

# Avalon Boating Facility Upgrade

## Community consultation took place from 25th August to 24th September 2021

As part of the governments commitment to improving recreational boating, boaters and members of the wider community have had their say on plans for a proposed future upgrade to the Avalon Beach boating facility.

Better Boating Victoria (BBV) commissioned coastal and civil engineers Water Technology to develop a concept design for improvements to the ramp and carpark.

This facility is managed by City of Greater Geelong. BBV progressed the concept design in close consultation with council.

The plan has been developed in consultation with City of Greater Geelong, government agencies, recreational boaters and community members to improve functionality and capacity .

The consultation has allowed BBV to test the proposed concept design with the wider public for consideration prior to finalising the design.

## What we proposed

Features of the concept plan include tripling the parking capacity with the addition of 36 car and trailer spaces, jetties extensions to increase capacity and temporary berthing options, and replacing wave screens along the jetties to provide greater protection to boaters launching and retrieving vessels.

## People Reached



**12** people responded to the online survey



### Who we heard from:

- Regular user: **10**
- Local resident who uses the ramp: **2**



Majority of responders "liked" various aspects of the concept

*"Happy with the designs you are putting into place"*

*"Any upgrade is great news, the ramp is awkward for solo boaters"*

*"With the amount of people using the ramp it will make for better flow and parking"*



## What we heard

Through the online survey, you said you were supportive of the following upgrade features:

- Increased parking at the facility
- Upgrades and improvement to the ramp
- Extension of the jetties to increase berthing
- Better protection against waves and tide



## Concerns

- Improve security i.e. cameras and lighting
- Floating pontoons needed to provide easier access for the elderly
- Protection is needed so large vessels can launch
- Trucks collecting saltwater on the ramp causing damage



## We asked

What aspects of the proposed upgrade do you like, why?

- Longer jetties
- Better protection and berthing
- Improved security around the car park area.
- Additional parking bays for car trailer units
- Rigging / de-rigging area



## We asked

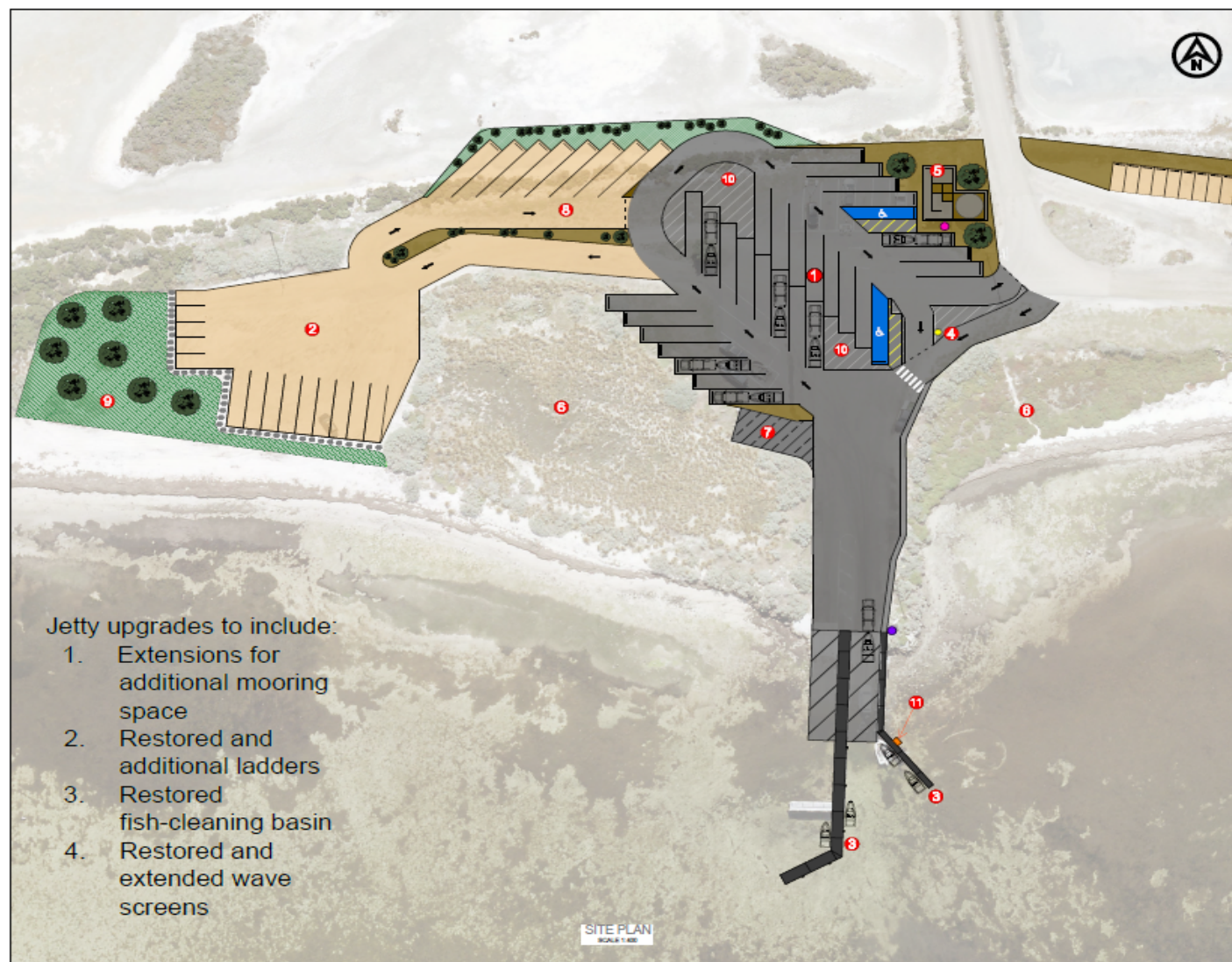
What would you change to improve the design?

- Clearing of rocky obstructions underwater
- Introduce a break wall to help with launch and retrieval
- Security cameras and brighter lights
- Jetties should be longer
- Dredging should be considered

## Next Steps

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on our design concepts. All your feedback is has been considered and used to inform the final concept design. BBV will now progress a detailed design and work with Government agencies and relevant parties to obtain the necessary approvals to facilitate future construction works.

# Final Concept Design (post feedback)



## Legend

- ① Expanded sealed carpark area
- ② Informal overflow carpark
- ③ Upgraded fixed jetties
- ④ Better boating light/camera fixture
- ⑤ Existing toilet blocks
- ⑥ Existing sensitive vegetation
- ⑦ Rigging/de-rigging area
- ⑧ Gravel carpark extension
- ⑨ Revegetation area
- ⑩ Painted curbing areas
- ⑪ Restored fish-cleaning basin
- Current seawater extraction point
- Future seawater extraction point

	Present	Proposed
Car-Trailer Spaces	12	48
Single Spaces	0	14
Jetty waiting spaces	3-4	6-8
Central jetty length	41m	53m
Eastern jetty length	25m	33m

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## Avalon Beach Boat Ramp Upgrade - Concept Plan