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Surf Coast Walk re-routed at Anglesea due to safety concerns

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) has re-routed 400metres of the existing Surf Coast Walk at Demon's Bluff, Anglesea, following safety concerns. GORCC's Environment and Education Manager Alex Macdonald said an engineer's report revealed that cracks in the side of the cliff represented a "moderate risk".

"The Surf Coast Walk is one of Victoria's most popular and spectacular coastal experiences and visitor safety is of the utmost importance," said Mrs Macdonald. "We have re-routed the track along the existing loop walk and will re-vegetate the existing track alongside the native heathland, with the assistance of ANGAIR volunteers and the Green Army."

Mrs Macdonald said GORCC would monitor the re-routed track and consult with visitors and the community about potential next steps.

"The Great Ocean Road coastline needs to be managed holistically and based on sensitive environmental planning and community input," said Mrs Macdonald. "There are a few options for us to ensure that there remains a great visitor experience, while ensuring visitor safety and care for the surrounding cliffs and heathland."

GORCC is also addressing other erosion issues at the Anglesea boatramp and moving the fence further back from the cliff.

"This will limit the size of vessels accessing the beach via the ramp, while we look for longer-term solutions," said Mrs Macdonald.

To help us plan the future of Anglesea – Surf Coast Walk and boatramp precinct, please fill out the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Angleseaboatramp_walk.

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) is a not-for-profit organisation that manages 37km of public land and coastline from Torquay to Lorne. All funds raised through park operations are invested back into the community and the coast. For updates visit the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee at www.gorcc.com.au. **David Petty - 0437 557 960**

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