

WPAC Response to MP Shire Activity Hub Plan August 2018

A6. New Toilets:-

As the Public Toilets adjacent to the WPAC Building will be retained, there is no requirement for the MP Shire proposed New Toilet near the SW corner of Hastings Yacht Club property. The Existing toilets should be improved & warrant a thorough inspection or upgrade of the underground sewer & stormwater plumbing (prior to car parking resurfacing works), due to regular overflows caused by blockages.

A8. Activity Hub Car Park:-

This has implications for Hastings Yacht Club who require DDA compliant Bus drop off. We suggest that any traffic through the Yacht Club property is directed to enter from the North access gate & exit via the South gate such that vehicles have a clear flow through the WPAC Proposed Boat Ramp Trailer Park which has a One-Way Exit road toward Skinner St.

A5. Pedestrian Paths:-

The Westernport Bay Trail should remain similar to the proposed MP Shire Plan. The proposed plan by WPAC has provision for the trail to be located close to Skinner St. with scope for tree planting etc. New Pedestrian crossings will be required across Mullet St. & over the WPAC proposed Trailer Park Exit road. These crossings should be located at least 15m from Skinner St. to allow for the total length of a vehicle with boat on trailer.

A9. Boat Ramp Car Park:-

The proposed plan by WPAC for the Parking addresses most of the issues & areas of traffic conflict associated with the existing Car Park & the MP Shire proposals. The WPAC proposal maximises the parking capacity of the total area with provision for close to 100 trailer bays on bitumen & over 110 trailers on grass overflow areas. There is provision for approx. 25 Single vehicle parking bays including 2 for emergency vehicles adjacent to the Ramp. Pre-Rigging & De-Rigging lanes will accommodate approx. 10 rigs each to ensure minimal traffic hold-ups on busy days.

The MP Shire proposed pathway along the Yacht Club South boundary would not be required due to the elimination of the Proposed Public Toilet & the need to discourage inexperienced pedestrians from walking toward the Dangerous Boat Ramp Manoeuvring Area & Yacht Club Exit gateway. Experienced boating drivers will always take the most direct route between the Ramp & their parking spot & thus will not use designated pathways that are indirect.

The paragraph "Make allowance for longer term connections to the Marina area" was dismissed by Yasmin Woods at the Council Meeting on 26th June 2018, as being a typing error & thus should not be considered. The Marina has adequate access via Mullet St. & will not be restricted by the WPAC Proposed Plan which also utilises Mullet St. as the Entry to the Ramp facility.

WPAC also strongly recommends the implementation of:-

- A 2nd Pontoon on the South side of the Ramps to decrease launch/retrieve times.
- A new Fish Cleaning Facility with shelter & solar powered lighting.
- A Boardwalk style fishing platform for Kids & Disabled persons incorporated with the Fish Cleaning Facility.
- Extension of the grass Picnic Area East of the Weigh Gantry with Shelters & Electric BBQ's.
- Safety Rails along the high walls both sides of the Boat Ramps.
- Concepts for Disabled Access to boats from the pontoon.
- Recycled materials for Bollards, Parking boundaries, Bitumen Paving etc.
- Review all signage to minimise, clarify & not obstruct views.



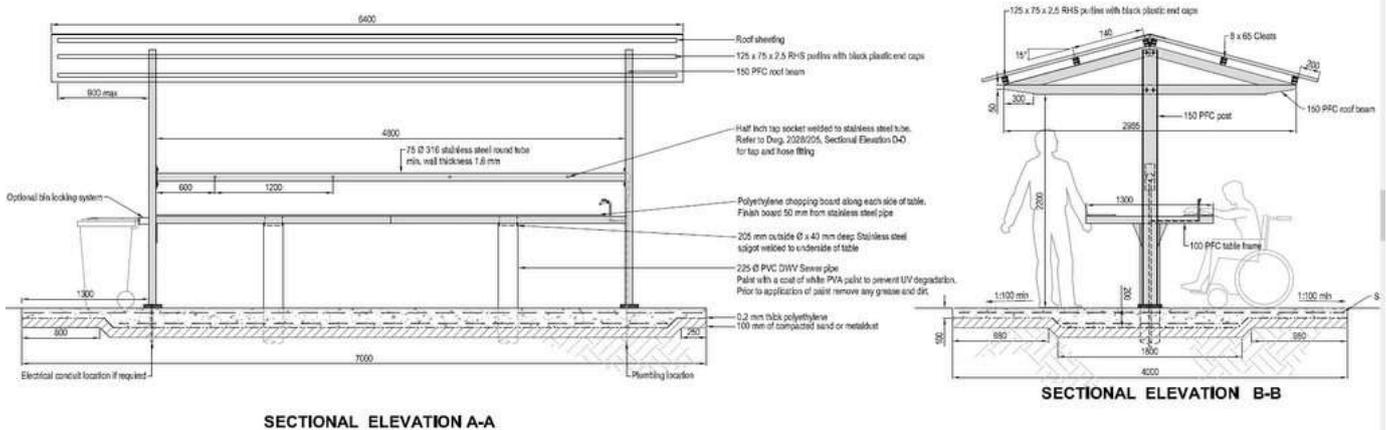
One very low branch would need to be removed to allow vehicle access to overflow parking. There is an adequate 6m gap for a 4m wide gravel track between tree trunks.



This is a very good example of a Boardwalk style fishing platform at Tarwin Lower Victoria.



A good example of an 8 person Fish Cleaning Facility with Solar Powered lighting at Coff's Harbour NSW.



Pitched roof fish cleaning table - disabled accessible, (8 Person), as approved by NSW Department of Primary Industries. (Design by "Geo Link").