

FACT SHEET



LORNE - ACCESSIBLE BEACHES INITIATIVE

BACKGROUND

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) manages 37 kilometres of coastline from Torquay to Lorne. Our vision to provide “world-leading environmental protection and coastal experiences for all” means that we are continuously striving to improve our facilities and beaches - this includes making our beaches accessible to everyone.

People living with disabilities and their families can have limited access to beaches, the environmental and physical barriers often making it too difficult. This lack of access impacts on families within the local Surf Coast community as well as visitors to the region.

Accessible beaches have been trialled successfully around Australia, and in partnership with Lorne Surf Life Saving Club (LSLSC), GORCC successfully trialled an accessible beach at Lorne main beach for the first time last year.

ACCESSIBLE BEACHES IN 2020

Following the successful trial in 2019, the Accessible Beaches Initiative will return to Lorne in 2020. The initiative includes the installation of 40 metres of beach access matting, a portable hoist for wheelchair transition, free hire of a floating beach wheelchair and access to a wheelchair accessible toilet.

BEACH MATTING

Where: adjacent to LSLC, Mountjoy Parade.

When: available 7 days a week.

Who: anyone can use the matting, however it particularly helps people with wheelchairs, prams, walking and mobility aids to pass over soft sand to get to the hard sand.

FLOATING BEACH WHEELCHAIR

Beach wheelchairs are ideal for people who have mobility limitations, including those with a permanent disability, temporary disability or those with reduced mobility due to age.

The wheelchair will be available for hire in one hour slots from LSLSC during patrolled beach hours. Users with limited mobility will require the assistance of a carer/s to access the wheelchair and for water safety.

Booking: use is FREE but bookings are essential via lorne.accessiblebeaches.com.au

Availability: available for hire during life saving patrol hours only.

Hoist: a hoist is available on site, however you will need to provide your own sling.



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The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is a State Government body responsible for protecting, enhancing and developing coastal Crown land from Point Impossible to Cumberland River.