



GREAT OCEAN ROAD
COAST COMMITTEE

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Community consultation on draft Coastal and Marine Management Plan now open

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) has released their draft Coastal and Marine Management Plan 2020-25 (CMMP) for community and stakeholder input.

The plan establishes an integrated and coordinated approach to protecting and managing coastal Crown land and the adjacent marine environment between Point Impossible and Cumberland River over the next five years.

It has been developed in consultation with, and is a direct response to, conversations with Traditional Owners, key stakeholders and the community.

Nine community consultation sessions were held across Lorne, Aireys Inlet, Anglesea and Torquay throughout January and February 2019 to gain feedback on the initial Implementation Plan, in addition to community and stakeholder reference group meetings.

The community asked for a simple plan with achievable actions, clear timeframes and outcomes addressing the following priorities: protect the natural environment, increase education and awareness of Aboriginal, cultural and environmental values of the coast, address climate change, support sustainable visitation and maintain and improve infrastructure.

This feedback has helped inform the development and design of the draft CMMP 2020-25.

A new authority, the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCPA), is due to commence in 2020, replacing GORCC and other land managers along the Great Ocean Road. The CMMP lays the foundations for the next five years to allow critical business-as-usual operations and strategic actions to continue during a state of transition.

Feedback is open on the draft CMMP until Sunday 23 February 2020.

Consultation sessions will be held at:

Torquay

- **Friday 24 January**, 10am-12noon: Torquay Front Beach - opposite Growlers between Anderson and Price Streets
- **Saturday 15 February**, 2-4pm: Elephant Walk, Torquay foreshore (opposite Gilbert St)

Anglesea

- **Friday 14 February**, 10am-12noon: Point Roadknight

Lorne

- **Saturday 8 February**, 2-4pm: Lorne foreshore - adjacent to SLSC carpark

Please visit www.gorcc.com.au to view the draft plan and provide feedback via an online survey.

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