

## Maidens Reserve, Kalgulup Regional Park Trail and Infrastructure Project

**Maidens Reserve redevelopment works including new lookouts, improved trails and beach access.**

Work will commence soon at Maidens Reserve on exciting new upgrades that will include new lookouts and trails. Preliminary works are expected to start in mid-April with construction commencing shortly afterwards. The project should be fully completed by mid-2024.

There will be some periods during construction when the public will not be able to access some areas of Maidens Reserve, but all efforts will be made to minimise disruption where possible.

Maidens Reserve in Kalgulup Regional Park offers panoramic views over the Indian ocean and Bunbury townsite from lookouts located on high sand dunes. This popular park is enjoyed by the local community and visitors for a range of recreational and relaxation activities. To ensure visitors can continue to experience and enjoy the reserve, the McGowan Government has committed funding for infrastructure improvements to revitalise the lookouts, install accessible sealed pathways and improved beach access. These works will improve park accessibility, create safer access and maintain and enhance the biodiversity, recreational, social and cultural values for Bunbury residents and visitors.

In 2018, the WA State Government announced funding for the establishment and management of the Preston River to Ocean and Leschenault Regional Parks as part of the Plan for Our Parks initiative to create five million hectares of new conservation reserves. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) in consultation with the City of Bunbury, Aboriginal traditional owners and other key stakeholders including park visitors is delivering the project.

### What is happening at Maidens Reserve?

The existing informal lookouts at the Maidens Reserve in Kalgulup Regional Park are eroded and existing infrastructure, including steps, seating and remaining trigonometrical station, are badly deteriorated. New visitor infrastructure will provide a major focal point in the regional park.

#### The project includes:

- A new accessible pathway to a lower lookout.
- New steps and viewing area, including seating and interpretation at the upper "Maidens" lookout.
- Upgraded stair access from the upper "Maidens" lookout to existing beach access.
- New trailhead and improved interpretation signage of natural and cultural values throughout the park.
- Rehabilitation works to disturbed and eroded areas, including planting.

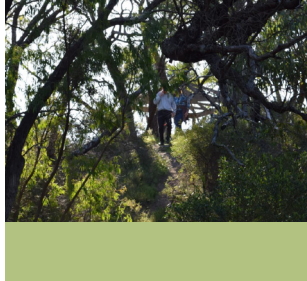
### When will construction commence?

Construction works on the new lookouts and trails are scheduled to commence in mid-April 2023, with completion expected by mid-2024.



*Above: 3D image of the new lookouts and trails.*





To assist logistics and reduce impacts to the dunes and vegetation throughout construction there will be helicopter lifts of materials to the lookout and trail sites. There will also be some truck movements near the materials laydown area. DBCA and the contractor will endeavour to keep disturbances to a minimum.

The City of Bunbury has recently completed upgrades to the nearby parking area and playground facilities within Maidens Reserve to complement the lookout and trail redevelopment.

### Will I still be able to visit Maidens Reserve during the planned works?

During these planned works, the project area within Maidens Reserve will be closed. Visitors can also expect some disruption to path and trail access in the area as works are undertaken.

Project updates including park closures and a map of the project area are available by visiting [dbca.wa.gov.au/bunbury-parks](http://dbca.wa.gov.au/bunbury-parks).

DBCA thanks the community for their understanding during the works period.

### Was the public consulted on this project?

Yes, the regional park is managed by several stakeholders, including local government and State Government agencies who initiated the preparation of the Kalgulup Regional Park management plan. Public consultation was achieved through a consultative process with the City of Bunbury, Kalgulup Regional Park Community Advisory Committee, Gnaala Karla Booja representatives and the City of Bunbury Co-Design Access Panel.

The Kalgulup Regional Park Management Plan was released in 2021 and provides guidance on the future management of the park. More information on the Kalgulup Regional Park and a copy of the management plan can be accessed on the DBCA website.

As part of the establishment and planning processes for Kalgulup Regional Park, the following two capital projects were identified:

- Maidens Reserve lookouts and trails
- Mangrove Cove boardwalk and path replacement.

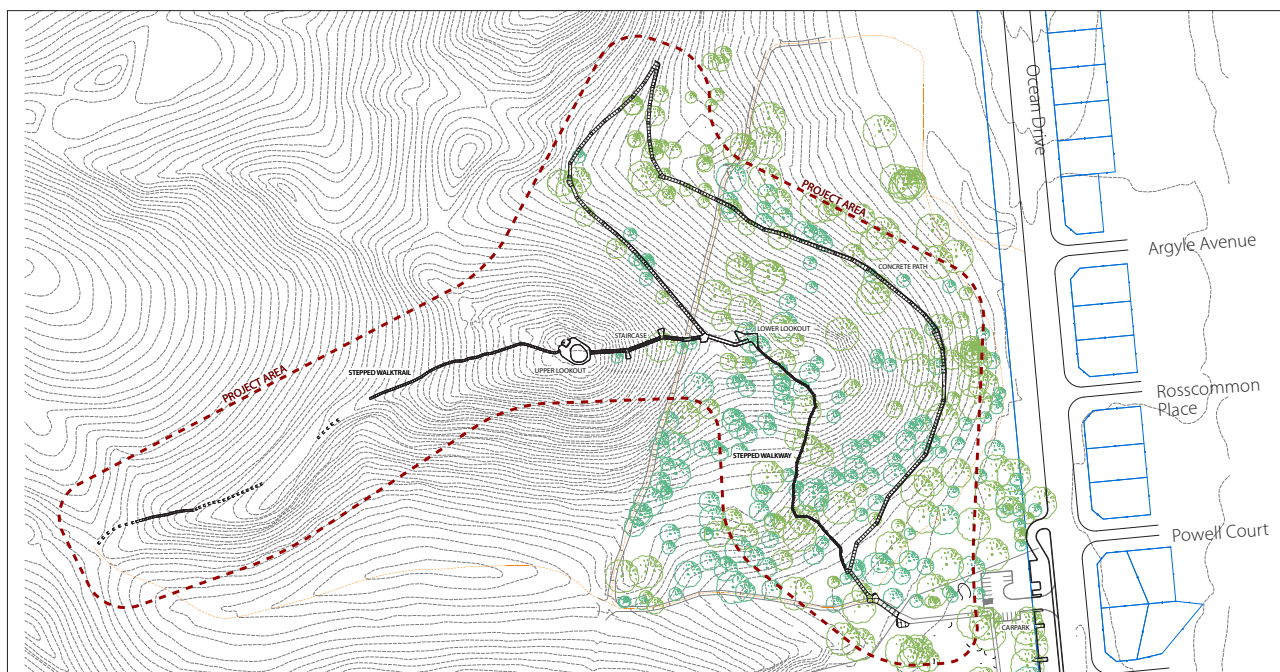
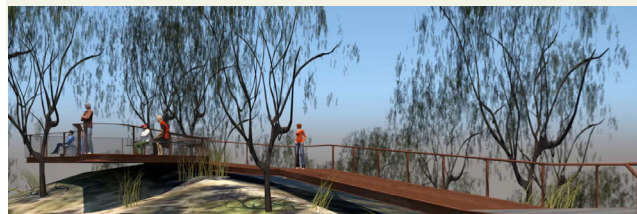
Development and design plans have since been determined.

### What consultation was done with traditional owners?

In addition to the consultation for the establishment and planning processes for Kalgulup Regional Park, DBCA worked with the Gnaala Karla Booja Native Title representatives on the naming of the parks. The amalgamated parks have been named Kalgulup Regional Park, meaning 'place of fire' or 'place of burning campfires' to reflect the area's significance to Noongar people.

### Visitor information

To stay up to date on the project and park closures visit: [dbca.wa.gov.au/bunbury-parks](http://dbca.wa.gov.au/bunbury-parks) or contact DBCA's Parks and Wildlife Service Southwest Region Office on (08) 9725 4300 or email [bunbury@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:bunbury@dbca.wa.gov.au).



Above: Project area map.