

NOTICE TO MARINERS

236 (T) of 2025

Issued by Cairns Maritime Region on 3 June 2025

Area: Cairns pilotage area
Locality: Smiths Creek
Activity: Installation of new barge ramp

Mariners are advised that:

The construction barge 'Maeve Anne' is due to position in Smiths Creek 5th June 2025 to commence construction of a new barge ramp as per attached. The vessel is 55m LOA and will be working until the 31st July 2025. Operation will be taking place between Mackinnon and Rifle Range Creek in approx. position 16° 57.418' S 145° 46.315' E.

Generally, works will be undertaken during daylight hours 0600 hours to 1800 hours. VTS Cairns will notify any vessel traffic if works are being undertaken outside of these hours. Where lighting is required, all working lights will be arranged to face downwards and away from the navigational channel to ensure no adverse effects on the vision of shipping vessels masters.

At the end of each shift the barge will be winched into the berth pocket and drop spuds. Lights will be established to illuminate the barge side during the night to passing vessels.

The anchor lines will be marked with yellow floating buoys fitted with yellow flashing solar marine lanterns, showing the location to all other waterbody users. The four corners of the construction barge will also be fitted with the same yellow flashing solar marine lanterns. An exclusion zone will remain in place on the inside perimeter of these buoys for the duration of the works.

The piling works and precast installation will be sequenced starting from shore and moving out. The barge will be positioned beam on to Smith Creek during construction. The barge will progressively move out as detailed in the sequence drawings attached to this Notice to Mariners.

When installing the Outer Dolphin Pile the barge will be in the position with minimal clearance AFT for marine traffic. When in this position a 20 metre navigation channel will still be maintained.

All vessels are to maintain slow speed 6 knots reduced wash.

Mariners are to navigate with caution.

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AUS charts affected: AUS262, AU5CNS01, AU6CNS02

ENC Cells affected: none

Latitude and longitude positions are on WGS84 horizontal datum and are compatible with GDA2020 datum.

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