



HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

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New Southport Jetty & Boat Ramp

The Huon Valley Council has received funding to replace the Southport Jetty and Boat Ramp.

Huon Valley Council Commissioner Adriana Taylor says the Southport Jetty and Boat Ramp is one of the most heavily used marine facilities in the Huon Valley.

“The jetty and boat ramp is used by recreational boat users and a number of professional fishers.

“Council was approached late last year by users of the facility who expressed concerns that the outside ramp is difficult to use due to tidal surges.

“We have been told boats are being pushed onto the rocks and only the most confident users attempt to launch from this side of the structure.

“As a result, there is often congestion with people launching from the inside of the boat ramp.

“The facility was constructed in early 2003 and has required very little maintenance until recently. Council has replaced all of the fenders in the last 12 months using recycled plastic and replaced the two end piles.

“Given the issues with the structure, Council applied for Recreation Boating Funds through Marine and Safety Tasmania (MAST) to conduct further remedial work.

“We have been advised by MAST that due to the high usage and age of the facility, they will fund the total replacement of the jetty and boat ramp at an estimated value of \$200,000.

“This work will be conducted from the last week in February to the last week in March 2019.

“Replacing the whole structure in 4 weeks means it will be finished before Easter.

“We have considered the summer usage and the concerns of commercial fishers and shack owners who may use the Dover jetty and boat ramp while the work is completed.

“The Council has worked closely with MAST for a number of years with the shared aim of improving marine facilities. The results for the Huon Valley community to date have been outstanding and we look forward to continuing this partnership in the future,”
Commissioner Taylor said.

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