



GREAT OCEAN ROAD
COAST & PARKS AUTHORITY

POINT GREY

RAMP UPGRADE

ENGAGEMENT REPORT



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect the separate and distinct Eastern Maar and Wadawurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners of the Great Ocean Road's land, waters, seas and skies and acknowledge their cultural knowledge that has led to sustainable practices and has cared for Country over tens of thousands of years.

We honour Elders past and present and express gratitude for their sharing of wisdom that has ensured the continuation of Culture and Traditional practices.

We are committed to genuinely partner and meaningfully build relationships that reflect self-determination and enable us to work together with Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices, and together deliver on their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.





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- Warrnambool 131km
- Apollo Bay 34km
- Perth 2652km
- Adelaide 633km
- Alice Springs 1910km
- King Island 407km
- Wilson's Promontory 216km
- Cape Otway 52km
- Sydney 836km
- Flinders Island 360km
- Hobart 354km

GARDEN

Lorne Aquatic & Angling Club

Visitors Welcome

Opening Hours
Monday To Saturday 8:00am To 8:00pm
Sunday 12:00 To 8:00



INTRODUCTION

ENGAGEMENT REPORT

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (the Authority) is immensely privileged to be tasked with protecting and enhancing the Great Ocean Road's coast and parks on behalf of the community.

Our commitment is to listen, engage, respect, and echo the views of our community and stakeholders in all we undertake, following our [Community Engagement Strategy](#).

We're committed to being transparent and open with our communities and building and deepening relationships grounded in reciprocity and trust. Through various channels, opportunities, and engagement spaces, we will invite feedback, robust discussion, and reflection to strengthen our connections and common purpose.

PROJECT OUTLINE

The Authority is upgrading the Point Grey ramp opposite to the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club. The current ramp, currently used for ocean swimmers and for swimming events such as the Pier to Pub, is 40-50 years old and has reached the end of its life. As such we delivered interim maintenance works in late 2023 to ensure the ramp is safe for the busy summer period.


A new ramp is being designed and we look forward to releasing the upgraded ramp concept design to community in early 2024.



HOW WE ENGAGED THE COMMUNITY

From 11 October 2023 to 10 November 2023, we asked the community and visitors to the area to have their say on what they would like to see in a new ramp design at Point Grey. We heard from ramp users on what they use the ramp for, what they value about the ramp and what design features they would like to see in a new ramp design.

We heard from 16 people via the Have Your Say webpage during the month-long engagement period and gained some valuable insights on what we should be including in a new design.

 Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority
14 November · 🌐

- 🚧 Our first stage of works at the Point Grey swimming ramp are kicking off.
- 🔧 At close to half a century old, maintenance works are in need for this iconic ramp to make it safe for the summer period. These works are anticipated to take three weeks to complete.
- 🌟 These works are taking place ahead of our planned ramp upgrade and we look forward to sharing proposed designs that were informed by your feedback early in the new year. ... [See more](#)



 Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority
13 October · 🌐

- 🚧 At close to half a century old, it's time to upgrade the swimming ramp at Point Grey in Lorne!
- 🗳️ If you use the swimming ramp and have ideas on how it could be improved, fill out our survey by 10 November: <http://www.haveyoursay.greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au...>
- ✅ Interim maintenance works are set to begin later this year to ensure the ramp is safe for the busy summer period, while the proposed upgrade designs will be shared with the community in early 2024.



HOW WE ENGAGED...



9000+

Social media impressions



16

online surveys submitted



1

email submission



7

stakeholder groups contacted



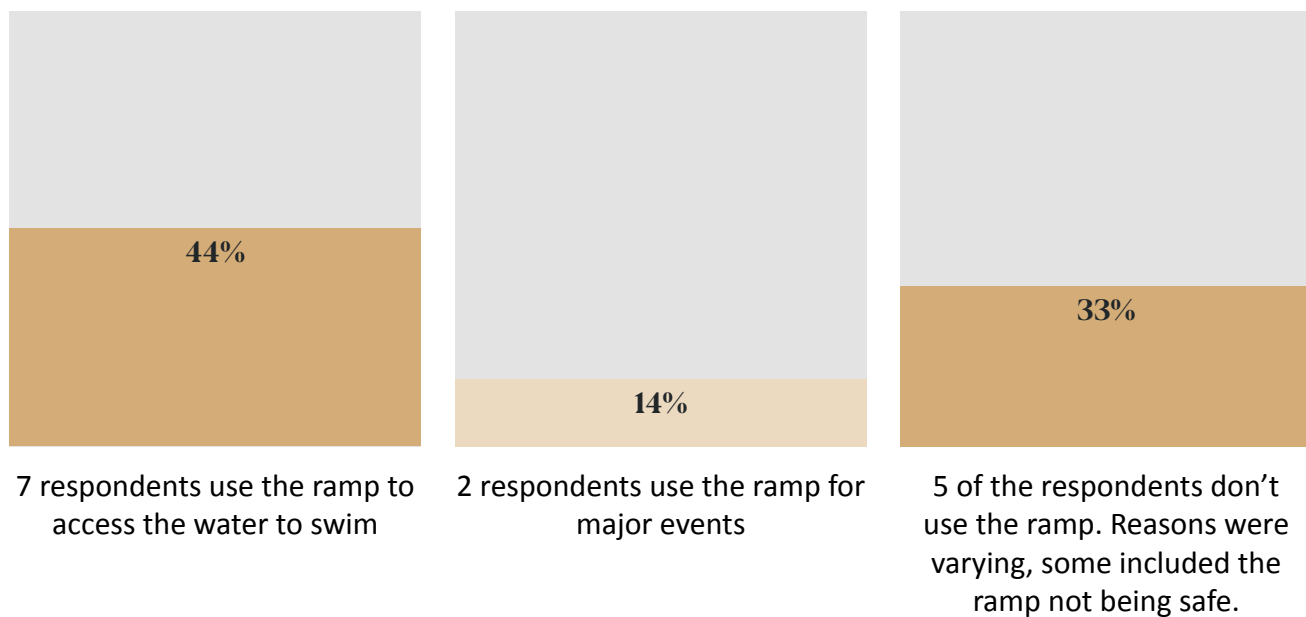
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Have Your Say website visits

WHAT WE HEARD

RAMP USAGE

Frequency of use amongst respondents varied.



RAMP VALUES

We wanted to find out what community value about the area the ramp services. You told us that you value:

- Safe access to the water and being able to judge water conditions before setting off
- Convenience the ramp provides to swim in the ocean
- That it can be a meeting point to join friends to swim

Some also commented that they do not value the ramp and that it can be dangerous to swim due to the swell and stingrays that exist in the area.

CONSOLIDATING WATER ACCESS POINTS

In addition to the ramp at Point Grey, there is an existing ramp and set of stairs adjacent to the Lorne Angling and Aquatic Club. We asked community their views on consolidating these into one structure. Seven survey respondents told us that consolidating the ramp and the existing stairs close by into one water access point was a good idea. Three others didn't think was a good idea.

RAMP FEATURES

We asked what features you would like to see in a new ramp design. We heard consistent aspirations across the feedback, these were:

- Include a handrail (or multiple) that extend to the waterline
- Widen the ramp to support major swimming events
- Make the new design safer
- Ability to launch an unpowered watercraft such as a canoe or kayak
- Comfortable walking surface

Other suggestions included, making it into a boat ramp, and installing a fresh water tap or shower nearby.

We asked what type of structure you would prefer with many respondents (7) indicating they would like a ramp (similar to the existing structure), while others (4) wanted to see a ramp and stairs or just stairs with a handrail.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Several comments from community members mentioned making the ramp suitable for all-abilities access. Due to the gradient of the ramp location, it will not meet all-abilities compliance, but we will look at ways to make the ramp as accessible as possible. The accessible beach program in Lorne provides all abilities beach access from January to April each year near the Lorne Surf Life Saving Club. A free public beach wheelchair and hoist is also available to hire.

A question was asked about how the ramp upgrade relates to master planning for the broader Point Grey precinct. We are delivering both the ramp upgrade and Point Grey Redevelopment project (funded by Geelong City Deal) concurrently, and our project teams are working closely together to ensure the upgrades complements the master planning process.

NEXT STEPS

A concept design will be produced based on the community and stakeholder feedback we have received. We look forward to sharing a concept design with the community in early 2024. This will also be an opportunity for community to provide further comment and feedback on the concept design to make sure we've got it right before finalising the design.

