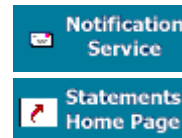


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Champion Lakes bridges near completion

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Construction of the two bridges at Champion Lakes took a major step forward this week with the bridge spans being lowered into place.

Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan today inspected construction of the two bridges which connect the mainland to the sporting facilities island.

“These two 30m bridges are an important step towards the completion of this major recreation and sporting facility and vital infrastructure for our first regatta in April this year,” Ms MacTiernan said.

“One bridge will act as the main traffic bridge with two lanes plus pedestrian access.

“The other smaller bridge at the northern end of the island is for pedestrian and emergency access.

“Construction of the bridges involved four beams, each weighing 58 tonnes and measuring 30m in length and 3.5m in width.”

Both bridges were ‘swung’ into place by two cranes over an eight-hour period this week.

“The Armadale region is already enjoying the benefits of this sporting facility with ongoing employment opportunities and major construction contracts,” the Minister said.

“Once complete, this facility will draw visitors from across the world to Perth and the Armadale region.

“It will also underpin a premium real estate development that will provide a lift in the area generally.”

The bridge works to be completed include pouring the deck to create the road surfaces of the bridges. These works are scheduled for completion in late March and will be opened to competitors and officials for use during the inaugural Champion Lakes Regatta on Sunday, April 29.

Works contractor J J McDonald and Sons was also awarded the stage two civil works contract for the construction of the link road and servicing of the island by the Armadale Redevelopment Authority in mid-2006.

The contracts, which are worth more than \$4million in total, entail the civil works on the facility island, bridge works and the extension of Camillo Road to the island.

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