

# Scarborough Boat Harbour Engagement update

Scarborough Boat Harbour is one of eight harbours owned and managed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) along the Queensland coast.

To ensure the harbour remains a vibrant part of the Redcliffe Peninsula community, TMR wanted to better understand community ideas and insights to help guide future planning activities for Scarborough Boat Harbour.

From Thursday 9 September to Sunday 24 October 2021, TMR invited the community to share their feedback online and at in-person information sessions.

Overall, feedback highlighted the community's focus on wanting to preserve what makes the harbour special, while delivering improvements to enhance the current user experience.

## Community feedback profile

-  64.4% respondents are from the 4020 postcode (Scarborough, Newport or Redcliffe)
-  80.3% of respondents are a visitor to both Scarborough Boat Harbour and surrounding facilities, such as parks, cafes and walkways
-  39.2% of respondents use the harbour routinely (daily for work, leisure or recreation)
-  26.4% of respondents are recreational harbour users
-  The main reasons for visiting the harbour included for exercise, motorised watercraft usage and dining-in at cafes and restaurants.

## Engagement insights



**Community feedback revealed what would encourage more frequent use of Scarborough Boat Harbour and enhance experiences:**

- Protection of the natural environment
- Continued support and enhancement of the harbour's marine purpose
- Well-planned and improved utilisation of public spaces
- Improved public amenities and infrastructure
- More events, activities and activations
- Improved access and connectivity.



**The community also shared with TMR what is special about Scarborough Boat Harbour:**

- Views, visual amenity and natural environment
- Location, access to water and proximity to Moreton Bay
- Existing facilities, access to the harbour and activities
- A sense of community ownership.



## Other feedback and ideas the community shared about Scarborough Boat Harbour to help inform future planning activities and enhance utilisation and activation include:



### Built form and function

- Improving marine facilities within the harbour to enhance user experience and support industry
- Improving hospitality, dining and retail options
- Creating more events, activities and activations
- Providing more parklands for people to enjoy
- Supporting water-based tourism attractions and opportunities.



### Accessibility

- Increasing the capacity of boat ramps and improving direct water access
- Creating connections from the harbour out to Moreton Bay
- Addressing 'missing links' in pathways
- Improving access to parking within the harbour
- Investigating ways to improve safety.



### Preservation

- Protecting what makes the harbour special
- Maintaining harbour views and sense of community
- Ensuring future enhancements are consistent with the primary purpose of a boat harbour.



### Environment

- Protection of the natural environment, wildlife and habitats
- Enhancing green spaces and planting more trees
- Maintaining the harbour and its cleanliness.



### Public infrastructure

- Creating more playgrounds and BBQ areas to enjoy
- Installing more park furniture, such as seating and picnic shelters
- Providing additional toilets in areas of high usage
- Improving signage and wayfinding
- Increasing lighting and visibility along pathways, in carparks and in the harbour.

## Your Ideas into Action

TMR is already delivering on feedback received from the community during engagement activities to improve the user experience of Scarborough Boat Harbour. These actions include:

- more frequent monitoring and cleaning of boat ramps to improve safety
- developing wayfinding and compliance signage to improve visitor experience and protect the natural environment
- investigating lighting improvements to improve visibility and safety
- investigating traffic control measures to improve safety.

## Next steps

01 >

**Master plan preparation**  
late 2021-2022

02 >

**Public consultation on draft master plan**  
Late-2022

03 >

**Master plan finalisation**  
2023



## Scarborough Boat Harbour engagement in numbers

**6.5 week** engagement period

**30,000** fact sheets delivered to households and businesses in the Redcliffe Peninsula

**3,002** visits to the project webpage

**420** pieces of feedback received

### Keep informed

For more information, to stay in touch or be notified about project outcomes, please visit

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