

# Queenscliff Boating Facility Upgrade

## Update

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## Queenscliff 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

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 Queenscliff boating facility by increasing the capacity of the boat ramp and adding formalised car-trailer unit parking.

The community supports the final concept design that has been created to respect the character of Queenscliff. The final concept design was released in June 2020.

### What's happening right now

We are working on the planning and detailed design requirements needed to get the upgrade ready for the construction phase as soon as possible.

To achieve this, we are preparing a town planning application and working towards obtaining the necessary environmental approvals to build in a marine environment.

Queenscliff is an area of cultural and historic heritage and we will be commissioning a Cultural Heritage Management Plan and a Historic Heritage

Management Plan to understand and mitigate against any risk of damage.

These planning processes can take over six months to process which is why we are starting early and proactively addressing key issues in advance.

### What's happening next

We will be engaging a specialist engineering consultant to develop the detailed design drawings for the upgrade. We will be consulting on these to ensure the design is functional for ramp users and in keeping with the look and feel of Queenscliff.

We will establish a Project Reference Group, hosted by the Borough of Queenscliffe, to ensure community members are kept informed on the progress of the project.

We will be conducting sediment testing to progress a dredging plan that ensures the new facility is functional for larger vessels – something we understand is important for the boating and angling community.

As part of the Cultural Heritage Management Plan, we'll be collaborating with the Wathaurung Aboriginal Corporation to mitigate risks to any identified cultural heritage Queenscliff boat ramp site.

## Need more information?

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