

Frequently Asked Questions

'At The Heads' Refurbishment

Overall project

Q: What is the 'At The Heads'?

'At The Heads' is a restaurant and kiosk located on the Barwon Heads jetty. It was converted into a restaurant in the early 2000's from a historical Fisherman's Co-op building. The restaurant is located on coastal Crown land managed by Barwon Coast through a lease arrangement with Short Game Pty. The restaurant and kiosk provide a passive way for visitors and the local community to experience and engage with the coast.

Q: What are the proposed works?

The proposed works include:

- Redesign of the restaurant kitchen area, cool room, freezer, and dry store spaces and bathrooms.
- Realignment of the building footprint and roofline for the consolidated 'back of house area'.
- Relocation of the historic 'Boot Room', which is currently used as part of the restaurant dry storage area.
- Installation of a public seating area incorporating a timber bench seat and striped awning located on the northern side adjoining the kiosk.

Q: Why are the works needed?

The restaurant is 25 years old and needs an upgrade to continue to meet industry standards and improve the internal functioning of the restaurant.

The proposed works include external public seating on the north side of the building. This will allow more space for people to sit when using the kiosk, and generally a sheltered area to sit away from the prevailing southerly weather.

Q: What is the Boot Room and why is it being relocated?

The Boot Room is a structure made up of three walls and a roof of local historical significance linked to the jetties and maritime activities at Barwon Heads since the 19th century.

It is currently incorporated into the overall building structure of the 'At the Heads' restaurant and used as a storage facility.

Part of the proposed works are to remove the structure and relocate and reconstruct it in a place where it can be accessed by the public so its historical value can be appreciated.

Barwon Coast is currently exploring options for an appropriate relocation site on the reserve.

Community consultation

Q: What can I provide input or feedback on?

Feedback can be provided on the overall design of the outside of the building as it relates to the community's experience of the foreshore, including the new outside public seating area.

Works within the building that relate to the internal functioning of the restaurant are not for comment as part of this Barwon Coast community feedback process.

Q: How do I provide input or feedback?

Comments and feedback on the external elements of the proposed works for 'At The Heads' can be provided by completing the [online survey](#).

Q: When do I need to provide feedback by?

Community feedback will close on **25 August 2024**. Community feedback will be considered by Barwon Coast as part of the Marine and Coastal Act consent process.

Q: What is a Marine and Coastal Act consent?

Under the *Marine and Coastal Act 2018* (Act), a person must obtain consent from the Minister responsible for the Act or their delegate to use, develop or undertake works on marine and coastal Crown land in Victoria. A consent provides written approval to use, develop or undertake works on marine and coastal Crown land.

Q: How do I provide a comment or submission relating to the City of Greater Geelong planning permit?

Comments and submissions on the proposed works in relation to the City of Greater Geelong planning permit can be [provided here](#).

Q: Where can I find further information?

For information on the external elements of the proposed works, visit barwoncoast.com.au/have-your-say

There will be an information drop-in session on **Sunday 18 August, 10-11am** at 'At The Heads', with Barwon Coast staff and the 'At The Heads' planning consultants available to answer any questions.

For further information on the proposed works as they relate to the City of Greater Geelong planning permit process, please visit their website.