

# Port Augusta Wharf Upgrade

## Project Update – June 2026

The Port Augusta Wharf is a key historic landmark, providing a gateway to the Flinders Ranges and the Spencer Gulf. The wharf upgrade is expected to enhance safety, accessibility and economic growth in the region as well as preserve the historic waterfront for future generations to enjoy.

### Project background

The Port Augusta Wharf was closed in 2019 due to safety concerns and structural issues, early design work for the upgraded wharf began in early 2025.

Geotechnical investigations completed in September 2025 found a substantial revetment structure under the wharf (below the water line), this combined with the probability of debris from older structures likely being present, created challenges that required further investigation.

Site observations have also found areas where the heritage wall (above the water line) has degraded, previous repairs are not performing as intended and localised bulging of the wall all need to be considered in future investigations.

To help us better understand the condition of the wharf, divers have carried out underwater assessments. This builds on previous investigations, including hydrographic surveying to map the revetment and identify underwater features, photogrammetry to capture the wall's condition, and geotechnical investigations to understand the cause of the wall bulging.

#### When

Test Piling: Late June until late July 2026

#### Hours of operation

Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm

#### Where

Pt Augusta Wharf, Wharflands Esplanade, Port Augusta.

#### More information

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## What's happening

Test piling will soon be undertaken from a barge located alongside the wharf to further support design planning.

Test piling involves driving piles into the seabed to assess the underwater soil condition. While geotechnical investigations were completed in September, additional time has been required to critically review and refine the design in response to existing site conditions, ensuring the most appropriate approach before progressing to this next phase.

A small section of the south western end of the Wharflands Esplanade carpark will be temporary closed, and marine exclusion zone will be in place while these investigations are carried out.

You may have noticed that we have been inspecting the deck planks and supporting structures in preparation for test piling works, which are expected to commence in the coming weeks.

## What's next

Results from test piling and investigations will help guide the next stage of the design process. We'll continue to keep you updated as this work progresses and as the next phase is finalised

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