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Point Roadknight erosion update

Strong winds last Sunday night have seen a Moonah tree at Point Roadknight, Anglesea, fall into a fenced off area in front of an eroding cliff.

Great Ocean Road Coast Committee's Coastal Reserves Manager Caleb Hurrell said reserves crews were cleaning up the site.

"While communities of Moonah trees are federally listed as threatened, this was a natural process and the fallen tree now creates habitat and protection for our native wildlife and trap sand, which in turn helps protect the coast from erosion."

Mr Hurrell said Great Ocean Road Coast would work to make the tree fall area as visually appealing as possible, while allowing natural processes to occur.

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee has been working with coastal engineers and the community to find short and long-term solutions to the complex erosion issues around Point Roadknight.

"Our challenge is to manage the erosion prone coastline at Point Roadknight, while ensuring that the beautiful and popular beach remains accessible for families, boating and surfing."

"We are studying the coastal processes, sand movement and sediment flow around the area, to get a good idea of the contributing factors and possible management options to ensure we're making the most informed decisions possible," said Mr Hurrell.

"We don't want to make the situation worse, or push the problem further down the coast."

"These are the increasing challenges for coastal land managers and we need to keep all options on the table, prioritising public safety."

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