

Community consultation

Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve

Design of a non-powered watercraft launch facility

Purpose

This consultation paper has been prepared to inform Parks Victoria's plan to provide a non-powered watercraft launch facility for the 10-hectare reservoir at Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve.

A community survey was undertaken in late-2017, outlining potential passive recreational opportunities within Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve including kayaking and canoeing, fishing and on-lead dog walking. Nearly 75% of respondents were supportive of kayaking and canoeing on the reservoir.

The Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve Statement of Management Intent (2017) states that on-water access for non-powered vessels will be explored as a recreational opportunity at the reserve. Parks Victoria is seeking submissions for how to best provide a safe and sustainable non-powered watercraft launch site.

Have your say

We invite your comments and suggestions on the design of the launch facility at Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve. Parks Victoria is seeking input on;

- the type of launch,
- safety features,
- size,
- materials used for construction and sustainability,
- colour; and
- additional features which may improve access or use of the facility.

The information received will inform the design of the launch facility, with all submissions given equal weight and consideration. You may choose to respond in writing, provide photographs of similar designs or features you might think appropriate for this site, or make a general comment about the design. You can;

- Contact Parks Victoria on 13 1963 for further information or to comment verbally,
- Email your thoughts and ideas to info@parks.vic.gov.au – please include “Frankston NCR” in the subject line,
- Submit a response by post to Project Officer Frankston NCR, Parks Victoria, 2 Hinton Street, Rosebud, 3939

The closing date for submissions is the **1st of December 2018**.

If you make a submission, all or parts of your submission may be used in subsequent reports or summaries. If you prefer your submission to be confidential, please specify this when you make your submission. Submissions may be subject to Freedom of Information laws. Parks Victoria reserves the right not to publish information that could be defamatory or discriminatory.

Recreation at Frankston Nature Conservation Reserve

Parks Victoria recognises boating, such as canoeing and kayaking as popular activities for visitors to enjoy parks and their natural settings. In keeping with Parks Victoria’s *Healthy Parks Healthy People* philosophy, providing opportunities such as canoeing and kayaking contributes to the physical, mental and social health benefits of people.

Canoeing and kayaking is popular in many parks and reserves and provides general sightseeing and nature appreciation experiences. While Port Phillip and Western Port Bay provide major opportunities for these activities, Frankston Reservoir provides a more peaceful, nature-based setting within a contained, relatively small water body.

Canoeing and kayaking at Frankston NCR will not be heavily promoted as an activity. Port Phillip, Western Port Bay and Devilbend Reservoir will remain the primary focus areas for these activities in South East Melbourne, meaning that Frankston Reservoir will be enjoyed primarily by visitors from Frankston and its immediate surrounds.

The launch facility needs to provide easy and safe access to the reservoir for on-water users, as well as be an attractive and relatively unobtrusive addition to the reserve. The launch facility can also be a destination in itself, in addition to providing on-water access. This is similar to the experiences provided by coastal piers and jetties, which cater to walkers and sightseers. The size of the platform and the provision for and type of seating are important considerations in the provision of this experience.

The photographs below show some examples of kayak launch facilities in other areas.





Non-powered watercraft launch facility site

