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Work starts this week on new Aireys look-out

One of Aireys Inlet's most popular look-outs is being given a much-needed facelift with work now underway to replace the Eagle Rock viewing platform near the Split Point Lighthouse.

According to the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee, the current work involves replacing the existing structure with a new steel-framed, timber-decked platform that will continue to offer spectacular cliff top views over Eagle Rock and towards Lorne.

"While the new cantilevered platform will extend right to the cliff edge, its footings will be set back five metres to ensure long-term stability," explained Chief Executive Officer Richard Davies.

"In addition, the design reflects and celebrates the site's unique aesthetic qualities, including its natural, unspoilt character," he said.

Mr Davies advised that the look-out is currently closed for approximately four weeks during construction and is expected to re-open in early-September.

"We apologise for any inconvenience this temporary closure may cause residents and visitors, and thank them for their patience and understanding. There are several other adjacent look-outs in the precinct that will remain open for people to use and enjoy," he said.

The committee is funding the new look-out's construction in conjunction with the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

Once the new look-out has been constructed, new paths will be built to improve the site's overall accessibility and reduce erosion and sedimentation. In addition, the installation of new interpretation will tell the site's story and enhance visitors' experiences.

The works represent one of the actions emerging from the Split Point Lighthouse Precinct Masterplan, which the committee jointly developed with Surf Coast Shire in 2009.

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