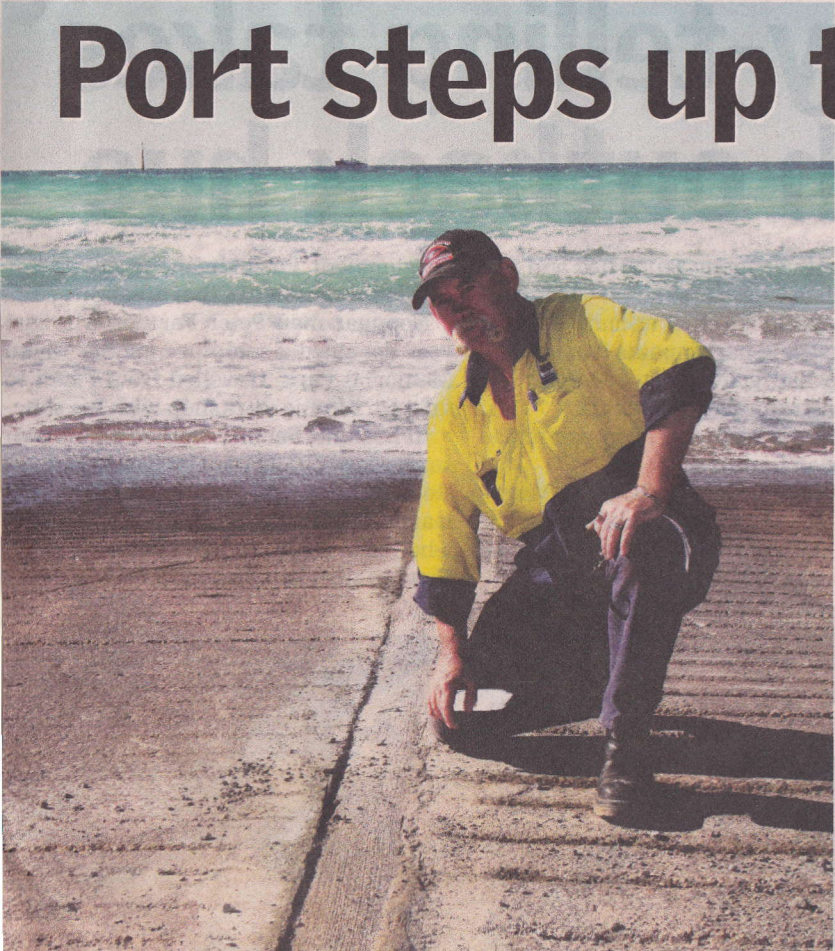


Port steps up to repair boat ramps



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MAINTENANCE by Broome Port Authority will extend the life of Broome's two Entrance Point boat ramps.

As the *Broome Advertiser* went to print, maintenance on the south-eastern ramp had been completed, while work was still under way on the longer south-western ramp.

Broome Port Authority harbourmaster Ken Burleigh said the repairs concentrated on mending large ruts down the

centre of the ramps and filling cavities beneath the ramps with concrete.

Phil Maloney, from the Port Authority, was part of the team undertaking the repairs. He said the south-eastern ramp had begun to sag considerably where the concrete had been undermined by the ocean.

"We cut through the concrete and removed a section and found a large area which had been undermined," he said.

The gaps in the ramp, just wide enough for a shoe or thin

boat trailer tyre to get wedged in, have been patched up with reinforced concrete.

However, Mr Burleigh said boaters should still exercise caution when launching and retrieving boats.

Broome Boating Alliance chairperson Karen Crosby supported the work by the Port Authority and was happy the much-needed repairs were completed.

The repairs were conducted using funds from the Port's own maintenance budget.

Broome Port Authority's Phil Maloney at the repaired Entrance Point boat ramp.