



Westernport Marina

Monthly Newsletter

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Image above: Proud to have both the Australian Volunteer Coast Guard and Volunteer Marine Rescue based at Westernport Marina, helping protect our local waters.

ANCHORED IN APRIL

As we head into April, things are picking up around the marina, with plenty happening both on and off the water. With the change in seasons and upcoming public holidays, it's a good time to plan ahead for launches, bookings and time out on the bay.

With the Easter long weekend and Anzac Day approaching, please note that our office hours will be slightly adjusted during these periods. We encourage all clients to plan ahead, particularly over the busy holiday period. Further details on our public holiday hours can be found within this edition.

We're also excited to be running our *\$500 Fuel Voucher*

giveaway, giving one lucky winner the chance to top up their tank. Make sure you check out page 4 for all the details on how to enter. In operational updates, the water supply along the service row has been restored and the pump-out station is back up and running. Thank you for your patience during these works.

Our annual Test & Tag program has now resumed, with our trained marina staff currently working through the marina and now up to C Row.

As we head into a busy period, we kindly ask all clients to be patient and respectful of staff and fellow marina users.

We also encourage you to follow us on social media to stay up to date with marina news, promotions and

important updates.

We hope everyone enjoys the Easter period. For those who celebrate, we wish you a Happy Easter and for those who don't, we hope you enjoy the time off. Whether you're on the water or with family, we wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Happy Easter!



Marina News



Celebrating 35 Years

We'd also like to congratulate the Dolphin Research Institute on celebrating 35 years. Based right here at Westernport Marina, they continue to play an important role in protecting our local marine environment and marine life.

DRI has played a key role in promoting the protection of Victoria's dolphins, whales and other marine species. Over the past 35 years, Melbourne's dolphin population has grown significantly, and we couldn't be more proud to have been their home for the past two decades. We wish them continued success as they carry on engaging and educating the community about the importance of protecting our marine life. As a non-profit organisation, DRI relies on the ongoing support of the local community and donations to continue their incredible work.



New Cruising Guide Now Available

The Cruising Yacht Association of Victoria Inc. has released the second edition of its popular Cruising Victoria, Bass Strait and Northern Tasmania guide, now expanded to include more destinations across Bass Strait and Northern Tasmania. This comprehensive 310-page publication features nearly 185 anchorages, 33 islands, updated navigation details, and over 350 QR codes linking to additional resources. Designed to inform and inspire, the guide is a must-have for boaters looking to explore more of the region and is available for purchase through CYAV by emailing info@cyav.com.au. The price is \$95 for CYAV members and \$125 for non-members (plus postage). Scan for youtube link.



Safety Reminders

Access to Vessels

Following a recent incident at the marina where a person entered the water, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all marina community members of our key safety guidelines and expectations when accessing vessels at Westernport Marina.

The investigation outcomes from this event are outlined below, along with some important reminders around access, visitor entry, and general safety practices.

Maintaining a safe and secure environment is a shared responsibility and we appreciate everyone's cooperation.

Gate Access & Fob Use

For safety and security, please do not share your gate access fob without notifying the marina. This is a requirement under your berthing agreement. If someone else (including contractors) needs access to your vessel or row, please let us know in advance via phone or email. All contractors are required to report to the office on arrival to be granted access.

Dropped Something in the Water?

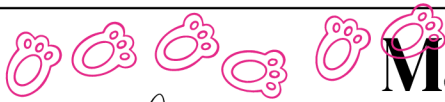
If you accidentally drop an item into the water, our team is happy to help retrieve it. We have a range of equipment available to assist, just let the office know.

Free Key Floatation Devices

To help avoid lost keys, we offer free marina-branded flotation keychains at the office. Feel free to grab one, we highly recommend it!

Key Boating Safety Reminders

- Keep a safe distance from marine life and avoid disturbing wildlife.
- Always carry your marine licence and required life jackets.
- Let someone know your trip plans and expected return time.
- Check weather conditions before heading out.
- Observe speed limits and keep to the right when returning to the marina.
- Stay alert for other vessels, people and hazards.
- Ensure you have essential safety equipment onboard (first aid kit, flares, emergency beacon).
- Be aware of marine park boundaries and any restrictions.
- Keep your vessel clean to help prevent the spread of aquatic pests.



Marina Notices



EASTER WEEKEND & ANZAC DAY MARINA OFFICE HOURS

FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2026 - 10AM - 2PM
SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2026 - 10AM - 2PM
SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026 - 10AM - 2PM
MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2026 - 10AM - 2PM
SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2026 - 10AM - 2PM

Public Holiday Hours Notice

Please note that our office hours will vary over the Easter long weekend and the Anzac Day public holiday. However, our yard team will continue operating as normal from 8:00am – 4:30pm. For our dry storage clients, if you require a launch outside of office hours, please ensure you call and leave a message to secure your booking.

Please note that our online booking system is unavailable on public holidays, so calling ahead is the best way to avoid missing your launch. We hope everyone enjoys some well-earned time off over the Easter period and Anzac Day. Whether you're out on the water fishing or spending time with family, all of us here at Westernport Marina wish you a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

"A bad day on the water still beats a good day in the office."

After Hours Access Reminder

A reminder for our Dry Storage clients that after hours access is available if you wish to carry out work on your boat or trailer, whether it's something small like changing a tyre or preparing your boat with a winter cover.

The small PA gate near the members toilets is accessible after hours (walk-in access only) for all Dry Storage clients.

If you would like your boat placed in the work area, please call ahead to book. Once you have finished, simply leave a message on our after hours answering service and we will return your boat to the Dry Storage area the following day.

Prices above are as @ 2/04/2026

Scan the QR code to view current **Notices to Mariners from Safe Transport Victoria**. Important updates on navigation and safety.



"4.3/5 - Thanks to You"

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent client survey — we really appreciate your feedback.

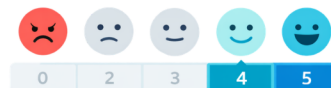
We've included a snapshot of our overall customer satisfaction results, which we're really pleased with. We're proud of the positive feedback received and have shared this with our team.

We're now working through your comments and where possible, will be making improvements within our operational limits to continue enhancing your experience at the marina.

Overall Client Satisfaction

4.3 / 5 ★

Based on 122 responses



Majority of clients rated us 4-5

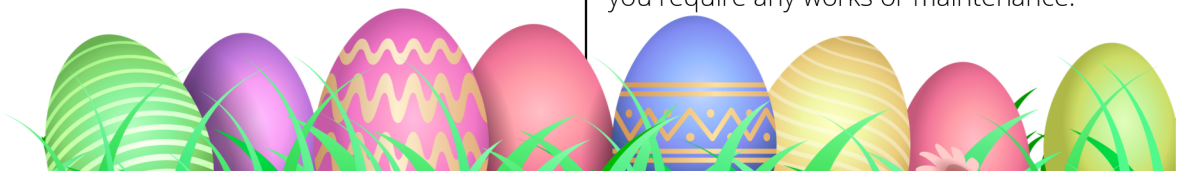
★ 56 gave 5 | ★ 52 gave 4

108 positive ratings

Local Trades & Services

While we have a number of in-house trades on site, we also have a list of local trades and service providers available in the office for all clients, covering everything from antifouling and diving to surveyors.

There are also plenty of business cards available, so feel free to drop in and grab what you need if you require any works or maintenance.



Marina Advertisement

GIVEAWAY

FREE FUEL

WIN A
\$500
FUEL VOUCHER

LIKE this post
TAG your friends (each tag = extra entry)
FOLLOW our page
SHARE to your story (bonus entry)

The more interactions, the more chances to win!

📅 DRAWN 30 APRIL | 5PM 📍 WESTERNPORT MARINA

FREE FUEL

Win a \$500 Marina Fuel Voucher!

To enter:

- Like the post
- Tag friends (each tag = extra entry)
- Follow our page
- Share to your story

Drawn 30 April, 5:00pm. Must be following to win.



Terms & Conditions

Open to Westernport Marina clients and followers.

To enter: like the post, tag at least one person, follow our Facebook page, and share the post to your story.

Each tag = 1 entry.

Entries close 30 April, 5:00pm (AEST).

Winner drawn at random and announced shortly after.

Winner must be following our Facebook page at the time of the draw.

Prize: \$500 fuel voucher, redeemable at Westernport Marina, for boat use only.

Not transferable or redeemable for cash.

- We reserve the right to verify entries, disqualify entrants and amend or cancel the promotion at any time.



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SAVE THE DATE