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New seawall and boardwalk a significant milestone for waterfront upgrades

The completion of the new seawall and boardwalk at the eastern end of the Inglis River is a significant milestone for the Waratah-Wynyard Council's Wynyard Waterfront and Environs Masterplan Project.

The seawall and boardwalk projects are part of the Wynyard Waterfront re-development and is funded by the Australian Government's Building Better Regions Fund – Infrastructure Grant, the Tasmanian Government and Council.

The waterfront precinct is undergoing a multimillion-dollar facelift that will connect the town centre and reinvigorate the waterfront.

Along with the new seawall and boardwalk, the waterfront redevelopment project includes the completed Camp Creek land reclamation and beautification and improved wharf access and parking.

The construction of a multi-use community facility, which will house the Wynyard Yacht Club and a café, is due to commence in the new year with completion by December 2020.

"I can recall the bricklayers laying the seawall in the mid-1960s," Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said.

"It has done a great job to withstand the weathering of the sea over that time, but Council decided, in conjunction with the State Government, to replace the wall to protect the shoreline." The upgraded seawall is supporting the construction of the new boardwalk that will be partially suspended over the water.

The four-metre wide boardwalk will allow people to enjoy the continuation of the Gutteridge Gardens and Inglis River walk from the wharf and out to the walkway at East Wynyard.

"It is going to be a marvellous asset and a great addition to the beautification of the Inglis River and our Coastal Plan, as well as providing a missing link for the Coastal Pathway," Mayor Walsh said.

"We are planning for Wynyard's future and the Waterfront Development is an exciting project that supports the growth of events such as the Gone Nuts and Tulip Festival events.

"Not only does it have positive implications for economic development and tourism but will also support healthy communities and make Wynyard a more attractive place to work, live and play."

The boardwalk will be open to the public by the end of next week, with an official opening to happen in early 2020.

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