



Queen's Wharf Brisbane MONTHLY UPDATE

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Geotechnical investigations mark the start of pre-construction work



Preliminary site investigation works for the multi-billion dollar Queen's Wharf Brisbane integrated resort development began earlier this month at various locations within the precinct.

The Star Entertainment Group, partner in the Destination Brisbane Consortium, said the early stage pre-construction works will occur throughout the riverfront area during 2016.

The Star Entertainment Group Chief Executive Matt Bekier said: "These works will help us understand the ground conditions throughout the precinct, and inform the detailed design work that we will do this year before demolition and construction activities are expected to start in 2017.

"Preliminary investigations will continue throughout 2016 and include marine ecological surveys and thorough internal heritage-building inspections."

While the geotechnical testing is only a small scale activity, they are important works ahead of the project starting next year.

"We are all looking forward to construction starting in 2017, and this activity puts us one step closer," Mr Bekier said.

The soil samples taken during this testing process will inform the engineering aspects of detailed design and construction.

To mark the occasion, The Star Entertainment Group joined Queensland's Minister for State Development Hon Dr Anthony Lynham MP to view the first geotechnical drilling area under the Riverside Expressway.



Pictured left to right: Top – Minister for State Development Hon Dr Anthony Lynham MP; The Star Entertainment Group Chief Executive Matt Bekier; Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports Hon Mark Bailey MP; and The Star Entertainment Group Managing Director Queensland Geoff Hogg. Middle – Geotechnical work being undertaken by Butler Partners. Bottom – Geoff Hogg and Matt Bekier.

Riverside Expressway maintenance program brought forward

The Queensland Government has brought forward a 20-year maintenance program on Brisbane's Riverside Expressway, located in the Queen's Wharf Brisbane precinct.

Undertaking the maintenance program this year allows the Destination Brisbane Consortium to commence works on the enhanced public realm features underneath the expressway in 2017.

Minister for State Development Hon Dr Anthony Lynham MP and Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports Hon Mark Bailey MP announced the \$30 million maintenance works commitment this month.

Minister Lynham said co-ordinated pre-planning was essential to smooth the way for the world-class integrated resort development.

Minister Bailey said the rescheduled refurbishment works, which started mid-January, would mean the expressway would not require maintenance for at least 20 years.

"Accelerating refurbishment from 20 years into 12 months will mean maintenance won't be an issue when works-proper begin on Queen's Wharf Brisbane early next year," Minister Bailey said.

Expressway refurbishment works will involve:

- cleaning and replacing all bridge joints
- inspecting and painting all 840 bearings
- installing new monitoring equipment and replacements if required.

"This is a vital piece of Brisbane's road infrastructure and it adjoins what will be a world-class integrated resort development. This refurbishment work is about making sure all is in order going forward," he said.

Queen's Wharf Brisbane briefings

Destination Brisbane Consortium (DBC) is continuing to meet with a large number of stakeholders providing regular updates on the project to businesses and the community.

In January DBC met with representatives of Tourism Events Queensland (TEQ) to provide a project update on how plans were progressing for Queen's Wharf Brisbane. We are working with TEQ on how the project can be a catalyst for other local tourism operators.

Also in February, DBC presented Queen's Wharf Brisbane to the Institute of Quarrying Australia and Brisbane Marketing members, providing a project overview, discussing key milestones and the opportunities associated with this exciting project.

Later in the month we look forward to speaking at The Brisbane Club and other industry briefings.

Queen's Wharf Brisbane project timeline

- January 2016**
Destination Brisbane Consortium started early pre-construction activities including surveying and geotechnical investigation works. These activities will assist with the detailed design work that will continue through 2016.
- 2017**
Anticipated start of construction activities following completion of 1 William Street. Likely activities include the removal of non-heritage buildings, then start of underground car park construction.
- 2018**
Commence foundations for core development area.
- 2019**
Foundations, car park completed. Heritage work commences.
- 2020**
Core development starts to take shape as construction progresses above ground.
- 2021**
Internal fit out commences of integrated resort development buildings.
- 2022**
Opening of core integrated resort development including hotels and all public realm areas. Conversion begins of Treasury building and beneath Queens Gardens to create a retail and pedestrian zone.
- 2024**
Anticipated opening of the repurposed Treasury building.

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