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## LOCAL CONTRACTOR AWARDED CARAVAN PARK POWER UPGRADE PROJECT

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) today announced that John R. Salt Pty.Ltd., trading as Salt Electrical of Newtown, Geelong has been awarded the contract to deliver Stage 1 of the power upgrade works for the Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park.

GORCC Chief Executive Officer, David Clarke, said "We are pleased to award this significant contract to Salt Electrical which is an experienced local electrical contractor".

"We look forward to working with Salt Electrical to ensure an on-time, on-budget and high quality outcome for these power upgrade works", said David Clarke.

The project received a \$750,000 grant from the State Government in December 2009.

David Clarke said "We thank the State Government for this significant grant to enable these very important power upgrade works to proceed in 2010".

"The project will deliver power supply improvements in the bottom half of the park (closest to the beach) through the installation of a brand new power system to service around 300 camp sites, replacement power heads where required, and power upgrades to four amenity blocks and existing cabins".

"The power upgrade will deliver important benefits to the many thousands of campers who visit the Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park each year via improved power supply, reliability and safety, as well as meet a Powercor requirement to ultimately reduce the five current points of power supply in the park to one", according to David Clarke.

Implementation of this project will mean campers in the southern section of the caravan park will be unable to access or use their site from 1<sup>st</sup> May to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010 as the power will be completely disconnected in the southern section of the park to allow the works to safely proceed.

In addition, many 12-month permit holders in a number of areas in the southern section of the park will need to temporarily remove their vans and annexes from their sites so that the power upgrade works can be constructed.

David Clarke said "We have recently notified all campers in the southern section of the park of how they will be affected by the power upgrade works".

“We have been pleased with the positive response from many campers who understand the need to improve the power supply and are now preparing for the works to proceed in coming months”, said David Clarke.

“The next step is to confirm the construction schedule with the contractor so they can commence works soon after Anzac day, as well as notifying campers of the exact timeframes they will be required to relocate their van and annex, with all campers needing to be ready to move from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2010”.

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