

Recreational Boat User Survey



Gippsland Lakes Boating Amenity and Sustainable Infrastructure Study

Dear Recreational Boater,

The Gippsland Coastal Board is currently in the process of reviewing recreational boating facilities at the Gippsland Lakes.

A Boating Amenity and Sustainable Infrastructure Study is being undertaken to understand the sustainable level of boats and boat related infrastructure that can occur on the Gippsland Lakes without impacting on the natural values that make it attractive for boating in the first place.

As a recreational boater, we would like to hear from you to understand why you visit the Gippsland Lakes, your favourite boating destinations and what makes your experiences good or bad. We are particularly interested in understanding places that you would like to visit but cannot access or touring routes that you believe would add value to the Lakes experience. In addition, to assist us with understanding survey results, we would also like to know about you personally to identify key demographic characteristics of recreational boaters. Please take a minute to respond to this section, as information will be interpreted generally and any personal data will be kept confidential.

Your feedback is valuable and will be used to inform the recommendations for future boating activity on the Gippsland Lakes.

If you would like to receive updates of the project outcomes, please provide a contact email address and we will keep you informed.

Please return this survey to the Gippsland Coastal Board, Natasha Vasey-Ellis, Executive Officer, by Friday 1st February 2007 via:

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12. Where do you usually stay when you visit the Gippsland Lakes for recreational boating purposes?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Live on Board Boat | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Rental House/Apartment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed & Breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacker/Hostel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Designated Camping/Caravan Ground | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

13. In your own words what makes your recreational boating experience special?

14. If you could describe your recreational boating experience in one word, what would it be?

14. Please tick if the following issue(s) impact negatively on your boating experience:

- Cost of boating (why) _____
- Lack of shelter or retreat options (where) _____
- Water quality (where) _____
- Congestion (where) _____
- Access (where) _____
- Lack of facilities (where). Specify whether on water or on shore. _____
- _____
- Availability of secure moorings (where). Itinerant or permanent? _____
- _____
- Other water based activities (what types) _____

If other issue(s) not listed, please state below:

15. How do you believe your boating experience could be improved to make it more enjoyable?

Future Opportunities For Boating Facilities and Associated Infrastructure

16. If you could recommend sites for development as future boating destinations in the Gippsland Lakes, where would you choose to develop boating facilities or associated infrastructure (e.g. toilets, marina, jetty, mooring, boat ramp, pump out facilities)? Please state the site and the type of boating facility / infrastructure. This may be at an existing boating destination.
(Up to three recommendations)

Location 1: _____

Boating facility/infrastructure required: _____

Reason: _____

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Location 2: _____

Boating facility/infrastructure required: _____

Reason: _____

Location 3: _____

Boating facility/infrastructure required: _____

Reason: _____

17. Please suggest locations, if any, for the following additional boating facilities and infrastructure:

Overnight berthing: _____

Additional swing moorings: _____

Additional marinas: _____

Additional jetties: _____

Toilets: _____

Pump out facilities: _____

18. Are there any sensitive environmental areas that you would like to see conserved or protected from additional boating? (please circle) YES/NO

If yes, then please identify where.

About You

19. Name: (optional) _____

20. Email address/Phone: (optional) _____

21. Are you a resident or ratepayer of East Gippsland or Wellington Shire Councils? (please circle)
YES/NO

22. What is your residential postcode? _____

23. What is your age? (please tick)

0-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+

24. Are you:

Male Female

25. What is your employment status? (please tick)

Unemployed Full-time employee Self-employed Retired

Student/training Other (please specify) _____

The Gippsland Coastal Board thanks you for taking the time to complete this survey and for your interest in the future of recreational boating on the Gippsland Lakes.