

Works Notification

Nelly Bay Marina Surveying Works

Tuesday 16 June 2026

What works are coming up?

As part of the preparation for future maintenance dredging in the Nelly Bay Marina, Council will carry out detailed underwater investigative works to identify and assess marine habitats and seabed conditions in the area. The survey will provide environmental information to support planning and assessment of the proposed maintenance dredging activities.

The program will involve a small vessel operating in the area using a drop/tow camera system to capture imagery of the seabed and surrounding marine environment. Appropriate safety measures will be in place throughout the survey activities.

Council appreciates the cooperation of residents and stakeholders in supporting this important environmental assessment.

When will the works take place?

Location	Nelly Bay Harbour, Magnetic Island
Timing	Works start on Tuesday 30 June 2026 and are expected to take three (3) days to complete, weather permitting.
Hours	Regular work hours are from 6am to 5pm Monday to Friday . In exceptional cases, work may be required outside these hours.

What will the works include?

As part of this project, Council will carry out benthic habitat surveys to assess seabed conditions and marine habitats within the Nelly Bay Harbour area.

What does this mean for me?

If you live in or are travelling through the area, you may experience:

- small vessel operation within the harbour area, including the breakwater area, and dredging pockets
- increased activity in the vicinity of pontoons, berths and water access points
- temporary survey equipment being deployed
- minor, short term disruptions to private vessel movements in localised areas.

Funding

This project is funded by the Townsville City Council.

Contact us

To find out more about these works or the project, please contact us on the details below.

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Visit townsville.qld.gov.au and search: 'Maintenance Dredging at Nelly Bay Harbour'.

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Map of survey activity location

Dredge areas shown as red outline, with surveying works within the blue hatched areas.

