

Limeburners Point Boat Ramp Upgrade Update

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The Limeburners Point Boat Ramp is being upgraded to make boating more accessible for all Victorians.

The design and approvals process has commenced for the Limeburners Point Boat Ramp upgrade.

Project Background

Limeburners Point Boat Ramp is a popular three-lane facility located in Geelong. The area is experiencing high population growth and the site requires upgrades to meet the current and future rates of growth. It has been identified as a high priority project by Better Boating Victoria.

The project aims to provide the following:

Increased formalised parking

56 additional parking bays large enough for a car & trailer unit will be provided by upgrading the existing overflow area. Single carparking will be provided throughout the facility.

Additional boat ramps

To improve the speed and efficiency at which vessels can be launched and retrieved, two additional boat ramp lanes and floating pontoons will be provided.

Reduced wave action

The existing wave attenuator has experienced significant damage. With no barrier, waves have made it increasingly difficult for boaters attempting to use the ramps during certain wind conditions. The offshore attenuator will be repaired and extended to reduce wave action.

What's happened so far

A concept design was created in August 2021 that visualise the updated carpark and new ramps as well as a new wave attenuator. This was shared for public as part of a consultation process.

A team comprising of specialist maritime, coastal, civil and traffic engineers have been engaged to complete a detailed design for the final concept plan.

Site investigations including geotechnical, soil contamination, ecological and coastal processes studies have been completed to guide the design process.

Final upgrade plan



What's happening right now

The detailed design is in the final stages of completion.

All relevant permits and environmental approvals have been applied for with formal town planning public advertising taking place.

What's next?

Following the delivery of detailed designs and final permits and approvals, the project will be handed over to the facility manager – City of Greater Geelong.

Stage 1 of the project – upgrade of the overflow area will be put out to tender and a start to construction is anticipated for winter 2023.

Where can I find out more?

To follow the next steps and receive updates visit our website at: <https://betterboating.vic.gov.au/ramp-upgrades/limeburners/>

FAQ's

Why is Limeburners Boat Ramp being upgraded?

Limeburners Point Boat Ramp is a popular recreational boating facility situated in Geelong - which has the highest boat ownership in Victoria. The Geelong region is experiencing high population growth with increasing demand for car & trailer parking and boat launching facilities. Additionally, the existing offshore wave attenuator is currently in poor condition and requires upgrading to improve ensure it reduce wave action within the 'safe harbour'

What did the project involve?

The project involves the upgrade of the Limeburners Point Boat ramp including providing additional car trailer parking (an additional 56 car-trailer will be provided). Future stages of the work will include two additional boat ramp lanes and reinstate the offshore wave attenuator.

What's happened already?

Detailed designs have been progressed in consultation with City of Greater Geelong Parks Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP), and boating stakeholders. Key environmental permits have been submitted, including Marine and Coastal Act 2018 consent.

Who is managing this project?

Better Boating Victoria has delivered the detailed design and approval stage of this project; City of Greater Geelong will progress the construction tendering and delivery.

How will the upgrade improve functionality of the ramp?

To address these issues and provide safe, functional use of the Limeburners Boat Ramp the upgrade aims to achieve the following design outcomes.

1. Provision of an additional 56 car and trailer spaces
2. Increasing the number of ramps from 3 to 5 to improve efficiency and speed of vessel launch and retrieval
3. Relocation and realignment of existing pontoons and provision for an additional floating pontoon to enable greater berthing capacity
4. Rebuilding and extending the offshore break wall to provide greater protection to the harbour during unfavourable wind conditions, including instillation of additional navigation aids to assist boats returning after dark.

Will the cultural and environmental values be protected?

Yes – full ecological assessments have occurred to ensure minimal harm on the natural environment, with the upgrading resulting in an increase in Water Sensitive Urban Design and 1000m² increase in vegetated area.

BBV are continuing to engage with traditional owners on this project. have gained the Heritage Victoria permits required and will not impact the historic lime kiln complex.

Is the project going to be staged?

Yes - Stage 1 works will include providing additional car trailer parking (an additional 56 car-trailer will be provided). Future stages of the work will include two additional boat ramp lanes and an offshore wave attenuator.

When is construction due to start?

Subject to final approvals and availability of contractor, Stage 1 carpark works are anticipated to commence in Autumn 2023. Works will be planned to avoid impact on the peak boating and fishing season.

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How much funding has been provided?

A total of \$2.5 Million has been allocated to Stage 1 of this project. Additional funding will be sought in the 2023-2024 Action plan to deliver the Stage 2 marine works.

Where is the upgrade being funded from?

The project is being funded from the Better Boating Fund, which reinvests boating licence and registration fees into projects and programs across the state.

Why has this project been funded?

The current boat ramp does not provide enough formal car & trailer unit parking for the current and growing demand and the number of lanes does not provide acceptable efficiency in launching and retrieving.

A total of \$2.5 million has been allocated to commence a staged upgrade at the Limeburners boating facility. The works will include providing additional car trailer parking (an additional 56 car-trailer will be provided). Future stages of the work will include two additional boat ramp lanes and an offshore wave attenuator.

Will there be navigation aids installed to help enter/exit the harbour safely?

Yes – New navigation aids will be installed to identify the new footprint of the wave attenuator.

How many total Car & Trailer Units will there be after the upgrade?

The upgrade will provide a further 56 car & trailer unit bays, bringing the total facility capacity to 106.



How will the non-powered users gain access to the water?

A dedicated non-powered launching ramp will be provided in the southeast corner of the facility to improve safety between motorised and on-mortised users.

Will the facility be DDA compliant?

Yes – the designs have undergone an independent peer review, including by a disability audit specialist with recommendations on best practice DDA accessibility accommodated in final designs including 1:14 grade gangways, fixings for hoists and wheelchair accessible pedestrian pathways.

How many boats can launch at once?

Once Stage 2 works have been completed, the facility will allow for the launching and retrieval of 5 vessels at any one time. This is an improvement from the current 3.

Can I fish off the rock walls?

Yes – anglers will still have access to the rock walls, with parking provided for single cars.

How long and when will the facility be shut for work?

Detailed on future construction dates will be shared once a tender has been awarded however works will be timed to minimise disruption and closure to the boat ramp.

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