

**PRESS RELEASE**

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## **Boating facilities upgrade celebrated**

New facilities for fishing and boating communities have been officially opened by the Infrastructure and Transport Minister Stephen Mullighan at Bay of Shoals and Christmas Cove.

A \$95,000 floating pontoon at Bay of Shoals provides access for dinghies and tenders from larger vessels to transport people safely, separate to the boat ramp. The project was jointly funded by the Kangaroo Island Council and the SA Boating Facilities Advisory Committee (SABFAC).

On Thursday, March 5, the pontoon was officially opened by Minister Mullighan, with Kangaroo Island mayor Peter Clements, SABFAC chairman Rob Payze and Boating Industry Association of SA general manager Glen Jones.

The group then inspected the Emu Bay boat ramp and jetty. A strategy for the Emu Bay facility upgrade is being drawn up the Kangaroo Island Council, following a public consultation about the sale of community land to fund part of the upgrade. The new boat ramp at Emu Bay will be a fair-weather facility which can be used by recreational, commercial fishermen and emergency services.

Baudin Beach was the next stop, where the Minister familiarised himself with the proposed upgrade of loading and tie-off facilities coupled to the boat ramp. This is in the planning stages through the Baudin Beach Progress Association and will proceed after removal of the existing groyne.

Lunch at the Dudley Wines Cellar Door provided the Minister with the opportunity to see the work done on Willoughby Road as part of the State Government's annual \$2 million Renewal of Unsealed Roads program and the funding (\$469,000) provided towards the \$700,000 reseal and upgrade of the sealed section of the same road through the Special Local Roads Program.

At Christmas Cove, Penneshaw, the Minister officially opened the \$400,000 infrastructure upgrade works, which provide better access for boat-launching, the marina, car and trailer parking and disability access to the northern pontoon. He was joined by a large number of community members, including members of the Penneshaw Boat Club, who began working to upgrade Christmas Cove more than 15 years ago.

The Council's acting Director of Asset Services and Infrastructure, John Fernandez, said the new facilities showed Kangaroo Island was capable of delivering high-quality infrastructure.

"This work highlights the spirit of co-operation between the Council and the Department. It was especially good to see the number of former Penneshaw Boat Club members who turned out to see the Minister officially open the Christmas Cove road works," Mr Fernandez said.

Mayor Peter Clements said the new facilities would further enhance the fishing and boating

experience of visitors and residents and he acknowledged the work of the various progress associations and community groups who had been involved and continued to play an important role in achieving improvements in their townships.

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*Minister Stephen Mullighan officially opens the Bay of Shoals pontoon upgrade, with Mayor Peter Clements, Rob Payze (SABFAC) and Darren Keenan (Advance Kingscote Progress Association).*



*The new pontoon at Bay of Shoals*



*Road works at Christmas Cove, Penneshaw*

