GREAT OCEAN ROAD
COAST COMMITTEE

USE OF GLYPHOSATE-BASED HERBICIDES

Current use and position

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) is committed to reducing the use of glyphosate-based herbicides, continuing to trial alternative weed control methods where possible.

In an aim to reduce our herbicide application, we:

- have increased our use of organic herbicides
- have introduced steam weeding, particularly around high visitation areas
- have increased our use of selective herbicides
- use mulch as a weed suppressant where possible.

This includes the use of Slasher organic herbicide on Broom in Queens Park (with a current 80% success rate), steam weeding on periwinkle (results presently inconclusive) and rust fungus on Bridal Creeper (results presently inconclusive).

Glyphosate-based herbicides play a minor role in our weed management strategy. We will continue to use glyphosate-based herbicides in the maintenance and management of our coastal foreshore reserves and conservation areas where required.

Our position is in line with independent Australian regulator, the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). The APVMA continues to actively monitor any new scientific information about glyphosate and remains satisfied that registered products containing glyphosate can continue to be used safely according to label instructions. They have found that glyphosate poses no carcinogenic risk to humans and that there are no grounds to place it under formal reconsideration.

User and consumer safety is our top priority when considering the use of pesticides, and our duty of care to staff, volunteers and the public is at the forefront of every decision we make.

All GORCC staff and contractors are trained in the application of herbicides and have completed the relevant accredited training. All herbicides used by our staff and contractors are used in accordance with their label and product directions.

We will continue to follow all regulatory advice regarding the use of glyphosate and use alternative methods where possible.