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## **\$330,000 open space upgrade to commence at Darian Rd**

Geelong-based business Harcom Pt Ltd has been awarded the contract for the Darian Road car park redevelopment in Torquay.

Great Ocean Coast Committee Chief Executive Officer Richard Davies said the local business had great experience and recently worked on the Elephant Walk project at the Torquay Foreshore.

“Works are due to commence 9 May and will increase the open space in the area for people to enjoy, while also protecting and enhancing the coastal environment.”

Mr Davies said the works will take around eight weeks to complete, weather-permitting.

“The new design will see improvements to safety and usability, providing the same number of car spaces as the current layout. The upgrades will result in increased disabled parking, improved pedestrian and traffic safety, upgraded stormwater treatment systems and enhanced turn capacity for long vehicles.”

Works will also see an increase in community facilities such as BBQ and picnic areas.

The Sundial area will be temporarily inaccessible with minor disruptions to access to the Torquay Sailing Club during construction. The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee will minimise the inconvenience and ensure the community remains well informed throughout the works.

Mr Davies said redevelopment followed an extensive community consultation process.

“Eight submissions received in 2015 during community consultation on the draft plans had been considered in the development of the final plan for the site. As part of this consultation process some residents expressed concerns regarding the revegetation works proposed as they felt this would affect the view from their properties. In response to this feedback, we have reduced the number of trees proposed and amended the layout to use smaller groups of trees with additional gaps in-between.”

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