

Final design concept for the Queenscliff boat ramp upgrade ready



A final design concept for the Queenscliff boat ramp upgrade has been developed to provide a better experience for boaters.

The final design concept has been informed by community feedback received as part of a consultation held between 30 October and 9 December 2019.

The final design concept proposes to upgrade the Queenscliff boating facility by widening existing boat ramp lanes and adding an additional lane, installing new wider pontoons, providing a new and separate non-powered vessel launching facility, providing 89 formal car trailer unit parking spaces and improving traffic flow and pedestrian access.

Why is the Queenscliff boating facility getting an upgrade?

The Victorian Government identified six facilities that need priority upgrades. This was based on advice from various stakeholders including the boating community. These locations were: Rhyll, Hastings, Mordialloc, Queenscliff, Point Richards and the Cowes Jetty.

These locations are popular boating facilities that need to meet future recreational boating demands and more pressure as Melbourne's population grows.

How has the community been involved in the project?

We developed and tested two upgrade concept designs with the community at two dedicated drop-in events on Wednesday 30 October and Saturday 30 November, and an online consultation between Saturday 30 November and Monday 9 December 2019. This level of early engagement is unprecedented when it comes to upgrading boat ramps, and a key reason for holding it was because we wanted to involve the community from the outset.

The event and online consultation were promoted widely online and advertised in key local press. The event was attended by around 180 people and 65 people completed the online consultation and gave us written feedback.

We used all the feedback we received to inform the final design.

Is the community supportive of the final concept design?

The community supported elements of the two concept designs presented. You were supportive of improving the safety of the facility, having more boat ramp lanes, a kayak launching facility, improved pontoons, a better wash down facility and installing a webcam to view the ramp and car park.

We have taken this into account and believe the final concept design accommodates much of the feedback we received during the consultation.

What do the next steps in the project look like?

We will be working with relevant authorities to progress a detailed design and the associated approvals to prepare for construction in 2021.

When will the upgrade start?

We are aiming to begin construction in winter 2021.

Who will be managing the upgrade project?

Better Boating Victoria is partnering with the Borough of Queenscliffe to deliver this upgrade.

How much is the project costing?

At this stage, the cost for the upgrade is unknown and will be informed by detailed design. Further information will be provided when available.

Will we get regular updates to let us know where things are at?

There will be updates on the progress of the Queenscliff boating facility upgrade project. Better Boating Victoria will work with the Borough of Queenscliff to ensure updates are promoted through our communications channels.

Who will be responsible for maintaining this asset?

Management of the Queenscliff boating facility is currently the responsibility of Borough of Queenscliff Council.

Where will the fish cleaning table go?

We will work with the Victorian Fisheries Authority to identify the best location for the fish cleaning table.

Will the upgrade have any impact on coastal inundation?

We have engaged a specialist marine scientist to investigate this issue. They have reported that adding an additional lane will have no impact on current inundation levels.

Will the upgrade be in keeping with the feel of Queenscliff?

We will be working closely with the Queenscliff Community Association and boating stakeholders to ensure the upgrade is done in line with community expectations of how the project should look and feel.

How will the upgrade improve car parking?

The upgrade will involve formalising the overflow car parking area to create 89 dedicated car boat trailer unit spaces in total at the site. 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 envelop because of residential housing, a railway lease and Swan Bay.

Will the upgrade improve the congestion issues at Queenscliff?

By adding an additional lane and widening all ramp lanes we will be facilitating faster and more efficient launching and retrieving at this site. In addition, we've added a dedicated boat rigging lane and added lane marking to improve circulation.

Will I be able to launch my unpowered vessel?

The upgrade will include the provision of a dedicated kayak launch ramp in a shallow area with its own drop-off and pick-up car parking spaces.

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

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.

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