

Western Victoria Boating Coastal Action Plan



Project Information Bulletin #3

The Western Coastal Board is developing a Western Victoria Boating Coastal Action Plan (WVB CAP) to guide the provision of improved and more sustainable boating facilities.

A Draft Boating CAP is now on exhibition for a 6-week period, and all coastal communities are encouraged to attend a series of public consultation sessions and provide submissions.

The Draft Boating CAP will apply to the Western Coastal Region which extends approximately between Breamlea and the South Australian border, including the open coast and the lower reaches of estuaries or riverine environs.

What has happened to date?

The Boating Coastal Action Plan has been guided by a Stakeholder Reference Group, a Steering Committee and the Western Coastal Board. It has progressed in a number of stages.

An **Existing Conditions and Issues Paper** was commenced in 2008 to capture the state of boating and boating facilities in the region to provide a sound basis for the development of the CAP itself.

In November 2008 six community forums were conducted in each local government area to provide the opportunity for feedback on the draft Existing Conditions and Issues Paper and to identify additional stakeholder issues or ideas for recreational boating facilities.

The final report is available on the WCB website and reflects use and access trends, demand impacts and importantly provides a snapshot of each locality and specific local issues.

The Draft Boating Coastal Action Plan

The Existing Conditions and Issues report has shaped the **Exhibition Draft Boating CAP**

The Draft Boating CAP will deliver the vision for a network of sustainable and safe boating facilities to meet the needs of coastal communities.

It provides a framework to address the range of social, economic and environmental issues associated with boating related use of the coast and the impact boating facilities may have on other uses of the coast.

This Exhibition Draft outlines the key issues for recreational boating and identifies levels of service to be provided by all the facilities that comprise the regional network.

Through this Plan, we seek to meet the needs of the range of people who enjoy both boating and the broader coast, to protect and enhance our coastal environment and ensure that the potential impacts of climate change are recognised and included in decision-making.

Key elements of the Draft Boating CAP include: A **background** to boating facilities in the region Four **strategic directions** that provide guidance on a range of key issues for boating:

- Safety, Standards and Levels of Service
- Accessibility and Demand
- Sustainable and Equitable Development
- Management, Investment and Maintenance

The regional network of facilities

- How the regional network operates
- How the strategic directions apply to each municipality and
- What facilities are needed in each municipality

An **implementation plan** that includes

- Priorities for investment
- Implementation pathways

How to be actively involved

The Draft Boating CAP is on public exhibition, and the Board are seeking the input of all interested coastal stakeholders to provide feedback to improve the final Boating CAP.

There are a number of ways to be involved:

- Attend a consultation session in your local area
- Write an individual submission.
- Organise and contribute to a submission from your organisation

You can also contact the Western Coastal Board to discuss the Draft Boating CAP as outlined below.

When does consultation close?

The period for submissions closes Friday 9th October 2009.

Consultation Session Dates

This is an opportunity to have face to face input into the plan, the consultation workshops will commence on 15th September until 24th September.

Location	Venue	Date and Time
Portland	Richmond Henty Hotel	15 th Sept.
	101 Bentinck Street	6.00pm - 8.30pm
Port Fairy	Port Fairy Yacht Club	16 th Sept
	Griffith Street	6.00pm - 8.30pm
Warrnambool	Archie Graham	17 th Sept
	Community Centre	6.00pm - 8.30pm
	118 Timor Street	
Port Campbell	Port Campbell Surf	22 nd Sept
	Lifesaving Club	6.00pm - 8.30pm
	Cairns Street	
Apollo Bay	Krambuk Room	23 rd Sept
	Apollo Bay Hotel	6.00pm - 8.30pm
	95 Great Ocean Road	
Torquay	Torquay Improvement	24 th Sept
	Association	6.00pm - 8.30pm
	12 Price Street	



What happens from here?

The Draft Boating CAP will be on exhibition for a 6-week period from the 26th of September until the 9th of October 2009.

Once submissions are received, all submissions and feedback generated through the sessions will be analysed and the final Boating CAP developed.

The final Draft Boating CAP is expected to be considered by the Steering Committee and Reference Group in November for recommendation to the Western Coastal Board in December.

From the Board, it is to be referred to the Victorian Coastal Council for endorsement to the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change.

Where can I find out more detail?:

For further information, go to www.wcb.vic.gov.au,

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