

BEAUTY POINT BOAT RAMP

Location:

Beauty Point Road, Beauty Point. (Approximately 6 km north of Bermagui).

Function / Usage:

The boat ramp provides access to Wallaga Lake – principally for recreational boating, water-skiing and recreational fishing.

Beauty Point experiences significant influx of visitors and tourists during holiday periods, with resultant high demand on existing boating infrastructure.

Boat Ramp:

The existing boat ramp is a two (2) lane boat ramp of bitumen over compacted road base to the MHWL, then insitu sand / shell grit into lake. The slope of the ramp is shallow.

Pontoon / Jetty:

A Bellingham concrete pontoon, installed in 2006, services the boat ramp. The pontoon consists of 3 pods anchored by 2 steel piles. Access to the pontoon is via an aluminium truss walkway from a rock pitched abutment.

The condition of the pontoon is good, however some additional rock pitching is required to the abutments.

Access:

Access to the boat ramp is provided via a sealed road off Beauty Point Road. The road however is narrow and during high usage periods does not cater for boat preparation, queuing or two way traffic of vehicles and trailers.

Local practice during high usage periods is for one-way traffic on the access road and using the unsealed road that follows the lake foreshore as a return loop back to Beauty Point Road – a distance of approximately 700m. The shoulders of the unsealed road are also used for vehicle and trailer parking during high usage periods, which further compounds congestion and traffic flow issues.

Launching Area:

The launching area consists of bitumen over compacted road base, and is simply an extension of the boat ramp. The surface / pavement is of average condition. There is very limited manoeuvre space, no line marking or traffic flow directions.

Vehicle / Trailer Parking

Vehicle / trailer parking is located on the grassed area at the beginning of the access road. This area is of limited size and constrained by numerous large trees. The shoulders of the unsealed loop road are also used for vehicle and trailer parking during high usage periods.

Overall, vehicle and trailer parking is inadequate and ad-hoc.

Fish Cleaning Facilities

There are no fish-cleaning facilities at this location.

Engine Flush / Boat Wash Facilities

There are no engine flush or boat washing facilities at this location.

Public Toilets

Public toilets are located at the beginning of the access road in the vehicle / trailer parking area.

Waste Disposal

One 240L Litter bin is located adjacent to the boat ramp. Additional bins are required in strategic locations.

Signage

Signage is very limited and of various age and condition – mainly Batemans Bay Marine National Park. Additional information and direction signage is required.

Other:

Wallaga Lake is part of the Batemans Marine National Park. As such any works below the MHWL or impacting on the lake will require a Permit Application.

Indigenous heritage issues TBC – G. Moore NSW National Parks

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Short Term Scope of Works:

Additional information and directional signage, in particular to address traffic flow and parking issues.

Additional rock pitching to pontoon abutment

Additional waste bins.

Line marking of the launching area.

Fish cleaning facilities. (Water supply to fish cleaning facilities can also be extended to provide engine flush facilities at the same time)

Medium / Long Term Scope of Works:

Upgrade of the boat ramp to a 2 lane reinforced concrete ramp above MHWL and a linked pre-cast concrete plank ramp (underlain by geo-fabric) below MHWL.

Widening of the launching area and access road, and upgrade of the loop road, to improve traffic flow and parking.

Install an addition pod to the pontoon to increase capacity.





Boat ramp, launching area & access road



Boat ramp – bitumen above MHWM, then in-situ sand / shell grit below



Bellingham pontoon, truss gangway and abutment



Launching area, boat ramp and pontoon



Unsealed loop / exit road & informal shoulder parking



Vehicle and trailer parking at beginning of access road