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**New boat ramp and free boat launching for users of Goulburn River**

Strathbogie Shire Council today opened the new deep water boat ramp at the Goulburn River, providing better and safer access to the waterways for boating and fishing.

The new boat ramp will provide free 24-hour access to the river, including new car and trailer parking, and was officially opened with Katherine Grech, the Director of Better Boating Victoria.

The \$494,795 project included a \$100,000 contribution from Council, a \$100,000 donation of the cost of the land from the Ryan family and a contribution of \$294,795 from Department of Transport.

This comes after a recent announcement of the abolition of boat ramp fees at the Nagambie Lakes and Goulburn River, as part of the Labor Government's investment in boating and fishing across the state.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said the new boat ramp will be a game changer for both locals and visitors to Nagambie.

"Nagambie Lakes and Goulburn River is enjoyed by boaters and anglers as well as host to a number of sporting events, holding over 20 major events and competitions each year," Mayor McClaren said.

"The new boat ramp will allow for direct access to the Goulburn River when the lake is closed for events, which will now provide ongoing entry for the public to enjoy the waterways."

"The deep water boat ramp will better position Nagambie Lakes Regatta Centre to attract and retain more large scale events and competitions."

The Hon. Jaclyn Symes MLC, Minister for Regional Development said the boat ramp is another great investment in regional tourism.

"Nagambie Lakes is a terrific food and wine tourism destination and this great new boat ramp gives people yet another reason to visit the region," Minister Symes said.

"Getting rid of parking and launching fees is a massive win for all Victorian families who can now enjoy more affordable boating and fishing this season."

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