



## Boating's newest address

The QHPL Stand at the BIA Melbourne Boat Show.

### Queenscliff Harbour was on display at the BIA Melbourne Boat Show from July 3 – 7.

Hundreds of boat lovers took the opportunity to visit the Queenscliff Harbour stand to view the Harbour model on display, collect brochures and discuss building progress with Allan and Anne who manned the stand for the duration of the event.

There was a high level of interest in both the range of berthing options that will be available at the Harbour and the Boatyard maintenance and repair facilities. Boating accommodation with a full suite of berthing is rare in the bay, so there was much interest in what Queenscliff has to offer.

The most commonly asked question was "when will the Harbour be finished"?



Anne Omant with visitors to the Stand.

## A little worse for wear

Fisherman's Wharf was closed in late May when it deteriorated to a point where it pulled away from sea wall making it a safety hazard.

QHPL put in a temporary pontoon late last year so the area could be used but after some prolonged weather and

rough seas, the sea wall pulled away to such an extent that the pontoon could no longer be safely used.

The pier is part of the old infrastructure which will be redeveloped after the first three stages of the Harbour have been completed.

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# Introducing the new Queenscliff Harbour

# HARBOURSIDE



New pontoons in the East Basin were completed in early August.

## Harbour is new maintenance hub

Since the new 150 tonne straddle carrier was commissioned at Queenscliff Harbour in April, the Boatyard has been inundated with boats and catamarans for repair and maintenance works – many of these are boats that would normally have gone to Tasmania, South Australia or New South Wales.

Tim Price, QHPL Project Director said the straddle carrier has changed the face of boat maintenance in Victoria.

"We are now attracting large boats from around the State and beyond. The Boatyard is very busy and new jobs are already being created. This can only mean increased economic prosperity for Queenscliff", he said.

At over 13 metres in height, with a clear inside width of 8.5 metres and weighing in at 45 tonnes, the straddle carrier is capable of lifting boats of up to 150 tonnes. The straddle carrier was officially launched by the Hon. Lisa Neville, Minister for Mental Health and the Member for Bellarine on April 23.

Judging by the level of enquiry into the repair and maintenance facilities at Queenscliff Harbour during the recent BIA Melbourne Boat Show the Boatyard will only get busier in the months to come.



Chris Hardman, Parks Victoria and Phil Burns, QHPL joined the Hon. Lisa Neville at the launch of the straddle carrier.



# Stage Three ready to go

## Stage Three, the final stage of the development at Queenscliff Harbour is set to start with site works commencing in September.

The new buildings area, which stretches from the Sea Pilots building through to the entrance to the roundabout near the Ferry Terminal, will be fenced off for public safety. QHPL will provide access points to the Harbour so that visitors and berthholders don't have to walk right around the fenced off area to access the water's edge.

Stage Three plans cover the new buildings, café/restaurant, promenade, Navigation Aid with viewing platform and

landscaping. QHPL will initially focus construction activity on the new main car park area to enable completion in time for the busy Christmas period.

Prior to construction of Stage Three, QHPL will prepare a public access map for the entire Harbour and include this in our next Harbour News. The commencement of the final stage of the project is exciting as we head towards a 2009 completion.

## New pontoons come on line

The new pontoons in the East end of the Harbour will be finalised in August and ready for occupation. Power and water services are now connected and have been commissioned.

Activity continues in the West end with harbour expansion works well under way and we expect the final berthing in this area to be completed and commissioned by October with berths at the west end ready for occupation in

November. More than 100 new berths in the Central basin are occupied by existing berthholders.

Lighting at the East end of the Harbour has been commissioned and the area opened up to the general public.

Our aerial photographs (above and on page 1) give a bird's eye view of just how much work has been completed.

## New Drystack expected to fill fast

The first stage of the new Drystack facilities at Queenscliff Harbour will be opened and ready for occupancy in early September, which means an additional 68 racks will be ready to be occupied.

When we called for expressions of interest in Drystack berths last year we were inundated with requests for information and consequently we expect this first Stage of the facility to fill very quickly. Construction of the second part of the Drystack, which will provide accommodation for an additional 45 boats will commence in early September and take approximately three months to complete.

Drystack storage can accommodate boats of up to ten metres in length and ten tonnes in weight and is most suited to those with fibreglass or aluminium hulls. The benefits of this type of storage include a reduction in hull maintenance costs due to less wear and tear on the boat and the added convenience factor of boat launching being a mere phone call away.

Anyone wanting further information about the availability of drystack berths should contact the Harbour office on (03) 5258 5459



Drystack completed



Artist impression of the Stage Three buildings

## Fuel on line

The first of the Harbour fuel outlets, which is earmarked for the Sea Pilots, will soon be up and running. Fuel sales to the public will commence in November, after the commissioning of the second fuel outlet takes place in October. A third outlet will be installed and commissioned in the New Year.

Direct access to fuel at the Harbour is an added convenience for berthholders who have had to make their own arrangements in the past, and we anticipate a high demand for this facility, a first for Queenscliff Harbour. Berthholders will be able to access fuel 24 hours a day, seven days a week via a credit card swipe facility.



The straddle carrier in action

## Former workshops to get a facelift



## In a move to bring the old workshops up to the standard of the new harbour, the old workshops are undergoing a complete refurbishment.

The works will include replacing the old cladding on the 60 metre long building, the installation of roller doors to the Boatyard and new spouting and fascias.

A canopy will be built on east face of the building which fronts the main carpark, which will give it a shop front style appearance so it is in line with the rest of the development.