

Media Release

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DESIGNS BEING DEVELOPED FOR BASS COAST BOATING UPGRADES

The Andrews Labor Government is making it easier for people to get out on the water, with designs now being developed to improve boating facilities on the Bass Coast.

Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne said detailed designs are being drawn up to upgrade three boat ramps at Inverloch, Mahers Landing and Cowes.

It comes as part of the \$33 million Better Boating Fund, with the designs informed by community consultation.

At Inverloch, designs include new jetties with wave screens for more efficient launching and retrieval of boats, along with an additional 30-space car and trailer park and a dedicated boat preparation area to reduce congestion in the popular holiday area. It will also make launching and retrieval easier and safer – particularly at high tide.

At nearby Mahers Landing, all-tide access to Anderson Inlet will be improved through rebuilding and extending the ramp to add a second lane and adding a floating or fixed jetty adjacent to the ramp for temporary berthing. Queuing at the ramp will be reduced through adding a dedicated rigging and tie down space away from the ramps and formalising parking bays.

At Cowes, a longer and steeper ramp will make launching and retrieving easier and reduce sand build-up at the ramp. The exact length and gradient of the extension will be determined through the design process.

Other improvements at Cowes include raising the height of the lower jetty landings, adding timber groynes on either side of the ramp to assist in managing the movement and accumulation of sand directly in front of the ramp and realigning the turning circle at the top of the ramp to make manoeuvring easier.

Better Boating Victoria (BBV) is working with Bass Coast Shire Council on the project and will progress the designs once finalised.

More information can be found online at: www.betterboating.vic.gov.au/ramp-upgrades

Quotes attributable to Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne

“It’s great to see designs now being developed to upgrade these three boat ramps at Inverloch, Mahers Landing and Cowes, which are all popular holiday destinations.”

“Improving these facilities will benefit all locals with safer and better access and make launching and retrieval a lot easier once complete.”

Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

“We know locals and visitors to the Bass Coast love spending time out on the water – so these upgrades will help take the stress out of launching and retrieving boats at all tides.”