

Media Release

Loch Sport Mooring Jetty

Gippsland Ports has awarded a contract to Paynesville-based company Gippsland Lakes Jetties Pty Ltd for the reconstruction of the Mooring Jetty on Lake Victoria at Loch Sport. The existing jetty, which is at the end of its functional life, provides temporary berthing for boats at the western end of Loch Sport and is located near the Victoria Parade Boat Ramp.

The new jetty, planned in conjunction with community interest groups, will continue to be used for temporary berths but will be built closer to the boat ramp to provide improved shelter for the boat ramp. A low landing on the new jetty will be situated close to shore where it will provide smaller boats with improved access and berthing conditions.

Construction of the new jetty, scheduled for completion by June 2012, will stop over the Christmas – New Year period and recommence after Australia Day to minimise impact on boaters and other waterway users during the busy holiday period.

The new jetty will be constructed and open for public use before the old jetty is demolished, to ensure that a jetty is always available for public use during the works.

A sewage pump out unit will be installed on the new jetty to provide a location where vessels can empty on-board holding tanks. It has been several years since a sewage pump out was available at Loch Sport and this new facility will benefit both local and visiting boaters.

The new jetty which will be “access for all” compliant, will also feature improved public lighting.

Gippsland Ports CEO Nick Murray said “the State Government and Gippsland Ports’ significant financial investment in this rebuild demonstrates ongoing commitment to the retention and provision of core recreational boating infrastructure for use by residents and visitors to the Gippsland Lakes. This project adds to other recently upgraded boating infrastructure at Loch Sport.”

These works are funded through Regional Development Victoria on behalf of the State Government.