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NEW PONTOONS TO BOOST SAFETY, ACCESS AT UPGRADED MORGAN BOAT RAMP

Work will resume on the upgrading of the popular Morgan Boat Ramp in May to improve safety and access for boat users.

Contractors will install piles into the riverbed at the site, and gangways and single pontoons will be added on either side of the ramp as part of the long-awaited upgrade.

The Mid Murray Council project will enhance access to and improve the safety of the Murray River facility for locals and the increasing number of visitors who use the popular ramp for recreational boating and fishing. This project also follows other Council projects to improve other boat ramps across the district in recent years.

Contractors will be onsite to deliver equipment this weekend, ahead of work expected to begin on 4 May.

During construction, the ramp will be closed during weekdays for about two weeks (weather permitting). The contractors will endeavor to have the ramp open for weekend use where possible. The works are expected to be completed by the end of May.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the works would significantly improve access for river users.

“The Morgan Boat Ramp is a popular facility for a growing number of recreational boaters and fishers and the installation of pontoons will make it safer and easier for them to launch and retrieve their boats,” Mayor Burgess says.

“This project will deliver an improved facility with extensive access and on-river pontoons.

“We are grateful to the Morgan community for their patience during this project – which has had its challenges and delays and taken longer than we had initially hoped.

“We are confident that once the new improvements are in place next month, Morgan river users will have an even better experience at this facility.”

The cost of the Morgan Boat Ramp upgrade is being shared between the Council and the *South Australian Boating Facilities Advisory Committee (SABFAC)*, which granted \$190,000 towards the initiative.

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