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GORCC announces new tender process for Fishos

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) today announced a new tender process to construct the Fishermans Beach Redevelopment in Torquay.

“The Fishermans Beach Redevelopment will be a new iconic beachfront facility on a fantastic part of the Torquay foreshore that will provide new and improved services for the local community and visitors alike for years to come,” claimed GORCC Chief Executive Officer David Clarke.

“In recent months, the committee has been working to finalise a revised budget for the project and to ensure the design is in line with that revised budget.

“We estimate the total cost of constructing the Fishermans Beach Redevelopment to be around \$3.5 million to \$4 million, including all costs associated with constructing the new facilities and related civil and landscaping works”, Mr Clarke explained.

In December 2009, the State Government announced a \$750,000 funding injection to the Fishermans Beach Redevelopment project.

This followed GORCC’s decision in mid-2009 not to award the construction tender as tender prices exceeded the project budget.

“The injection of additional funds by the State Government in late 2009 means we are now in a position to proceed with this important project,” said Mr Clarke.

“Unfortunately, due to the passing of time since the initial tender in mid-2009 and the fact that we have included some additional design options in the tender package, we now need to implement a new tender process for the Fishermans Beach Redevelopment,” he said.

Tenders for the construction project have been advertised in Geelong and Melbourne newspapers and close on 28 April 2010.

“We are confident the new tender process will allow us to proceed with the project, given there was strong interest from experienced construction firms in 2009,” Mr Clarke stated.

“Importantly, I want to assure user groups and the general community that GORCC is committed to delivering a high quality new facility at Fishermans Beach. To this end, following the new tender process we anticipate construction starting around June or July 2010 with completion in the first quarter of 2011,” he said.

The Fishermans Beach Redevelopment will deliver a brand new purpose-built community, tourism and recreation facility on the Torquay foreshore.

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It will include new and improved facilities for Torquay Angling Club and Torquay Marine Rescue Service to replace the current outmoded facilities. New public toilets, a community meeting room and a restaurant and kiosk also form part of the redevelopment. Improved boat and trailer parking for boat ramp users and improved car parking for beach users and the general public will also be provided.

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