

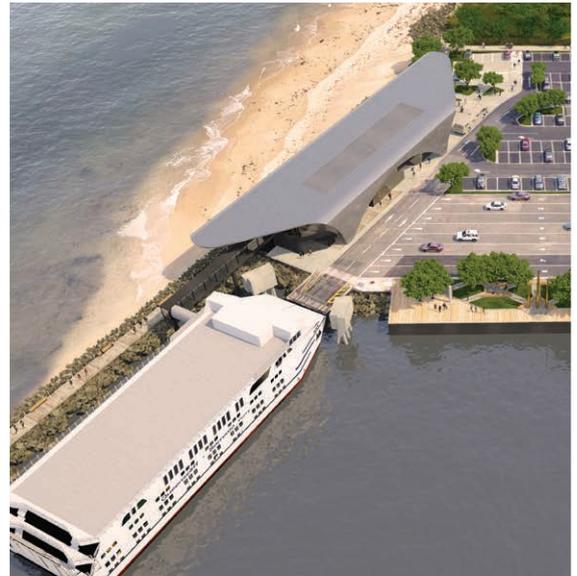
QUEENSCLIFF FERRY TERMINAL PROJECT

Searoad Ferries is proposing a \$17 million plan for a world class terminal facility that will provide safer access and better amenities for the local community and ferry users.

PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Key features of the Queenscliff ferry terminal project include:

- A new terminal that is fully accessible for older people and people with disability.
- Accessible bathrooms, sheltered waiting areas, a tourism desk and retail and food tenancies - including a cafe with indoor and outdoor seating.
- Safer access for pedestrian passengers, who will board the ferry using a retractable walkway rather than sharing road access with cars and other vehicles.
- A new foreshore boardwalk, with a lookout and seating facilities.
- Improved pedestrian connections between the ferry terminal and foreshore paths.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

The new project will deliver significant benefits to the region.

For the community, the plan features a boardwalk where people can walk along the foreshore, and includes a lookout to the east and outdoor seating to the west to encourage enjoyment of the magnificent view across Port Phillip Bay.

For passengers, the new ferry terminal will provide a world-class travel experience including all the facilities and amenities that travellers expect. It will encourage more people to use the ferry rather than driving, and encourage visitors to explore the region and contribute to the local economy.

For the economy, the ferry terminal proposals at Sorrento and Queenscliff will have a joint \$48 million impact and create 193 jobs during the construction phase. Ferry customers spend \$121.5 million in the Sorrento and Queenscliff regions each year, supporting 781 full-time jobs.

Searoad Ferries are proud to be Australia's cheapest non-subsidised car ferry. We plan to keep it that way.

WHY IS THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDED?

The Queenscliff terminal was built in 1993. It has a small ticket counter, passenger lounge with seating for approximately 17 people and a small cafe.

Pedestrians currently board the ferry at ground level, using the same path as vehicles, and access is limited for people with mobility issues or disability.

Searoad's Queenscliff – Sorrento ferry is also the busiest passenger and car ferry service in Australia, moving more people than the Spirit of Tasmania. Over the next 15 years there will be an extra 1.2 million people visiting Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula every year – taking the total to more than 6 million. About eight per cent of holiday and leisure visitors will use the ferry service.

With more visitors coming to the region every year, demand for the ferry service is expected to grow and the infrastructure needs to grow with it in order to deliver good outcomes for the local community, and the visitors who make a vital contribution to the local economy.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?

Your feedback is important. You can comment or ask questions about this exciting project at the Searoad Ferries website - www.searoad.com.au/queenscliff-terminal - or via email to queenscliffterminal@searoad.com.au or write to **Searoad Ferries at PO BOX 214, Queenscliff 3225.**

