

Point Richards Boating Facility Upgrade

Update

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Point Richards Boating Facility is one of six boating facilities the government committed to upgrade as part of its unprecedented investment in recreational boating.

These facilities were selected based on advice from various stakeholders including the boating and angling community.

What's happened so far

Car Park

We engaged a specialist landscape architect to develop two draft concepts that we consulted the community on between October and December 2019.

We used the feedback we received to inform a final concept design that proposes to improve the Point Richards boating facility car park by expanding the overflow car parking area and improving circulation.

The community supports the final concept design that was released in September 2020.

Coastal

A coastal processes study commissioned to understand the factors behind the current seagrass accumulation at the Point Richards boat ramp has been completed.

Results of the study indicate that coastal hydrology is driving the deposition of seagrass and there are opportunities to reduce this.

We have considered recommended engineering solutions to reduce seagrass accumulation and developed a concept design that will minimise need for maintenance in the future.

We hosted an online community presentation on Tuesday the 11th of August at 3pm and 5pm where we shared the results of the coastal processes study and the concept design to improve the boat ramp.

What's happening right now

Car Park

We are working on the detailed design phase of the car park upgrade and developing construction drawings that can be presented to contractors to upgrade the car park next year.

Coastal

We are about to undertake detailed modelling on sediment transport to understand in detail future dredging requirements with the proposed groyne. This will help us refine the solution as we move to the next step.





What's happening next

Car Park

We aim to begin construction of the car park in winter 2021. To facilitate this, we are working with City of Greater Geelong and Bellarine Bayside to secure the planning permits and environmental approvals required to build in a marine setting.

We will work with a design engineer to develop a detailed design and construction drawings that will be used to tender for contractors in the new year.

Point Richards is an area of cultural heritage and we will be commissioning a Cultural Heritage Management Plan to understand and mitigate against any risk of damage.

Coastal

We will progress the detailed design and construction drawings for the solution required to reduce seagrass accumulation at the boat ramp whilst the necessary approvals and permits are obtained. We will be able to provide further information about this shortly.

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