

Bridge milestone

THE long-awaited \$2.5 million pedestrian footbridge recently reached a major milestone with installation of the final section.

Although the bridge is not complete, the *Albany Advertiser* understands the installation means the main structure has been finished with more minor work set to continue.

No official date has been given for completion by project developers LandCorp.

The tender for the 250m bridge was awarded to Bocol Constructions and BG and E Consulting Engineers.

Bocol Constructions have designed other landmark bridges in WA, including the pedestrian footbridge linking the north and south harbours at Mandurah Ocean Marina.

When the bridge is completed, it will mark the first

stage of the Albany Waterfront Development and will be a link between the Albany Central Business District and the foreshore precinct.

The bridge is no stranger to controversy.

In February Albany MLA Peter Watson arrived to the sod-turning ceremony, where he was greeted by about 30 protestors from the Albany Waterfront Action Group.

AWAG spokesperson Shanti Bezard said at the time she was protesting because the bridge marked the beginning of the Albany Waterfront Development.

Mr Watson has previously stated: "The bridge will feature three shelters with display panels to showcase public art and have three removable sections that will cater for high loads travelling on Princess Royal Drive."



Work being completed on the final section of the pedestrian footbridge.



Graeme Dundas from BG and E Consulting Engineers with BOCOL Construction builder Dermot Boyle.

