

# Tooradin Boating Facility Upgrade

Report of Feedback from Community Consultation through an on-line survey conducted 1st March 2023 to 4th April 2023

## Community consultation took place from 1st March 2023 to 4th April 2023

The Government has committed to upgrading the Tooradin boat ramp, as part of the 'more piers, jetties and opportunities for Bass' election commitment. As part of this commitment, boaters and members of the wider community have had their say on plans for a proposed upgrade to the Tooradin boat ramp. BBV is progressing designs in close consultation with the asset manager, Tooradin Foreshore Committee of Management. The feedback received through the survey and other consultation has been used in the development of the proposed concept layout design. BBV held another online survey in March 2023 seeking feedback on a proposed concept before progressing into construction-ready designs.

In May 2022, Better Boating Victoria held an online survey to get feedback from the community regarding key issues with the facility and options for improvement

## What was asked?

- What is your interest in the Tooradin boat ramp and car park?
- Do you support the ramp extension?
- Do you support replacing the pontoons?
- Do you support widening the entry/exit to provide traffic an additional lane?
- Do you support the provision of additional parking?
- Do you have other feedback that you would like to provide?



## People Reached



**33** people responded to the online survey



**27** respondents were boat ramp users



**4** respondents were local residents  
**1** respondent was a commercial operator  
**1** other uses/no response

## Do you support the ramp extension and some additional dredging to improve access



100% of respondents were supportive of the ramp being extended with some additional dredging to improve access around the ramp

We've updated the concept design to extend the ramp and to improve access at the boat ramp. This will improve the window of use for boat ramp users.

## Do you support replacing the pontoons, that will provide greater on water berthing spaces?



97% of respondents supported the installation of new pontoons to increase berthing capacity.

We've updated the concept design to include an L-shape extension on the western pontoon. This will provide increasing holding areas to provide more berths for recreational vessels and will improve efficiency of launching and retrieving at the facility.

We'll also be extending the eastern pontoon to provide additional berthing space on both sides of the boat ramp. Pending approvals, dredging will occur around the pontoons to enable berthing on either side.

## Do you support widening the entry/exit to provide traffic an additional lane?



91% of respondents supported widening the narrow entrance to the boat ramp. This has been incorporated into the final concept.

BBV also heard concerns with the entry/exit road and South Gippsland Highway intersection.

As this is outside of the boating facility, BBV is engaging with VicRoads about opportunities for improvement at this intersection. This might include additional signage and line marking. VicRoads will consider this feedback to accommodate improvements, where feasible.

## Do you support the provision of additional parking?



91% of respondents wanted to see increased parking capacity.

BBV has taken on board this feedback and updated the concept plan with angled bays at 60 degrees to provide over 15 more Car Trailer Unit (CTU) spaces in the formalised parking area. This will bring the total CTU parking spaces to over 70. This means that once upgraded, there will be an additional 30 more formalised CTU parking spaces at the facility.

BBV has also made sure that access to the grassed area will be maintained for car & trailer unit overflow parking during busy days.

## Other design feedback



BBV heard that single cars often use car & trailer unit parking bays.

To address this, we've added 7 dedicated single carparking bays including 2 accessible parks and will include signage to remind single cars to not park in larger car & trailer unit bays. We'll also work with the asset manager, Tooradin Foreshore Committee of Management, and local agencies to encourage enforcement.

BBV also heard that boaters would like to see dedicated DDA parking spaces for car trailer units.

BBV is committed to making recreational boating facilities as accessible as possible. We're working with our designers to determine the best location for DDA parking spaces and will update the design when this is confirmed.

### Next Steps

We would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on our design concepts. 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.