

Limeburners Boat Ramp Upgrade

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Construction works for the upgrade of Limeburners Point Boat Ramp overflow carpark have begun.

The Limeburners Boat Ramp is being upgraded to make it easier to use for recreational boaters. A contract has been awarded to Drapers Civil Contracting and construction on the overflow carpark commenced in mid-July 2023.

Project Background

The Limeburners Point Boat Ramp is a popular fishing destination on the western side of Port Phillip. Due to ongoing growth in demand for boating and associated car trailer parking, Limeburners will be upgraded.

The project will be delivered in 2 stages:

- i. Stage 1: Works to the eastern overflow area will provide an additional 56 formal car & trailer parking bays and dedicated non-powered user (ie kayakers and outriggers) ramp access.
- ii. Stage 2: Additional boat ramp lanes, pontoons, and wave attenuator. These works are pending approvals and likely to be scheduled in 2024-25.

Concept plans for the boat ramp upgrade were completed in November 2021 following extensive consultation with boat ramp users and the community. Engineering drawings have now been completed and a contractor has been appointed and is delivering Stage 1.

Project Construction

Better Boating Victoria is collaborating with the facility manager, City of Greater Geelong, to deliver the upgrade of Stage 1 of the Limeburners Point Boat Ramp.

A contract has been awarded to contractor Drapers Civil Contracting as part of a public tender process, and construction commenced in mid-July.

Access to the boat ramp will remain open to the public during construction, however the overflow

carparking area will be closed for approximately 5 months.

Council will aim to minimise disruption to the area and visitors should keep an eye out for any detour signage in place during construction.

The City of Greater Geelong will oversee the delivery of the upgrade.

[Upgrade Plan – July 2023](#)



What's next?

Construction works for the upgrade will occur between mid-July and Christmas 2023 and will include the following upgrades to the facility:

- Upgrade works to the overflow area to formalise an additional 56 car & trailer unit spaces.

- Single-car parking will be provided throughout the facility for land-based fishers.
- A non-powered vessel ramp will be constructed.

Please be aware of increased activity at the facility including construction related deliveries.

Where can I find out more?

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

FAQ's

What do these upgrades involve?

The works involve the upgrade the Limeburners Point Boat ramp overflow parking area by formalising and providing 56 additional car trailer parking bays, single car parks and 2 accessible carparks. A non-powered vessel ramp will also be installed to separate users from one another.

Future stages of the work will include two additional boat ramp lanes, associated pontoons and reinstatement of the offshore wave attenuator.

What's happened already?

Better Boating Victoria has progressed designs and approvals that were developed in consultation with the City of Greater Geelong, the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, and the wider community. Key permits have been obtained, including *Marine and Coastal Act 2018* consent along with a town planning permit and Cultural Heritage approvals.

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.

Who is managing this project?

The City of Greater Geelong will oversee the delivery of the upgrade with \$2 million in funding provided by Better Boating Victoria for Stage 1.

When is construction due to start?

Works commenced in mid-July and will continue for approximately 5 months. The boat ramp and main carpark will remain open for the duration of works, with completion scheduled for before Christmas.

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

Yes. The Limeburners ramp will still be open to the public and there will be limited disruption to the main parking areas as works are focused on the overflow car park area. Please note the overflow car park area will not be accessible and will be closed to the public for safety reasons.

Other nearby boat ramps include St Helens (Geelong) and Clifton Springs. For more information on local boat ramps please visit <https://www.boating.vic.gov.au> or <https://geelongaustralia.com.au/boating>

What will construction involve?

Construction works will include:

- Delivery of construction materials to site
- Civil ground works for the construction of the formal overflow parking areas.
- Asphaltting and installation of permeable pavement.
- Driving of piles to construct the non-powered vessel ramp.

Please follow all instructions and exclusion zones during the construction phase.

How much funding has been provided?

A total of \$2 million has been allocated to this project for Stage 1.

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?

Limeburners Boat Ramp is the largest boat ramp in Geelong and one of the most popular in the Geelong and Bellarine region and sees many visitors from Melbourne. Due to such popularity, the population growth of Geelong and an increasing demand for parking, this site was identified in the Recreational Boating Action Plan 2022-23 for delivery.

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How many new car & trailer bays will there be?

A total of 56 car & trailer bays will be created as part of the upgrade plus a further 11 single parking bays, including 2 accessible parks.

Will the cultural and environmental values be protected?

Yes. Ecological assessments have occurred to reduce impacts to the natural environment, with the upgrade incorporating Water Sensitive Urban Design and 1000m² increase in vegetated area.

Better Boating Victoria have collaborated with the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation to prepare a Cultural Heritage Management Plan and have gained Heritage Victoria permits. The historic lime kiln complex will not be impacted.

Will there be a fish cleaning table?

Yes. The current fishing cleaning table will be retained and will remain in use during stage one construction.



Can I fish from the breakwater during construction?

Yes, access to the western breakwater will not be impacted during construction. Access to the east breakwater will be maintained until marine works commence. This is expected to occur in mid-late August. At this point, there will be no further access to the eastern breakwater until the project is complete.

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

Access to the boat ramps will be maintained during works. Once completed, the dedicated non-powered launching ramp will be provided in the southeast corner of the facility to segregate and improve safety between motorised and non-motorised users.

Why is a non-powered vessel ramp being installed?

Limeburners Boat Ramp is a multi-use site with recreational users including land-based anglers, power boaters and non-power boaters including kayakers and outriggers.

A dedicated non-power vessel ramp will be provided to separate powered and non-powered users for safety reasons.

Will the facility be DDA compliant?

Yes. The designs have undergone an independent peer review, with best practice DDA accessibility requirements accommodated in final designs including dedicated accessible parking bays, 1:14 grade ramps and wheelchair accessible pedestrian pathways.

When will the offshore wave attenuator be fixed?

The offshore wave attenuator will be repaired and extended to improve protection from wave action during Stage 2 of the project.

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

Updates will be provided on Better Boating Victoria's website. For updates on project progress and more information please go to:

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