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Fishermans Beach funding secured

Funding for the Fishermans Beach Redevelopment has been secured following the Surf Coast Shire's commitment of \$200,000 to the project.

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee's Chief Executive Officer Richard Davies said that the final, revised plans had been approved and were now fully funded following the Surf Coast Shire's resolution to recommit funding to the project at last night's council meeting.

"The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is pleased to announce this latest advancement in a project which will deliver such extensive benefits to the community including enhanced community facilities, better public access and improved traffic flow.

"The Committee is appreciative of the Surf Coast Shire's ongoing support of the project and is looking forward to the next step in the process. Construction pricing is currently being negotiated, and construction is expected to begin in May," he said.

Mr Davies said the project would provide new and improved facilities for recreational fishing and support the Torquay Marine Rescue Service in delivering vital volunteer rescue services.

"Demand on the existing facilities and services is increasing and the final plan has been developed to cater for this growing pressure.

"The Committee is currently working with the Torquay Angling Club and Torquay Marine Rescue Service to prepare them for temporary relocation during removal of their existing aged facilities," he said.

Plans are available for viewing on the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee's Website www.gorcc.com.au and can also be viewed at the Committee's Bell Street office.

"The committee will continue consult with key community stakeholders as the project progresses, and keep the community informed of all developments," said Mr Davies.

The final plan for the redevelopment includes:

- Expansion of the downstairs kiosk/cafe planned in the initial designs.
- 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 venue for a range of community and recreational activities.
- Improved boat and trailer parking for boat ramp users, including a review of traffic flow arrangements.
- Improved car parking for beach users and the general public.

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