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Historical Centenary Steps and drainage works commence in Port Elliot

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Freeman Lookout in Port Elliot is set to undergo two critical elements of restoration including drainage upgrades and the restoration of the 1936 Centenary Staircase.

The \$250K staircase restoration project and \$100K drainage project will be fully funded through the State Government's Local Roads Community and Infrastructure grant funding under the Department for Infrastructure & Transport.

Remediation works on the 1936 Centenary Steps and lower steps will commence from March with anticipated completion in May 2023. Works will include concrete repairs, masonry repairs, rendering of existing infrastructure and matching of the existing structure with the surrounding landscape. These critical repairs will be undertaken on the large upper Centenary Steps as well as the lower connecting steps for safe pedestrian access to the popular coastal walking trails below.

Essential elements for drainage works include the upgrade and installation of side entry pits and installation of a gross pollutant trap. Installation of the new pipe network will also increase the capacity of storm water catchment of connecting infrastructure at the lookout.

Alexandrina Council's Chief Executive Officer, Nigel Morris said, 'we are really pleased to deliver these open space projects for the community. The Freeman Lookout is an iconic and important part of Port Elliot's coastal landscape and history, and these upgrades will preserve the area to be enjoyed for generations to come.'

Council contractors will set up temporary exclusion zones and traffic management during the works to maintain pedestrian flow and ensure public safety.

Alexandrina Council are thankful for the State Government funding to support these projects for restoration.

Project updates can be found at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/projectupdates

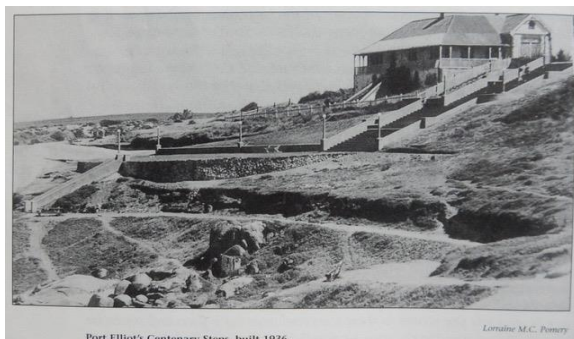


Image Caption: Historical photo of Port Elliot's Centenary steps built in 1936, and below current photos.



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