

Warneet

Boating Precinct Plan

April 2021

Warneet is situated 56km from Melbourne and is a popular location for recreational boating and fishing. Boating facilities at Warneet provide access to Western Port Bay through Rutherford Inlet and service the greater south-eastern catchment of Melbourne.

A boating precinct plan is being developed to guide future planning & investment.

The objective of the Warneet Boating Precinct Plan is to provide direction for boating and marine assets that will:

- take into account the current boating facility and broader community needs as they relate to boating and marine infrastructure
- consider future demand
- respond to current issues associated with marine infrastructure in the precinct
- collectively develop a clear concept for the precinct to be used to inform future planning and investment.

The Plan will be progressed in consultation with stakeholders and a draft precinct plan will be made available for public comment prior to finalisation.

What is included in the Warneet Boating Precinct?

The Warneet boat ramp and car park are located within the Warneet foreshore reserve in the north-west corner of Western Port Bay. The facility is managed by the Warneet Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management Inc. appointed as delegated land manager under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*.

Parks Victoria manages the Warneet North and Warneet South jetties which provide recreational and land-based fishing opportunities, and limited tie-up points for boats. The jetties are Parks Victoria Committee of Management assets and are connected by a coastal trail which runs along the foreshore parallel to Rutherford Parade.

Privately managed facilities include:

- The Warneet North Boat Club which offers a private boat launching facility in close proximity to the Warneet North jetty.
- The Warneet Motor Yacht Club located near the boat ramp and southern jetty.
- Warneet boat hire and the Warneet South Slipway Club located in close proximity to the boat ramp.
- Bait shop located adjacent to the boat ramp.

Current condition of Boating Precinct assets

The multi-lane Warneet boat ramp and pontoons are in varying states of condition (good/average/poor). Better Boating Victoria has recently commissioned urgent designs to improve the condition of the boat ramp. The boating facility car park is unsealed and informal in its layout but offers significant capacity. A separate consultancy is underway to prepare a concept design for a formalised carpark.

The condition of the Warneet boating ramp and north and south jetties has been assessed by the facility managers and issues associated with the condition and closure of the northern jetty have been raised by Warneet boating stakeholders and the local community. Midway through 2020, Parks Victoria closed the north jetty and a section of the south jetty from public access due to safety concerns regarding the deteriorated condition of the infrastructure.



Aerial photo of the Warneet Boating Precinct area

What is a Precinct Plan?

- A high-level plan which defines a vision and strategic direction for ongoing and future development within a defined area (precinct) - refer to photo for area
- A guide to developing new and improved assets and areas within the precinct

What does a Precinct Plan do?

- Sets out priorities as identified by asset managers and the community.
- Identifies a partnership between agencies and the community
- Empowers and brings the Government and community together in a shared goal

What will the Precinct Plan involve?

- Better Boating Victoria has engaged TBLD to facilitate and develop the Warneet Boating Precinct Plan. The scope of the work include:
- **Site Assessment:** identify and understand the function of boating and maritime assets including boat ramp, car park, jetties and moorings
- **Consultation:** workshops with key stakeholders and members of the community
- **Draft Warneet Boating Precinct Plan:** Development of a draft plan and presentation to stakeholders and community for comment
- **Final Warneet Boating Precinct Plan** Prepare the final Precinct Plan based on comment

What facilities will be considered in the Precinct Plan?

- Boat ramp and car park
- Jetties
- Moorings

What is the next step?

April 2021 – June 2021

- A formal process of engaging relevant key agencies will occur ensuring their commitment to the Precinct Plan
- TBLD will consult and work closely with key stakeholders including the Warneet Foreshore Committee of Management to understand key issues regarding existing assets and directions for improvements
- Feedback received will inform the draft Warneet Boating Precinct Plan

May/June 2021

- Display draft Warneet Boating Precinct Plan, with on-site drop-in display for the public to provide feedback

July 2021

- Finalise the Precinct Plan in consultation with key agencies and stakeholders and the Warneet community

Need more information?

Find out more about the government's recreational boating initiatives at www.betterboating.vic.gov.au

