

Media Release

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IMPROVING BOATING EXPERIENCE ACROSS VICTORIA

The Andrews Labor Government is improving Victoria's recreational boating experiences, with a new investment delivering a great day on the water for more Victorian families.

As part of a \$42 million package funded from boaters' registration and licence fees, the investment – made as part of the *Victorian Recreational Boating Action Plan 2022-23* – includes upgrades to a range of boating infrastructure across the state, including ramps, car parks, pontoons and jetties.

Minister for Fishing and Boating Sonya Kilkenny and Member for Geelong Christine Couzens announced the new plan at Limeburners Point Boat Ramp in Geelong, where \$2.5 million will support the construction of more than 50 additional car-trailer parks.

The plan also includes more than \$12 million to deliver major boat ramp infrastructure upgrades at Avalon, Clifton Springs, Kirk Point, Lake Burrumbeet, Cowes Boat Ramp, and Mahers Landing near Inverloch.

Works include replacing ramps, pontoons and jetties, improved parking and upgraded access roads to make it easier to get out on the water.

A further \$3.45 million has been allocated across twenty-two locations to progress planning and approvals to facilitate future upgrades. This funding creates a vital pipeline of projects for consideration in future years.

The plan also invests \$3.3 million to continue the Labor Government's promise to remove fees at public boat ramps, while \$2 million will support managers of public boat ramps with maintenance of their facilities.

In addition, the Government will continue its Recreational Boating Access and Dredging Program with \$1 million in dredging grants to support managers of public boat ramps to facilitate dredging works and deliver projects that provide better access to boat ramps.

A further four locations will also see the installation of new Boating Vic cameras. These sites include Manns Beach, Shaving Point (Metung), Waranga Basin, and Warneet, and builds on previous funding of the Boating Vic camera network.

The Victorian Recreational Boating Action Plan builds on the Labor Government's unprecedented investment in Fishing and Boating across the state.

To learn more about the Action Plan and the full list of projects, visit www.betterboating.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Fishing and Boating Sonya Kilkenny

"We're continuing our investment in recreational boating across the state – improving safety and enhancing the boating experience across Victoria."

"We're upgrading boat ramps across the state to create more opportunities for families to enjoy the great outdoors by hitting the water."

Quote attributable to Member for Geelong Christine Couzens

"The upgrades to boat ramps across the Geelong region will ensure locals and visitors will have safer and easier access to our incredible waterways."

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