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Great Ocean Road Coast Committee gets green light for Point Grey – Lorne Redevelopment

Following the Surf Coast Shire's unanimous decision on Tuesday 23 June to issue a notice of decision to grant a permit for the Point Grey – Lorne Redevelopment, the project is now ready to re-launch.

The Point Grey – Lorne Redevelopment is one of the largest new public projects on the Surf Coast and along the Great Ocean Road. The redevelopment will include an extensive new public space, new restaurant and café facilities, and a new and expanded Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club.

Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) Chair Ken Northwood said the decision builds on years of consultation at Point Grey through the master planning process.

"The master plan process was engaging, it was sensitive, it was balanced, and it went over a period of 10 years".

"We have generated strong community and government support through our advocacy of the redevelopment. This is an outstanding site on the Great Ocean Road, and we now have the opportunity to create a wonderful experience for local residents and visitors alike, while also delivering economic and community benefit to the Lorne township and Surf Coast Shire".

Mr Northwood said this advocacy for the project will continue.

"We will continue to work closely with the community to ensure we deliver the best possible result for the Surf Coast".

The redevelopment will provide strong links to the Lorne township and hinterland and reflect the vibrant cultural heritage and history of the area. It will provide new recreational and dining experiences, and ultimately, encourage overnight stays in Lorne.

The project is backed by a community supported master plan and is a project priority of G21, Surf Coast Shire and Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism. It will create significant economic development benefits to the region.

A Federal government commitment of \$8 million to the project through the Geelong City Deal was announced in October 2018, including \$900,000 to the Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club to redevelop their club house. GORCC are now working to have final design, tender documentation and leasing agreements completed and ready for the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority to begin construction in the first half of 2021.

For more information about the Point Grey – Lorne Redevelopment visit: www.gorcc.com.au.