

## Moving Forward at the Long Jetty

The Port Welshpool Long Jetty Project Control Group (PCG) met last week to discuss the next steps for the Long Jetty Rehabilitation project in light of the project funding received from all levels of government.

An overview of the latest jetty condition assessment was provided that identified significant deterioration and splitting in all piles. All piles will require some sort of treatment either repair or replacement.

Administrative processes for the State and Commonwealth Government Funding Agreements and the tender documentation is currently being finalised.

It is planned that tenders for the rehabilitation works will be advertised in February 2017. Commencement of works is expected in mid-2017, with the project completed by Christmas 2018.

Council's Chief Executive Officer Tim Tamlin attended the meeting and was pleased that the project was ready to progress.

"The Long Jetty Rehabilitation project has been a key priority project for South Gippsland for some time and it is rewarding to see the hard work of advocacy pay off.

"Once complete the project will create a \$32M economic impact in the first ten years of operation for the region. This will create a range of opportunities and see prosperity increase in the area," said Mr Tamlin.

An information board is being arranged at the jetty site and Council has created an online progress portal at [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/longjetty](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/longjetty) for individuals wanting more information on the project.

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