## **Media Release**



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## Darian Road carpark now open following weather delays

The Darian Road, Torquay carpark has been completed and is now open for public use following project delays from poor weather.

The \$330,000 site redevelopment focused on improving vehicle, pedestrian safety and creating more open recreational space, while improving disability parking and beach access.

Key features of the car park include additional flat open grass for recreational activities, improved vehicle access and turning capacity, provision of integrated stormwater run-off treatment systems.

Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) Chief Executive Officer Richard Davies said the works were a fantastic upgrade for the Elephant Walk precinct and Torquay Foreshore.

"Heavy rainfall this winter has reaffirmed the need to install upgraded carpark services to accommodate both the weather demands and growing local and tourist populations," said Mr Davies.

The area has been revegetated with indigenous low lying plants, including some threatened Moonah trees, to ensure ocean views are maintained and to improve the habitat for local wildlife in the area.

The redevelopment of the car parking precinct is being undertaken in accordance with the principles and recommendations of the Torquay Foreshore Master Plan and the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee's Coastal Management Plan.

GORCC is a not-for-profit organisation that manages 37km of Crown land and coastline from Torquay to Lorne.

All dollars raised through GORCC's operations are reinvested back into the coastal environment, caravan parks and the community.

For further information, visit the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee at <u>www.gorcc.com.au</u>.

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