

Media Release



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IMPROVING APOLLO BAY HARBOUR FOR THE FUTURE

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to improve Apollo Bay Harbour – with upgrades to vital facilities now complete.

It includes a new slipway cradle, which pulls boats out of the water, to make it safer and easier for vessels to be maintained and enter the harbour.

A new oil waste disposal facility has also been built, allowing vessel owners and port managers to collect and safely dispose of waste oil at no cost to users, to protect our important marine environment.

New CCTV cameras have also been installed at the harbour to improve public safety and protect important port infrastructure.

The upgrades to the facilities are vital for supporting the local economy – with Apollo Bay Harbour’s commercial fishing industry alone generating about \$6.5 million per year.

Local port manager, Colac Otway Shire, received \$150,000 in funding from the Labor Government for the upgrades to be carried out at the harbour, ensuring better and safer coastal infrastructure.

The Labor Government is also investing further funding for critical repairs to be carried out on the Apollo Bay Lee Breakwater, with planning for the project underway.

The project has been funded through the Local Ports Program, which compliments an \$18 million package for rebuilding and maintenance works to be carried out on piers and jetties across Victoria from the *Victorian Budget 2022-23*.

Quote attributable to Minister for Ports and Freight Melissa Horne

“Apollo Bay Harbour is a popular destination for boaters, fishers and visitors – which is why our investment in these upgrades is critical to boost safety and ensure the harbour can continue to be used and enjoyed well into the future.”

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

“These upgrades benefit the entire community – keeping Apollo Bay Harbour safe, as well as improving access for all vessels.”