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Jetty open for business



THE Port Campbell rock lobster industry celebrated a return to the sea yesterday with the jetty reopened.

The celebrations marked the completion of an \$820,000 project to install a new crane and strengthen the Port Campbell jetty on the eve of the opening of the rock lobster fishing season.

Rock lobster fishermen, local boat charter operators and representatives from the Port Campbell Surf Life Saving Club and recreational boat club joined with Parks Victoria for a special opening celebration on the port's jetty with the Member for Western Victoria, David O'Brien.

Representing Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional and Rural Development Peter Ryan, Mr O'Brien said the works were vital for the long-term health of the port of Port Campbell, which generated about \$13.6 million for the local economy.

"The new crane replaces a 40 year-old electric jib crane and will ensure commercial fishers and charter boat operators operating from the jetty continue to have access to launch and retrieve facilities," Mr O'Brien said.

According to Mr O'Brien, Port Campbell was famous for its spectacular coastal cliff formations and unforgiving Southern Ocean which was relentlessly pounded the jetty over the years and led to the need for the strengthening works.

He encouraged visitors to the jetty to look out for the new reinforced wave wall which was designed to stand up to the ocean swell

and redirect waves away from the jetty.

Deputy Premier Peter Ryan congratulated Parks Victoria and its contractors on their completion of the project within timelines and budget to deliver sustainable infrastructure which will provide access to the water for many years to come.

"It is great to see that there has been a real Victorian flavour to this project too, with Cobden based GreenCon Australia Pty Ltd completing the safety and strengthening works and Hastings company Crib Point Engineering supplying the new crane," Mr Ryan said.

"The project is a fantastic example of how investment can deliver both commercial and recreational benefits to regional Victoria."

The jetty was built in 2000 and over recent years sustained significant storm and wave damage which impacted on the structure's foundations, requiring improvement works.

A boomgate will also be installed in the coming months which will make access to the jetty easier for professional fishermen.

Local rock lobster fisherwoman Antoinette Hanna praised Parks Victoria and project co-ordinator Natasha Johnson for the work.

"We are absolutely happy with the job that Parks Victoria has done," she said.

"They have consulted us all the way, considered all our concerns and kept their promise to have it open before the start of the season.

"Natasha has done her job above and beyond with this project.

"Everyone is working together."

Work complete: The Port Campbell jetty was officially opened on Tuesday ahead of the rock lobster season. 2011D

Busy: Port Campbell was a hive of activity on Tuesday. 2011D



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