

Clean up project almost complete

December 22, 2020



Industrial waste pipe about to be removed

In December 2019, ECF won a \$20K Commonwealth grant, through the Communities Environment Program, to clean up industrial, maritime and household waste along the Port River in 2020. With covid affecting projects around Australia, the time-frame to implement grants was extended until 30 June, 2021. Collecting the industrial and maritime material, south and north of the Snowden's boat ramp, required very low tides and so the work was planned, with Maritime Constructions, for November/December.

Over 3 days from November 30, the crew pulled off the shoreline

- 6 mooring Bollards which are being repurposed by the Girl Guides (2) and the Port Adelaide Sailing Club (4)
- some metal which will be recycled
- 19.5 tonnes of waste, which was mostly concrete

The most expensive waste material (\$582) was pipe, which used to transfer waste to the River and was left when the operation ceased.

Thanks to Shane Walter (Port Adelaide Sailing Club) and Lyndon Zimmermann (Girl Guides) who were both keen to ensure the Bollards remained nearby; they've taken on the work of securing their organisations' agreement, cleaning, painting and combining with seats.

in January 2021, ECF and Maritime Constructions will revisit the clean-up sites to determine the best use of a small amount of remaining funds.



Mooring Bollards on shoreline



Cleaning the Bollards' bases



Shane Walter (PASC)
Checking Bollards in place



Bollards being repurposed at PASC



Lyndon Zimmermann
Preparing Bollards at GST Dolphin



Bollards repurposed at Girl Guides



Concrete being removed



Sheet metal being dragged off shoreline

Thanks go to Catherine Mahon (ECF) for the above article and for seeing this project to fruition☺.

We now have a far cleaner and environmentally beneficial coast line along this stretch of the Port River where we regularly conduct our aquatic activities.

- No more risk of running afoul of the bollards at high tide!

We have also created social areas for us to enjoy; the GTS Dolphin seat and the PASC monument.

In addition; Lyndon and Shane salvaged 8 red gum railway sleepers from the original rail line that led to the Sulphuric Acid Plant, now repurposed for seating.

Also over 200 of the 1950's Sulphuric Acid Plant refractory bricks were salvaged to produce the PASC compass rose monument / fire pit.

A lot of our history has been saved from going to landfill or scrap.

The Estuary Care Foundation also assisted Rob Jacobs (PASC) to develop our new estuary dune garden, particularly with our now thriving endangered and rare "Bitter Bushes" which will attract the rare and endangered Blue Butterfly.