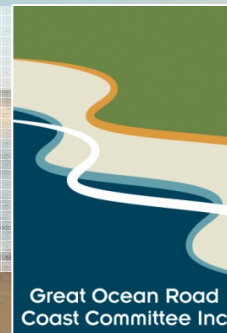


Great Ocean Road Coast Committee FACT SHEET



WHO WE ARE:

- The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is a Crown land Committee of Management established under the *Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978*.
- We are a community-based, not-for-profit organisation.
- We comprise 12 voluntary committee members (appointed by the Minister for the Environment and Climate Change) along with around 30 permanent employees.
- Our mission is to ensure the effective management of the Great Ocean Road foreshore on behalf of the Victorian Government, the community and users.

HOW WE ARE FUNDED:

- We currently generate around \$5 million in revenue annually.
- 80 per cent of our revenue comes from our two directly managed caravan parks.
- Other income sources include our licence, lease and permit system, and coastal reserve operations.
- We expend about \$4 million on operating the caravan parks and caring for the coast.
- The remainder (often supplemented by grants) is used for key projects and environmental work.

THE AREA WE MANAGE:

We manage 37 kilometres of coastal Crown Land reserves along Victoria's heritage listed, iconic Great Ocean Road, from Point Impossible east of Torquay to the Cumberland River southwest of Lorne.

Our responsibilities extend to the Port of Lorne, Taylor Park in central Torquay and Queens Park in Lorne.



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OUR WORK INCLUDES:

- Building and maintaining coastal facilities, assets and infrastructure.
- Operating caravan parks in Torquay and Lorne.
- Issuing leases, licences and permits for various commercial and one-off activities on the coast..
- Protecting coastal environments through work such as weed eradication and habitat protection.
- Educating and engaging people in caring for the coast.
- Establishing and nurturing partnerships with community groups, volunteers, local businesses and communities, indigenous groups, schools, government departments and more.

We also deliver a diverse range of projects that aim to:

- Protect and enhance the coast's natural and cultural values.
- Sensitively manage the impacts of recreation and tourism.
- Provide opportunities for recreation and tourism.

WHAT WE DO AND DON'T MANAGE & WHEN TO CONTACT US:

For most coastal matters regarding GORCC managed coastal foreshore reserves, you can contact our office.

However, while we support their implementation, only the Surf Coast Shire can establish and enforce local laws and regulations pertaining to people's behaviour on the coast. This includes dog regulations, parking regulations and smoking and glass on beaches.

Additionally, we have no jurisdiction over marine areas or major roads. Marine enquiries can generally be directed the Marine Safety Authority or local Port Authority,. For enquiries regarding the state of major roads, such as the Great Ocean Road itself, please contact VicRoads or the Surf Coast Shire.

If you are not sure, contact us, and we will assist you however possible!



WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY?

Opportunities to have an input into how the coast is managed or to have your say about a particular project or decision often arise.

Information on opportunities to have your say can be found in a range of locations including:

- On our website.
- In local newspapers .
- In the Coast News E-Newsletter.
- On our social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

Alternatively, contact us with thoughts, enquiries or concerns.

DO YOU LOVE THE COAST?

If you love the coast and want to protect and preserve it you can:

- Visit our website for simple ideas on how you can assist in protecting coastal environments.
- Find details on environmental volunteer groups in the region on our website, or in our office.
- Look out for the fortnightly "Green the Coast" column in the Surf Coast Times, featuring ways you can assist in looking after the coast.
- If you are a school or group, you can take advantage of our free Environmental Education and Activities Program - offering opportunities to participate in hands-on learning opportunities.
- Teachers, parents and kids can also access a range of environmental resources on our website.

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