

Cape Conran Boating facility Upgrade

Report of Feedback from Community Consultation held Saturday 1st May 2021 in Marlo and on-line survey conducted 1st May 2021 to 24th May 2021 (inclusive).

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The aim of this project is to improve the safety, functionality, and reliability of the Cape Conran Boat Ramp Facility for the benefit of boaters and the local community.

FSC Range were engaged by Better Boating Victoria (BBV) in consultation with Parks Victoria (PV) to:

- (1) undertake an investigation to assess the functionality of the existing boat ramp, and
- (2) to prepare concept options for incremental modifications to the facility.

Following the establishment of a reference group consisting of local users, commercial operators and state government representative to identify the key issues and inform the concepts.

We held a dedicated community event on the 1st May 2021 and an online survey to hear what residents, boat users and stakeholders think of the concept designs.

This was the first step on the public consultation process, and a key reason for holding it was to involve the community from the outset.

What we proposed

We tested two design concepts to support the upgrade on the existing boating facility. Both design concepts explore options to improve the boating facility by improving launching times through the extension of the existing jetty, widening the existing ramp and improving the ramp gradient to reduce sand and kelp build up.

People Reached



50 people attended the community event



28 people responded to the online survey



Who we heard from:

Regular user: 19
Infrequent user: 3
Visitor only: 6



46%

of responders were
"happy" with about
the concept/project

23%

"loved it"

23%

were
"neutral"

8%

expressed they were
"unhappy"

An even distribution between locals and boat users represented those who "loved it" and/or were "happy" about the concept.

Majority of responders did not express which option they preferred.

Snapshot of user feedback – Cape Conran Concept Options

Values of Cape Conran ranked:

1. Great boating and fishing
2. Ocean access
3. Nature beauty and/or history
4. Convenient location

Preferred Option:

- Concept A: 3
- Concept B: 18
- Neither: 7

Will the proposed upgrade encourage further use:

- Yes: 16
- No: 12



What we heard

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

- Easier to use and/or safer
- Reduced sand and kelp benefits
- Ladders and grabrails needed
- Add solar lighting in car park
- prefer to move fish cleaning table landward
- Updated the web-camera



Concerns

- Prefer see minimal impact at Cape Conran due to it's natural beauty
- does not want a fish cleaning table
- Against prop rock removal



You said

- Wants a breakwater
- Wants a car park upgrade
- Second ramp and second jetty
- Doesn't like the position of the fish cleaning table
- Add extra ramp and jetty



You asked

- Why can't a breakwater be included in the design?
- Is there anything that can be done to improve car parking?
- When in the web-camera being re-installed?
- What are the likely timeframes for the project to commence?

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 stakeholders.

Cape Conran: Proposed Development – Option A



Cape Conran: Proposed Development – Option B

