

Media Release

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BOATERS TO ENJOY RAMP UPGRADE AT COWES

Upgrades at Cowes' Anderson Road boat ramp are officially complete and re-opened to boaters, providing another option to get out onto Western Port for Phillip Island boaters.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos today announced the boat ramp is now open, thanks to the Allan Labor Government's reinvestment of \$2.8 million from the Government's \$96 million package to improve boating, fishing, aquaculture and piers.

The jetty extension delivers on a commitment made at the 2022 Victorian election to lengthen the structure, providing more space for boaters to tie up while parking their trailer.

Better Boating Victoria oversaw the design of the upgrade alongside Bass Coast Shire Council with construction undertaken by Bridgewater Marine over nearly 5 months.

The upgrade sees a water enclosure built around the ramp, while more than 60 cubic metres of concrete was poured to form the ramp and side panels. The longer ramp means boaters can use the facility at a greater range of tides.

Alongside the jetty extension, works have seen the lower landing raised, making it easier for boaters to get in and of the water. Boating Vic ramp cameras were also added in the carpark and at the ramp, so boaters can view conditions through the free smartphone app or at boating.vic.gov.au.

The \$2.8 million project follows a \$4.5 million redevelopment at Rhyll completed in 2022, while BBV is also developing concept designs for future improvements at Newhaven boat ramp to provide even more access to Western Port and offshore fishing and diving opportunities.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Outdoor Recreation Steve Dimopoulos

"With the Allan Labor Government backing upgrades here at Cowes and a previous project at Rhyll, Phillip Island's reputation as a go-to boating location for many Victorian families has been further enhanced."

"This is another example of boaters' licence and registration fees being reinvested into a project that will really make a difference for boaters, whether they're coming from across the state or just around the corner."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"Phillip Island – Millowl has a very passionate boating community and the improvements at the Cowes boat ramp now means even more locals and visitors can enjoy getting out on the water."

"Whether you're heading out to catch a Western Port snapper, a feed of whiting or just cruising the coastline with loved ones, your registration and licence fees have helped make your time in the great outdoors even better."

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