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New boat ramp complete

\$1.7 million project delivers vital community facility

The completion of the new boat ramp at Torquay's Fishermans Beach signifies the delivery of a \$1.7 million project that will provide safer access for Surf Coast anglers and boaters to launch and retrieve their vessels.

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee announced the boat ramp's completion today, and confirmed that the facility would be open and ready for use next week.

"We are pleased to announce the delivery of a safe and accessible boat launching facility that will benefit the local community and visitors alike," said Committee Chairman John Carlile.

The Committee's Chief Executive Officer Richard Davies said the popular boat-launching location would now be able to withstand heavy traffic from recreational boating and other marine-based activities.

"The site is a very busy boat launch location, being used for around 21,000 launches per year," he said

The Torquay Marine Rescue Service will also utilise the ramp to berth vessels and provide search and rescue services to the community.

"The new boat ramp will be of vital use to the Marine Rescue Service," said Chairman of the Torquay Marine Rescue Service John Ainsworth.

Mr Carlile expressed the committee's gratitude to the support provided by Marine Safety Victoria through the Boating Safety and Facilities Program.

Mr Carlile said the completion of the project was an outstanding result for the Committee and all involved.

"This major project has delivered an essential community facility which has been completed on time and within budget.

"The Committee looks forward to continuing to work with community to deliver future beneficial projects," he said.

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