

# COMMUNITY UPDATE

March 2021



## Cowes Jetty Improvement Works

Cowes Jetty is being upgraded and improved as part of Better Boating Victoria's investment in recreational boating facilities across Port Phillip and Western Port.

A \$1.4 million upgrade to Cowes Jetty is nearing completion. These works, anticipated to conclude by early June 2021, will improve accessibility and reinstate emergency vehicle access on the jetty, which was originally built in 1870.

### Works already completed

- Strengthened jetty cross heads to increase load capacity.
- Upgraded lights to solar lighting.
- Replaced hand railing along western side and renewed capping along both sides of jetty.
- Repairs to concrete support piles (above water).
- Asphalt renewal along the jetty walkway.
- Lowered northern low landing, allowing better low tide access.



*Note: Work will be suspended over the Easter weekend resuming on 6 April 2021.*

### Remaining works

- Upgrades to the eastern and southern lower landings hand railing, fenders and walers.
- Replacement of jetty head beams, decking, capping, handrails and lighting.

### Access to the jetty

Fishing, walking and boating from the jetty, as well as ferry and Licensed Tour Operator services have primarily continued throughout the works to date. There may be some visual amenity and access impacts during the final stages. Fencing and signage should be observed.

Pedestrian access to the jetty approach and western and northern landings is open but may be varied (not fully restricted) for short periods to enable safe construction. Beware of construction traffic.

Access to the jetty head, including the southern and eastern landings, will be closed until June 2021. Alternative access is available at the western and northern landings. As works progress access to the northern landing will also be restricted. Anglers are encouraged to fish from alternate locations including Rhyll and Newhaven jetties. Western Port Ferries will continue to operate, see [westernportferries.com.au](http://westernportferries.com.au).

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