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## New lookout boasts iconic views

The new Rocky Point Lookout has been officially opened in Jan Juc, marking the completion of a \$200,000 project funded by the RACV in conjunction with the Torquay Golf Club.

The lookout boasts breathtaking views over some of the region's most iconic surf breaks and offers an in-depth visitor experience.

The facility, which is located on the scenic Surf Coast Walk, replaces an ageing structure that had reached the end of its workable service life.

Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) CEO Richard Davies said the new structure, which has been shaped to reflect the waves below, offers improved visitor access.

"The paths between the lookout and the Spring Creek boardwalk have been upgraded to provide access for people of limited mobility," he said.

The facility has been designed for optimal viewing, consisting of two viewing platforms; one overlooking Torquay Point and the Surf Beach and the other offering views along the coast towards Bells Beach.

"Layered, sculptural 'stack' seating allows visitors to stand up high for an enhanced view while allowing us to keep the overall structure low and blend it into the surrounding landscape," said Mr Davies.

The lookout gives visitors an experience beyond sightseeing, providing interpretative materials that tell the story of the site.

Interpretive signage has a strong surfing focus, explaining, for example, how the rock layers of the 'Bird Rock Dome' create the shelving reefs that create reef breaks from Bird Rock to Winkipop.

"We would like to thank the RACV and the Torquay Golf Club for their generous support of this great local project," said Mr. Davies.

RACV Director John Slattery said the funding of the new lookout is in keeping with RACV's commitment to its 2.1 million members to make a valuable contribution to the communities in which RACV operates.

"When we were planning for the RACV Torquay Resort we promised to provide the Surf Coast community with a significant project that would provide lasting benefits.

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“The funding for Rocky Point Lookout was part of a larger community contribution of half a million dollars for three local projects, which included the redevelopment of Jan Juc Surf Life Saving Club and a project to upgrade facilities at Torquay Surf Life Saving Club.

“We are delighted to have contributed to all three projects that will be enjoyed for years to come by the wider Surf Coast community, RACV members and visitors to this wonderful part of Victoria,” Mr Slattery said.

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