

Your feedback on the Queenscliff boating facility design concepts



Community consultation took place from Wednesday 30 October to Monday 9 December 2019.

We held dedicated community events on 30th October and 30th November and an online survey to hear what residents, boat users and stakeholders think should be included in the boating facility upgrade. This was the first step of the consultation process, and a key reason for holding it was to involve the community from the outset.

The consultation allowed us to test initial concept ideas with you and we received considerable feedback on two upgrade concepts.

What we proposed

We tested two design concepts to support the upgrade of an existing boating facility. Both design concepts explore options to improve the boating facility by enhancing parking, widening the existing ramp, adding an additional lane to the existing boat ramp, improving pedestrian safety and access, as well as considering improved measures to protect Swan Bay.

People reached



262 visits to the online project page
238 downloads of the concept designs



187 people attended the community event



45 responses to the hard copy survey
20 responses to the online survey



90%

of survey respondents currently use the boat ramp

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85% of survey respondents prefer concept option 1

45%

of survey respondents use the boat ramp on a weekly basis

65%

of survey respondents say that this upgrade will encourage them to use the boat ramp facility more often

Who we heard from

- Boat ramp users
- Queenscliff residents
- People who are both Queenscliff residents and boat ramp users
- Local stakeholders including The Bellarine Railway, Victorian Fisheries Authority and the Queenscliff Coastguard.



What we heard

Through the online survey and community event, you said you are supportive of the boating facility upgrade including:

- safety improvements being included in both concepts
- having more boat ramp lanes
- proposed kayak launching facility
- options to improve the pontoons
- proposed improved wash down facility
- paving treatments that soften the appearance of addition parking
- having webcams installed to view ramp & car park
- improving indigenous planting to enhance facility aesthetics.



You have some concerns about:

- continued congestion at the boat ramp
- privacy for residents of neighbouring land
- increased activity at the boat ramp during peak season
- the fish cleaning area becoming dirty and odorous
- dredge material management.



You said:

- you'd like a fourth boat ramp
- lighting close to the fuel berth would improve the safety of people walking at night
- another pontoon would be useful
- you'd like more washdown bays included in the design
- maintenance of the area is important to consider
- a design should be developed with provision to expand the facility for future demand.

You asked

Q. Why is there a third lane in the design concept?

Our design concepts have been developed to explore widening the existing two-lane ramp and adding an additional lane to accommodate wider vessels and to reduce congestion and wait times. We received feedback on the benefits and constraints of both these options and this will be considered when developing a final design.

Q. Is it possible to include more landscaping in the design?

We will investigate the possibility of improving indigenous planting and landscaping in the design process.

Q. Is there anything that can be done to improve car parking?

We received some useful feedback about how we could improve the proposed car parking. However, we are limited in our ability to expand the car park beyond the current envelope because of residential housing, a railway lease and Swan Bay.

Q. How will the carparking be monitored to ensure it's used correctly, there are no cars parking in random places and it's not used for train commuters.

We will be working with relevant authorities to ensure that adequate signage with clear instructions for motorists and boaters is installed as part of the upgrade.

Q. Can the fish cleaning area be located next to the water's edge?

We understand it's important to clean your fish close to where you land it. We will work with the Victorian Fisheries Authority and all relevant agencies to deliver this.



Next steps

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on our design concepts. All your feedback is now being considered and will be used to progress a final concept design. We will then present the final design concept to the Borough of Queenscliffe.



