

# Contract awarded for wharf works

■ Glenn Cordingley

A contractor has been selected for a \$24 million project designed to extend the operating life of the 1960s-constructed Port of Broome wharf.

Kimberley Ports Authority (KPA) has appointed York Civil to carry out the renovation.

Design works have commenced and construction is expected to begin late this year with completion expected by the end of 2016.

The works will be carried out in a way which minimises the impact on port services.

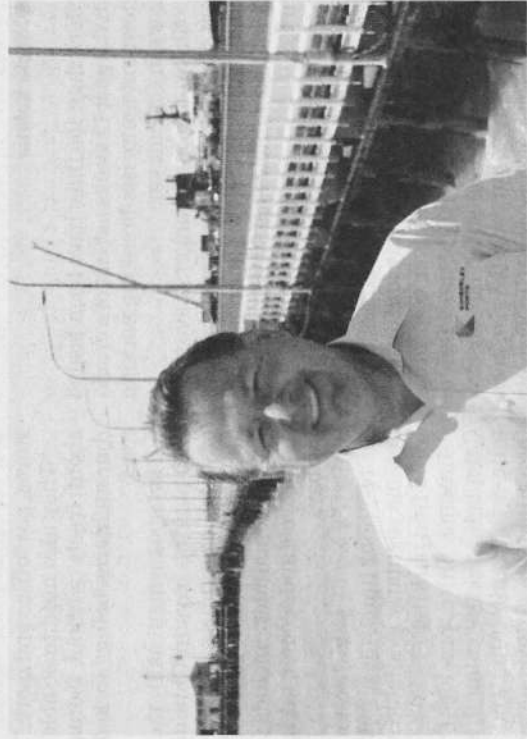
The project is funded through the State Government.

KPA chairman Laurie Shevington said the funding would allow the authority to continue to facilitate trade through the Kimberley, benefitting the people of WA and port users.

York Civil has been appointed to deliver the design and upgrade, which will provide additional structural capacity and an extended working life.

The Port of Broome is the principal deep water port servicing the Kimberley region. It serves as a major logistics hub to oil and gas fields in the Browse Basin.

KPA chief executive Kevin Schellack said the jetty would not close while the work is under-



**Kimberley Ports chief executive Kevin Schellack at the Broome jetty, which has appointed York Civil Pty Ltd to carry out a \$24 million renovation.**

taken in an effort to minimise the impact on operations supporting the region.

"The wharf is an integral part of the Kimberley economy," Mr Schellack said.

"Consequently it was important that the design and construction methodology selected minimises interruption to port users.

"York Civil's proposal should allow KPA to achieve this goal."

York Civil state manager Dallas Keane said the company had

undertaken similar works on operational ports and wharves in the past.

"We understand the importance of maintaining operations as much as possible, so we will be consulting regularly with KPA so that they can keep port users informed and, wherever possible, work together to find opportunities to minimise impact on port operations," he said.

Mr Keane said York Civil aimed to use local labour, services and contractors.

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