled to start this week and the State Government has just announced a \$174,000 contribution to the repairs through its SA Jetties Renewal Program.

The popular jetty, built in 1852 at Horseshoe Bay, has been closed since it was damaged in a storm in early February 2023.

The damage was initially thought to be minor, but investigations revealed significant structural loss to several pylons and bracing which meant the jetty had to be closed to the public for safety reasons.

Alexandrina's Chief Executive Officer, Nigel Morris, welcomed the news of State funding.

"Council allocated \$230,000 for the jetty's immediate remediation in our 2023/24 budget while also applying for State grant funding," Mr Morris said.

"Council is thrilled with the grant funding announcement, and I would like to thank Minister Tom Koutsantonis and the State Government.

"This additional State grant funding means we can take advantage of the significant expense of launching a marine barge and address not just the structural issues identified after the storm but the other parts of the jetty our contractors have advised will need urgent repairs in the next five to 10 years.

"Port Elliot Jetty is a much-loved feature in our community and for our many visitors so being able to secure its long-term future is important."

The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Mr Tom Koutsantonis, said the State Government was pleased to confirm the SA Jetties Renewal Program contribution of up to \$174,000.

"This represents 50 per cent of the estimated cost required to reopen the jetty for the benefit of visitors to Horseshoe Bay and the local community, Minister Koutsantonis said.

"I would like to congratulate Alexandrina Council for its proactive and cooperative approach to securing this outcome.

"The Malinauskas Government recently established a \$20 million grant to help fast-track urgent repairs to jetties across South Australia, with a key focus being on jetties under long-term lease to councils.

"From the outset, we expressed the view that we expect councils to contribute to this effort.

"I appreciate Alexandrina Council's willingness to do that – this is exactly the type of partnership this grant program was designed to achieve, and the local community will benefit quickly as a result."

Port Elliot Jetty is owned by the Government of South Australia but leased by the Alexandrina Council, which is financially responsible for repairs and maintenance.

On-site work is expected to start next week and, weather permitting, be finished by 30 March.

"There was a delay earlier this year when specialist barge equipment necessary for the works was being used by our contractor on a separate rail bridge project in Port Augusta," Mr Morris said.

"In the meantime, work has continued off-site with the jetty stairs being prefabricated and the sourcing of specialist-treated timber.

"We have now mobilised equipment and action is starting to happen with a crane arriving on site this week."

For more information regarding the Port Elliot Jetty project head to our website www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projects



Image: A crane is on site at the Port Elliot Jetty with works starting this week.

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