

Rhyll Boat Ramp Upgrade

May 2021

Better Boating Victoria is funding the delivery of the Rhyll Boat Ramp upgrade. To minimise impact on the peak boating season, the project will be delivered in two stages.
 Stage 1: June to Early September 2021
 Stage 2 : From March/April 2022.

Construction works are due to begin shortly for the Rhyll Boat Ramp upgrade.

Better Boating Victoria is collaborating with Bass Coast Shire Council to deliver the upgrade to the Rhyll Boat Ramp. A contract has been awarded and construction works will begin shortly. The boat ramp will be closed from July through to early September 2021.



What's been happening?

Rhyll Boating Facility is one of six priority boating facilities the government committed to upgrade as part of its unprecedented investment in recreational boating.

Construction works will commence shortly on this popular regional boating destination.

The upgrade

The aim of the upgrade is to improve traffic flow and efficiency at which vessels can launch and retrieve. The upgrade will include:

- replacing the existing three (3) lane boat ramp
- extending the lanes deeper into the bay allowing all-tide operation.
- two new fixed and floating pontoon jetties.
- car park upgrade and other land-side infrastructure
- Fish cleaning table on the jetty

Upcoming construction works

Construction works for the upgrade will be split into two stages to avoid impact on the peak boating season. Works include:

Stage 1: July to October 2021

Ramp will be closed until September, with some access provided in October whilst undertaking car parking area and civil works

Stage 2: March/April 2022

Installation of new boat ramp lanes, new jetties and pontoons and final civil works in main carpark.



What's happening next?

Stage 1 works are due to commence in June. Monthly updates will be provided on the Bass Coast Shire Council website:

www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/rhyllboatramp

Frequently Asked Questions

What will the project involve?

The project involves replacing the existing facility with a three (3) lane boat ramp extending deeper into the bay allowing all-tide operation; two new fixed and floating pontoon jetties; car park upgrade and other land-side infrastructure.

How much funding has been provided?

The delivery of the entire upgraded facility will be in the order of \$4.5 million. Funding is from the State Government's investment into boating in Victoria. Bass Coast Council will deliver the upgrade. Better Boating Victoria is overseeing the government's boating commitments and is working with Council to deliver the project.

How will the upgrade improve congestion issues in Rhyll?

New extended pontoons and redesigned carpark will facilitate more efficient launching and retrieval. In addition, we've added a dedicated boat rigging lane. This will increase the efficiency at which traffic flows and vessels can be launched and retrieved, reducing queuing.

Will I be able to use the boat ramp when construction is taking place?

No, once works begin there will be no access to the boat ramp. Works are due to commence in June and the facility will be open again in early September.

Where can I launch and retrieve my boat while the Rhyll boat ramp is closed?

The nearest boat ramps include Newhaven and Cows Ramp. For more information on local boat ramps please visit <https://www.boating.vic.gov.au>

Why is the boat ramp lane improvement not being constructed this Winter?

The new pontoons and pre-cast concrete panels for the boat ramp takes a long time. We don't want to risk impacting the spring fishing season and will be completing this next year. We will work to ensure the closure is minimised wherever possible and that prior warning is advertised before works commence.

Is dredging required at the boat ramp?

No dredging will be required.

Will the playground and shipwreck be impacted?

Bass Coast Shire Council will be removing and installing a new playspace concurrent with the carpark upgrade.

Following the maritime archaeologist's investigation in 2020, the 'Genista' and 'Ventnor' were found at depths that mean they won't be impacted during the upgrade construction works and permit to proceed with works has been granted by Heritage Victoria.

Will I still be able to use the playground?

Once construction has commenced a site fence will be established to limit public access to the works area. This closure is necessary to ensure everyone's safety during construction

Will the Environmental values of Western Port be protected?

The contractor will develop an environmental management plan to ensure that the construction works do not impact the environment. Furthermore, a Maritime Archaeological component of the Heritage Impact Statement was prepared together with an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study. Council will ensure the recommendations in these reports are applied to the design and construction, including the Marine and Coastal Act 2018 consent process, to ensure the environmental and cultural heritage values of the area are protected.

How are you going to protect the marine environment during construction?

The construction company will be required to prepare an Environmental Management Plan to ensure the upgrade is undertaken in an environmentally sensitive manner strictly in accordance with all environmental regulations and industry best practice.

Who is managing the work?

Bass Coast Shire Council will deliver the upgrade. **Simpson Construction Company Pty Ltd** has been awarded the main contract to undertake the construction and marine works.

A Project Control Group (PCG) has also been convened to provide guidance on the project. The PCG includes representatives from Council, Better Boating Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Maritime Safety Victoria, Parks Victoria and Victorian Fisheries Authority

Will we get regular updates to let us know how the project is progressing?

Monthly updates will be provided on the Bass Coast Shire Website for more FAQs and updated information please go to: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/rhyllboatramp

Need more information?

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

