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## Surf beach kiosk officially opens

The new 'Third Wave Kiosk' at the Torquay Surf Beach was officially opened today, signifying the completion of \$480K of works to improve the standards, service levels and accessibility of facilities at the world-renowned Torquay Surf Beach.

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC), together with Darren Cheeseman MP, Federal Member for Corangamite, will open the kiosk, which is part of the Torquay Tourism and Facilities Project.

The Torquay Tourism and Facilities Project is one of the 4 projects that are part of the Great Ocean Road Renewal Program, a three-year, \$1.35 million program, supported by \$1 million in funding from the Australian Government and \$350K in funding from the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee.

"The kiosk completes this project, which also included the refurbishment of the toilet blocks and changing shelter," said GORCC CEO Richard Davies.

Mr. Davies said the project recognised the need for new facilities that would enhance services for local beach-goers, as well as the thousands of visitors holidaying in Torquay each year.

"The kiosk will not only add value to the site, but assisting it in coping with steadily increasing visitor pressures," he said.

The new kiosk features a unique steel 'sheet piling' facade, designed to give the building a distinctive look while echoing the distant orange cliffs.

"The sheet piling has been re-used from service in flood mitigation barriers on the Murray River," said Mr. Davies.

Mr. Davies said the kiosk was flanked by paved outdoor seating areas with wide, rustic timber furniture and even includes free WiFi for kiosk patrons.

"It is expected that the kiosk will cater for a range of coastal users ranging from families to surfers to local campers," he said.

Tony Eastmure, owner of the Barwon Heads Hotel and the Great Ocean Hotel will manage the kiosk, which offers incredible views of the coast.

"Our main focus will be speciality coffee. We want the quality of our coffee to match the quality and uniqueness of this unbelievable location," he said.

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