



GREAT OCEAN ROAD
COAST COMMITTEE

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

26 June 2019

New staircase flown in by helicopter in Surf Coast first

In a first for the Surf Coast, a helicopter has airlifted a new staircase into place at popular surf access point Steps and Boobs in Jan Juc.

Following a detailed design process overseen by the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee and geotechnical and coastal engineers, works to demolish, construct and install the new staircase are now nearing completion.

The helicopter created great excitement in Jan Juc Tuesday afternoon as the pilot and the team on the ground worked with precision to manoeuvre the old staircase out and lower the new staircase into place.

Works to replace the beach access stairs, upper tier lookouts and boardwalk sections commenced in April. The second stage of the project included the demolition and construction of the lower section of stairs spanning the cliff base and boulders.

The works are a result of storm damage that occurred in June 2017. In response, the lower tier replacement stairs have been constructed using reinforced materials and non-slip fibre treads, designed to be safer and withstand the predicted impacts of climate change.

The project was funded by the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee's capital works program and a \$60,000 grant from Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Coastal Environments Grant Program.

For more information visit www.gorcc.com.au.

World-leading environmental protection and coastal experiences for all

Media Contact: Anita Dyer 0418 897 572 | anita.d@gorcc.com.au | www.gorcc.com.au