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Great Ocean Road Coast invests in community projects

Five community and volunteer groups are set to benefit from the annual Great Ocean Road Coast Committee Coastal Grant program with \$10,000 going to projects that protect, enhance and increase community connections to the coastal environment.

ANGAIR, Anglesea Motor Yacht Club, Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club, Jan Juc Coast Action and Torquay Coast Action have all received funding towards their upcoming projects.

Great Ocean Road Coast Chief Executive Officer Richard Davies said the calibre of projects for this year's application was outstanding.

"We had some diverse and innovative submissions this year, all aiming to help to protect the natural values of the coast through conservation or education," he said.

"We're lucky to have such an enthusiastic community that are dedicated to the protection of the Great Ocean Road coastline."

This year's grants will go to:

- ANGAIR – for supplies for the new Propagation Centre in Anglesea, including seed tubes, potting mix bins and watering hoses.
- Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club - toward an education and restoration program to protect the dunes near the Fairhaven Surf Life Saving Club including the revegetation with indigenous plants.
- Anglesea Motor Yacht Club – for the preservation and restoration of the historical 'Inverlochy' anchor, including plaque with the historical origins of the anchor.
- Jan Juc Coast Action – for the promotion of the Surf Coast Nature Search online interactive website through touchscreen devices, which will be promoted at the Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park.
- Torquay Coast Action – to help continue the restoration project at Deep Creek with additional planting to link previously restored sits to the north and south of the estuary.

Each year the Great Ocean Road Coast dedicates funds for community-driven environmental projects that enhance the 37km of coastal Crown land under their management.

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is a community-based, not-for-profit organisation that manages 37 km of public land and coastline from Torquay to Lorne. All dollars raised through commercial operations are reinvested back into the coastal environment, caravan parks and the community.

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