

## Long Jetty Out to Tender

The Long Jetty Rehabilitation project will reach a major milestone on Monday (6 February), with Gippsland Ports inviting tenders for the works.

With funding secured from all levels of government, the jetty will be rehabilitated from the shore through to the section damaged by fire in 2010.

Many assessments, evaluations, inspection and reports have been carried out over recent years to inform the proposed rehabilitation.

Gippsland Ports staff are currently removing decking over piles to facilitate the best possible inspection by prospective tenderers.

Tenders will be open until 17 March 2017 with the project still expected to be completed by Christmas 2018.

South Gippsland Shire Mayor Councillor Ray Argento was pleased that the project was hitting a key milestone and was progressing according to schedule.

"Council, Gippsland Ports and the community have been advocating for the rehabilitation of the Long Jetty for a number of years so it is promising to see the first steps of the project underway.

"Not only will the Long Jetty be an asset for the community to enjoy but it will become a tourist destination that will enhance the economy of the region.

"We look forward to the awarding of a successful tenderer so the much anticipated project can begin," said the Mayor.

Individuals can keep up-to-date with the project by viewing the information board at the project site or visiting <a href="www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/longjetty">www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/longjetty</a> where information will be updated as it becomes available.

Any organisations wanting more information on the tender process can contact Gippsland Ports on 5688 1303.

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