

## Replacement Funds Secured for Toora Boat Ramp Jetty

South Gippsland Shire Council has secured \$210,000 for the replacement of the Toora boat ramp jetty following an announcement from the Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne last week.

The funding will be provided from the Victorian Government's \$5M Boating Safety and Facilities Program which aims to make recreational boating safer and more accessible for all Victorians

Remedial works were undertaken at the Toora boat ramp jetty pontoon recently following a safety inspection which identified unstable timber and severely cracked concrete. During these works it was acknowledged that a full replacement of the asset would be required in the short to medium term to keep it functional for the local community and visitors.

Council will commence the approvals requirements and development of the design for a structure early 2021 with construction to commence mid-way through the year.

### **Quotes attributable to South Gippsland Shire Council's Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis:**

South Gippsland Shire Council's Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis would like to thank the Victorian Government for providing their support.

*"South Gippsland is well known for its wonderful waterways and accessibility for recreational boating opportunities. This is increasingly evident as we come into warmer weather and visitors are able to enjoy the region.*

*"We are thankful to the Victorian Government for supporting the replacement of the Toora boat ramp jetty. It is a wonderful asset that is enjoyed by many locals and visitors so we look forward to the replacement which will serve its users for many years to come," said Ms Ellis.*

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