



GREAT OCEAN ROAD
COAST COMMITTEE

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

14 February 2020

Community invited to coastal forum

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) is putting the call out to local communities to attend a coastal forum in Lorne.

The forum will provide attendees with an opportunity to gain an insight into the challenges related to coastal adaptation and growth and how these issues are being considered and addressed in Victoria.

Attendees will hear insights from guest presenters Jason Mifsud, Chair Eastern Maar, Dr Anthony Boxshall, Chair Victorian Marine and Coastal Council and Ali Wastie, CEO Bass Coast Shire, on the challenges and responses to:

- the demands of increased visitation
- the impacts of climate change
- increased community expectations
- protecting and managing cultural heritage.

GORCC's Chair Ken Northwood said the forum was a great opportunity for our coastal communities to be better informed about these challenges.

"It is an important step in encouraging and building community responsibility and action".

"We are thrilled to have Jason, Anthony and Ali join us to share their knowledge and experience and we're looking forward to some robust community conversations".

"As a Crown land manager, we face major coastal challenges including climate change, ageing infrastructure, and increased visitation and population growth. We are committed to planning for, and responding to, these challenges over the short, medium and long term by developing and implementing a Climate Change Management Framework and continuing to use and develop master plans to manage use and development of the reserve".

"Our ageing built infrastructure is now under increasing pressure as our population and visitation increases, and the impacts from climate change means significant long-term funding is required to maintain our existing built infrastructure".

Mr Northwood said GORCC's highest priority was to protect and enhance the natural environment and cultural heritage.

The forum will begin with a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony, followed by an opening address from GORCC Chair Ken Northwood, presentations from each of the three guest speakers, and will wrap up with a panel discussion.

The free event will be held at Mantra Lorne on Friday 13 March from 12–4 pm. To book your ticket visit www.coastalforum.eventbrite.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