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New Aireys look-out now open for viewing

Aireys Inlet's new Eagle Rock viewing platform has been drawing in the crowds since opening in August, including Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment and Water Michael Crutchfield who paid a visit for a 'look-see' today.

Mr Crutchfield said with summer and the peak tourism season just around the corner, the Eagle Rock viewing platform is an essential piece of infrastructure that not only protects local biodiversity but also showcases the magnificent Surf Coast coastline.

"The new platform is a seriously impressive structure offering spectacular cliff-top views over Eagle Rock and towards Lorne. Its construction has been jointly funded by the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee and the Brumby Labor Government Risk Mitigation Grants Program," said Mr Crutchfield.

"The design features a cantilevered platform extending right to the cliff edge, which ensures the facility's long-term stability while providing users with stunning views of our magnificent coast.

"Based on today's visit - and the reactions of users over the past few weeks since the new platform opened - I am sure the new Eagle Rock look-out will be a big hit with locals and visitors alike for many years to come," he said.

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee was responsible for managing the entire \$150,000 project, from initial design concepts through to final construction.

"The new platform was delivered on time and within budget, and we are delighted with the result, which sees an ageing structure replaced by one that aligns more comfortably with the site's natural, unspoilt character and other unique aesthetic qualities," said the committee's Coastal Project Coordinator Mike Bodsworth.

"We are now in the process of upgrading the access paths to the look-out and will soon start work on installing new interpretation signs to tell the site's story and enhance visitors' experiences," he said.

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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