

# Meeting Notes

**Group** Boating Facilities Working Group

**Meeting Held** Thursday, 11 February 2021 at 4:30pm

**Location** Encounter Room

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## 1. PRESENT

Cr Bryan Littlely (Chair)  
Cr Andrew Robertson  
Michael Veenstra  
Graeme Bedggood  
Brian Hockney  
Tim Telfer  
Rod Ness

In Attendance:

Karen Rokicinski – Director Environment and Infrastructure

Jodi Roberts – Manager Infrastructure

Chelsie Butler – Environment and Infrastructure Administration Officer

## 2. APOLOGIES

Nil

## 3. MEETING NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Members agreed that the notes of the Boating Facilities Working Group Meeting held 16 December 2020 are a true and correct record.

## 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 4.1 Bluff boat ramp parking

The working group discussed the resolution that was referred to them at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 27 January 2021:

## 20. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

**20.1 Motion without Notice - Bluff Boat Ramp - Permits, Parking Time Limits and Fees - Cr Tim Glazbrook**

OC292021      Moved:      Cr Tim Glazbrook  
                      Seconded:      Cr Peter Charles

That the matters raised during the Deputation from Mr Angus Middleton regarding Bluff Boat Ramp Launching Permits, Parking Time Limits and Boat Launching Fees be referred to the Boating Facilities Working Group for consideration and comment back to Council.

**CARRIED**

The working group agreed that there is no one solution to fixing the issues currently faced at the Bluff boat ramp. The boat ramp is at capacity and Council would be better off spending their time, monies and effort on progressing the Eastern Beach facility therefore giving boat ramp users an alternative major boat ramp to utilise.

The working group agreed that the most effective solution to minimising congestion at the Bluff boat ramp is to install additional pontoons, and that this should be prioritised. Installing additional pontoons allows more space for vessels in the water to move away from (therefore unblocking) the boat ramp, and tie up safely while their vehicles are dropped off / retrieved. The working group believe the congestion in the water is adding to the congestion on land.

The working group also discussed/suggested a few options that may help alleviate the congestion, however are not long term solutions:

- Increase the boat launching fee drastically during peak seasons (however working group don't confidently feel this will deter out of town visitors, as money is often no object – it will just deter the locals, and cause disappointment/anger in the community)
- Install dedicated charter/commercial fishermen car parks
- Allow annual launching permits to be purchased by residents/ratepayers only
- Divide the car park into half annual permit holder parking and half daily permit parking during peak season
- Dedicate one ramps to locals use only
- Put pressure on State Government to engage an active Harbour Master

Working group reiterated that these are not solutions, they are just minor improvements, and the suggested solution is to construct another boat ramp.

## 4.2 Coastal Adaptation Study

The Manager Infrastructure advised the working group that the Communication and Engagement Plan for the Councils Coastal Adaptation Study is being recommended for endorsement by Council on 22 February 2021.

Public consultation is proposed in three stages:

1. From 23 February 2021 to 19 March 2021, a call to the public for information and

photographs of storm events and historic changes along the Victor Harbor coastline.

2. Information sheets will be provided in April 2021 with a supporting online presentation to be held in May 2021.
3. There will be an opportunity to review and supply feedback on the Coastal Adaptation Study information/presentation for 3 weeks after the presentation is held.

Working group members were encouraged to participate in this proposed public consultation given their vast knowledge on the subject.

#### 4.3 Update on report to City Activation and Strategic Planning Advisory Committee

Manager Infrastructure advised a Boating Facilities Working Group Update report was presented to the City Activation and Strategic Planning Advisory Committee (CASPAC) on 8 February 2021, the following was resolved:

#### 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

#### 4.1 Boating Facilities Working Group Update

CASP022021      Moved:      Cr Bryan Littlely  
Seconded:      Mayor Moira Jenkins

That the City Activation and Strategic Planning Advisory Committee receive and note the Boating Facilities Working Group Update report.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

CASP032021      Moved:      Mayor Moira Jenkins  
Seconded:      Cr Carol Schofield

The City Activation and Strategic Planning Advisory Committee recommend to Council the consideration of a budget in 2021/22 for detailed design of the Eastern Beach multi-vessel launching facility, in preparation for future funding opportunities.

**CARRIED**

CASP042021      Moved:      Mayor Moira Jenkins  
Seconded:      Cr Bryan Littlely

4.53pm Cr Andrew Robertson entered the chamber and took his seat.

That subject to Council endorsement of a budget allocation, the City Activation and Strategic Planning Advisory Committee task the Boating Facilities Working Group with providing input into the detailed design of the Eastern Beach multi-vessel launching facility.

**CARRIED**

The minutes of this meeting will be presented to the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for Monday, 22 February 2021 for Council endorsement. If these recommendations are endorsed the Boating Facilities Working Group will be tasked with providing input into the detailed design of the Eastern Beach multi-vessel launching facility.

#### 4.4 Roll out boat ramp

Manager Infrastructure advised a zoom meeting had been held with a roll out boat ramp manufacturer to determine whether this would be a feasible option for Victor Harbor. The working group did not support this, and advised it would not be feasible in the Victor Harbors waters..

### 5. NEXT MEETING

No future meeting dates to be set until the updated Boating Strategy is ready for final review, or if additional work is tasked by the City Activation and Strategic Planning Advisory Committee.

### 6. CLOSURE

The chair closed the meeting at 5:42pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_