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EOI process announced for Anglesea Family Caravan Park

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) is inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the operation of the Anglesea Family Caravan Park.

The current Anglesea Family Caravan Park 21 year Crown land lease expires in December 2017.

The EOI process is being conducted with the intention of identifying suitable applicants to participate in a selective tender process for the lease of the park commencing at the expiration of the current lease on 2 December 2017.

GORCC CEO Richard Davies said the process would be conducted in a fair, transparent and open manner.

"We are ensuring adherence to State Government procurement guidelines and the process is being overseen by Department of Treasury and Finance probity consultants.

"The park is situated on Crown land managed by GORCC on behalf of the State and ensuring the best outcome for the coast and the community will remain our priority.

"We believe it is prudent to plan well ahead regarding this lease and have commenced an extensive Expression of Interest process that has been advertised nationally," he said.

Following the EOI process, a number of selected applicants will be invited to participate in a tender later this year.

"At this stage, we hope to make a final decision around April 2016, well before the current lease expires," said Mr Davies.

Mr Davies said the Committee was mindful of the many interested stakeholders, and, in particular, the current campers at the park.

"We acknowledge the history many current campers have with this park and the investments they have made.

"We can confirm that as this land is designated a Crown land caravan park, it will continue to operate as a Crown land caravan park as per its current approved use," he said.

GORCC will keep all stakeholders, including the Park lessee and current campers, informed of any progress regarding this process.

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Updates will be made available via the GORCC website <u>www.gorcc.com.au</u> as they arise.

In the meantime, for the remaining three year's duration of the current lease, the rights and responsibilities of the current lessee remain in place.

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