

# Media Release



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## Input sought for coast plan

Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) is seeking input on how the coast is managed into the future.

GORCC is developing a Coastal Management Plan which will guide the sustainable management of the coast over the next 5 years and beyond and is currently inviting input into the development of the Draft Plan.

GORCC CEO Richard Davies said community members could simply attend a workshop or fill out a survey to have their say.

“6 community workshops will be held in various coastal locations in the months of November 2011 and January 2012.

“If you can’t make it to a workshop or you would prefer to fill out the survey, you can access it electronically on our website, or pick up a hard copy from our office.

“Alternatively, contact us with your details and we will post a survey to you,” he said.

The workshops and surveys are part of the first stage of GORCC’s consultation process.

“Opportunities to provide feedback on the resulting Draft Coastal Management Plan will be available in April 2012 as part of our second stage of consultation,” said Mr. Davies.

Mr. Davies said the Coastal Management Plan would be developed via an open and collaborative process, including extensive consultation with the wider community.

“Additionally, the development process will include assessment of a wide range of issues relevant to GORCC and the coast it manages and consideration of other relevant previous studies, reports and planning initiatives,”

Mr Davies said community input into the Draft Plan would help GORCC to understand what was valued about the GORCC Coast and how it should be managed into the future.

“Results from this stage of consultation will be collated with our other findings and all this information will then be put through a formal and thorough assessment process to evaluate every potential action against a set of criteria.

“This comprehensive process will ensure the Plan delivers the best outcomes for the coast and the community,” he said.

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Those interested in staying informed about the development of the Coastal Management Plan can sign up for a regular Coastal Management Plan Bulletin available via email or post.

The Bulletin will contain information about upcoming opportunities to have input and to view the Draft Plan, consultation reports and other relevant information.

To access information about the Coastal Management Plan, sign up to the Bulletin, access the survey or view details of the community workshops visit [www.gorcc.com.au](http://www.gorcc.com.au) or call the office on (03) 5220 5055.

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