

Media Release

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COWES JETTY UPGRADE UNDERWAY

Works to upgrade the Cowes Jetty have started as part of the Victorian Government's unprecedented investment in recreational boating programs.

The \$1.4 million upgrade to the Phillip Island landmark will vastly improve accessibility and reinstate emergency vehicle access on the jetty, which was originally built in 1870.

Contractors have started pile repair works and offsite fabrication of steel crosshead support beams is underway. Crews have also started work on the northern low landing to improve low tide access for the ferry and other vessels.

A new handrail is being installed on the eastern side of the pier, and the jetty walkway will be upgraded with new asphalt.

Once complete, the upgrades will allow easier access to the jetty for emergency vehicles. When the steel crosshead support beams are installed, the stronger jetty will allow for a higher load capacity for vehicles.

The Jetty has remained open throughout construction, as many of the improvements are focused on strengthening underneath the jetty. Fishing, walking, and boating from the jetty will continue, along with the available Ferry services.

The Cowes Jetty upgrade is part of the Government's \$47.2 million investment to improve boating facilities across Victoria.

The state-wide funding includes upgrading boating facilities, reviewing boating infrastructure management and establishing the Better Boating Fund.

For more information, go to betterboating.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne

"Cowes Jetty is a much-loved destination among boaters, anglers, locals and visitors alike, which is why we're making it safer and more accessible."

"We're improving boating facilities right across the state so that more people can enjoy casting a line or getting out on the water."

Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

"With a multi-use jetty like this it's important that emergency vehicles can get on and off for the safety of everyone and this upgrade does exactly that."