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# EAST PERTH POWER STATION REDEVELOPMENT

## COMMUNITY UPDATE

**Bounded by East Parade, Summers Street, the Swan River and the Graham Farmer Freeway, the 8.5-hectare East Perth Power Station precinct will be transformed into a contemporary waterfront destination for the community, breathing new life into this iconic building.**

This community update provides information about the progress of remediation and infrastructure relocations works currently underway at the site.

### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Since the last update in August 2022:

- DevelopmentWA's specialist contractor has progressed activity inside the Power Station building with around 60% of the remediation works now complete.
- On the power station grounds:
  - ATCO has decommissioned its gas infrastructure from the site.
  - A specialist contractor has commenced removal of the former coal tippler and remaining gas infrastructure.
- ATCO has now completed all works to construct the temporary pressure reduction station on the Western Power landholdings off Banks Reserve Car Park.
- Western Power commenced work to underground powerlines along the Swan Foreshore to the Graham Farmer Freeway.

### POWER STATION WORKS PROGRESS

Inside the Power Station building, and on its grounds, the following key activities have been undertaken:

#### Power Station

- The remediation works have progressed on program with around 60% of the former Power Station building now cleared by an independent Occupational Hygienist.
- The remediation works are currently focused on the Turbine Hall which contains four of the original five turbines. Remediation of the turbine (refer to image) is scheduled for early in 2023 with the overall works scheduled for completion late April, 2023.
- DevelopmentWA, its heritage consultants and the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage, are currently assessing heritage



*Pictured: Remediation works approaching the northern end of the Turbine Hall*

items, previously stored within the Power Station, for retention. Many of these items relate to the Bunbury and South Fremantle power stations.

#### **Coal Tippler**

- Hazardous material was removed from inside the coal tippler to the west of the Power Station.
- Key heritage items, identified by specialist heritage consultants in collaboration with Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, have been retained and stored on the site for consideration in future development.
- Demolition of the underground structures is well underway and completion is anticipated for early 2023.

- An Aboriginal Heritage Monitor and an Archaeologist are present during ground disturbing works to monitor for the potential presence of heritage items. No significant items have been uncovered to date.

To ensure this work is undertaken safely, we have engaged qualified contractors with experience in the safe extraction, handling, removal and transportation of hazardous materials. The work is being completed under strict conditions with Work Safe conducting regular inspections of the site.

The project team coordinates regular visits by authorities and regulators including Worksafe, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, City of Vincent, and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

## **ATCO WORKS WELL UNDERWAY**

In October 2022, ATCO achieved a key project milestone, completing its program of works which included:

- Constructing temporary above ground gas infrastructure (known as a pressure reduction station) on the Western Power owned land off Banks Reserve Car Park. This infrastructure is now operational and will remain at this location for up to three years. It will be decommissioned once the permanent facility is constructed in Bayswater. We would like to thank the local residents nearby the site for their patience and understanding during construction.
- Installation and connection of the new underground gas mains along Summers Street, east of Joel Terrace.
- Decommissioning and removing the existing gas infrastructure on the Power Station grounds.

## **WESTERN POWER WORKS COMMENCED IN AUGUST**

As part of the site remediation activities, Western Power commenced work to relocate its power infrastructure on and nearby the site in August 2022. These initial works involve trenching to install new underground power infrastructure which will replace the existing overhead powerlines located south of the Power Station and along the Swan River foreshore. Pedestrians and cyclist using the foreshore footpath should use caution and slow down on approach to the works areas as detours are in place.

An Aboriginal Heritage Monitor and an Archaeologist have been on site to oversee the trenching works to monitor for the potential presence of heritage items. No significant items have been uncovered to date.

The trenching works will be ongoing into early 2023. Western Power will continue to minimise disruptions where possible, with approved work hours from 7am- 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

*Pictured: ATCO's temporary gas infrastructure located on the Western Power land off Banks Reserve Car Park is now in operation*



In early 2023, Western Power will undertake night works to connect the three new recently installed transmission poles to the existing overhead lines, which cross the Graham Farmer Freeway, behind the Power Station building. There will be temporary disruptions on Graham Farmer Freeway to facilitate these works. This will be undertaken in close collaboration with Main Roads WA, and the local community and motorists will be notified in advance of these night works and provided further information as it becomes available.

In February 2023, some minor works will also be undertaken within the Western Power land at 28 Joel Terrace. This includes cabling and installation of some new green ring main units on the property boundary. Properties in the immediate area have been notified.

Western Power will also be decommissioning and removing the equipment from the existing electrical substation located on the southern



*Pictured: Aboriginal Heritage Monitor and Archaeologist observing the trenching works along the Swan River Foreshore in mid-November 2022*

side of Summers Street, within the redevelopment site. This work is expected to commence around mid-2023 and be completed by late 2024

(these dates are subject to change). The electrical substation located on the northern side of Summers Street will remain.

## MANAGING TEMPORARY IMPACTS AND ACCESS CHANGES

For the safety of the local community, the current works program has resulted in the following temporary access changes:

- The Principal Shared Path (PSP) behind the Power Station, adjacent to Graham Farmer Freeway, has been closed since September 2022. It is anticipated this PSP will be reopened by late December 2022.

- Summers Street roadway is closed to all modes (motorists, pedestrians and cyclists). The footpath on Summers Street remains open however the intersection with the Swan River foreshore has been modified. Pedestrians and cyclists are encouraged to use caution, slow down on approach and follow the traffic management signage.
- Banks Reserve Car Park (off Summers Street) will remain closed to motorists until early 2023.

We recognise these temporary closures and access changes may be an inconvenience for residents and the local community.

All construction traffic will continue to access the Power Station site via the main entry point to the former Power Station administration building and Summers Street east of Joel Terrace.

We are committed to continuing our collaboration with the project's contractors to minimise any impacts, and appreciate the community's patience and understanding during these works.

## WORKS DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

During the Christmas and New Year period, the project team will be taking a well-earned break.

The works external to the Power Station grounds will shut down between 23 December 2022 and 9 January 2023. Works inside Power Station site will continue throughout the Christmas period, excluding public holidays.

During the Christmas period, for urgent enquiries, including after hours, please phone the Project Manager on 0497 874 674.

All other enquiries in normal business hours should continue to be directed to:

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