

FAQs - Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the Seymour (Manners St) boat ramp getting an upgrade?

The Victorian Recreational Boating Strategy identified the need for upgrading the boat ramp for recreational boaters in Seymour. The boat ramp is in poor condition, which has further deteriorated by recent flood events. The adjacent jetty is also unusable due to the height and concrete feet preventing boats from tying up.

Who manages the boating facility?

The Seymour (Manners St) facility is managed by Mitchell Shire Council. BBV is working collaboratively with Mitchell Shire council to design the future improvements to the facility.

What is included in the proposed design?

The project includes improving the ramp surface with a new concrete ramp and extending the ramp to ensure launching is accessible in a variety of water levels. Improvements to the jetty to create a lower section and surrounding the jetty base with eco bags to protect mooring vessels from the concrete feet of the jetty. The rock wall will also be improved to ensure launching can occur into calmer water.

Will the jetty be retained and usable by the public?

The existing jetty will be retained and improved so it is usable by boaters. In its current form, the jetty provides minimal benefit to boaters. The fishing/viewing platform just downstream of the boat ramp will be retained to be used by members of the public.

How much access will this provide to the Goulburn River?

This boat ramp will provide access to launching and retrieving from full supply level to low supply level.

What improvement to parking will be made?

There are no plans to formalise the current car parking arrangements. Additional signage will be investigated by Mitchell Shire Council to ensure there are car trailer parks available for boaters only.

What will be the impact on local residents?

There will be minimal impact to local residents. During construction, the ramp area will be closed off whilst works are undertaken. A majority of access to the Lions Park area will be retained so disruptions will be minimal. Boaters wishing to launch in Seymour can use the nearby Trevan St boat ramp.

What engagement has occurred so far?

BBV and the engineers have met with Mitchell Shire Council, DEECA and local fishers and boaters to ensure local knowledge has been captured to inform the draft concept prior to opening up the draft concept for wider public consultation.

What are the next steps?

Once consultation has been completed, BBV will review feedback and finalise the design. BBV will then progress detailed designs and approvals to facilitate the future construction of the project. Construction timing is unknown at this stage.

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

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