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New boardwalk construction underway

Burnie's waterfront will boast a new boardwalk next year with construction currently underway.

Sections of the boardwalk will be closed throughout the 6-month construction phase, from Monday, 4 January 2010.

Burnie Mayor Alwyn Boyd said a temporary boardwalk would cater for pedestrians and Burnie City Council would erect signage on-site to keep the public informed.

He said the project would provide a vital link to two of the City's redeveloped precincts, West Park and the waterfront.

"The waterfront and West Park precincts are becoming increasingly popular for visitors and locals alike, particularly with the recent opening of the new Makers' Workshop," Mayor Boyd said.

"The community will have a bigger and wider boardwalk, which will boast night lighting and three shaded rest and viewing points showcasing Burnie's coastline."

The \$1.26 million Waterfront Boardwalk project was one of Council's successful applications to the Federal Government's \$650 million Jobs Fund.

Mayor Boyd said the project would create about 10 jobs and also help sustain employment in related industries.

The new boardwalk will be about 4 metres in width and use the structural elements of the current boardwalk.

"The new boardwalk will further enhance Burnie's impressive waterfront precinct, which was named a national finalist in this year's Keep Australia Beautiful Awards," Mayor Boyd said.

"We recently had the national judge here and he was thoroughly impressed with what our City has to offer.

“He highlighted how improvements to the streetscape along North Terrace had made it a real pleasure to visit the area.”

Construction of the new boardwalk is expected to be completed by June 2010.

Photos: (Boardwalk) Burnie City Council employee Wesley Batchelor is Leading Hand for the new boardwalk project along West Beach.

(Boardwalk2): Concept design of the new boardwalk.

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