

Frances Bay Mooring Basin

Lock Upgrade – Major Closure 2 dates confirmed

Works Update

- The bulk excavation works for the northern side of the lock have been completed.
- The emergency sea side cofferdam gate was tested and a temporary lockmaster hut was installed during the recent mini-closure of the lock.
- The mini-closure was completed successfully with minimal disruption and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics would like to thank the Frances Bay Mooring Basin users, NT Seafood Council, stakeholders generally, the contractor and members of the public affected at Fisherman's Wharf for accommodating this closure.

Lock Closures and Access

- The Darwin Harbour Infrastructure Project team continues to work with the contractor and stakeholders to minimise the impacts on the users of the lock, mooring basin and Fisherman's Wharf as construction works continue, including managing the number and length of time for lock closures.
- The restriction on users accessing the lock between tides of 4.5 metres to 6 metres will remain in place until after Major Closure 1 between 19 August and 17 September 2023.
- Following consultation with major stakeholders, the dates for Major Closure 2 have been confirmed as a **7 week closure** with a **6 day opening** to allow vessels to enter the lock just over halfway from when Major Closure 2 commences.
- During the closures no vessels will be able to enter or exit the lock during these dates.
- Vessels that wish to remain inside the lock will be permitted to do so for the duration of the closure.
- The current confirmed dates for Major Closure 1 and Major Closure 2 are in the table below:

Lock access	Detail	Timing	Duration
Lock open	Lock open for users between tides of 4.5 metres to 6 metres	Ongoing until start of Major Closure 1 on 19 August 2023	Current
Major Closure 1	Rehabilitate behind the southern lock wall	19 August – 17 September 2023	Closed - 4 weeks
Major Closure 2	Install both new gates (sea side and basin side)	6 October – 6 November 2023	Closed - 4 weeks
		7 – 13 November 2023	Open - 1 week
		14 November – 4 December 2023	Closed - 3 weeks

Temporary Barge Facilities

- During the lock closures, temporary facilities (similar to past annual lock maintenance closures) will be provided at Fisherman's Wharf to assist vessels handling cargo.
- Due to the frequency and duration of these lock closures the Northern Territory Government is including two mooring barges (rather than one) in addition to the typical annual closures, as well as a mobile crane to load/offload cargo.
- Fisherman's Wharf and Raptis Wharf will be closed to the public for safety reasons during the Major Lock Closures. The project team thanks the public for its understanding during these restrictions.
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