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Coastal Grants now open for coast's carers

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee this week announced applications were now open for the second round of its 2010 Coastal Grants program and invited local individuals, organisations and community groups to apply for up to \$1,000 in available grant funds before 30 September.

"The committee has allocated a total of \$5,000 this round to support local projects and initiatives focused on caring for the coast and community between Torquay and Lorne," explained Chief Executive Officer Richard Davies.

"We are very fortunate to have plenty of people in our community who share our passion for the coast and who help to look after it on a voluntary basis. Our Coastal Grants program aims to support such efforts by providing funds for a range of environmental and community activities taking place in our coastal reserves.

"Earlier this year for example, the program funded rehabilitation projects at Moggs Creek and Anglesea, and enabled groups such as Torquay Sailing Club, Torquay Marine Rescue Service and Torquay Surf Life Saving Club to purchase some much needed equipment," Mr Davies said.

The application process is being managed by the Surf Coast Shire as part of its Community Grants program and is very simple and straightforward.

The guidelines and application form can be downloaded directly from the shire's website (<http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/grant.html>) and more information about the Coastal Grants Program is available from the committee's website (link from *Latest News* on the homepage - www.gorcc.com.au).

"On behalf of the committee, I would strongly encourage anyone who is looking for funding to undertake a coastal-related activity with an environmental or community focus, and who meets the guidelines, to apply for a Coastal Grant by 30 September," said Mr Davies.

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