



GREAT OCEAN ROAD  
COAST COMMITTEE

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### **Coastal Grants Program round now open**

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee's (GORCC) 2020 Coastal Grants Program is now open.

Each year, GORCC dedicates funds for community-led projects that enhance the natural values of the 37km of coastal Crown land under its management between Point Impossible and Cumberland River.

GORCC's Chief Executive Officer Vanessa Schernickau said the grants were a great way to encourage proactive environmental protection along the coast.

"We have so many amazing volunteer groups along our stretch of coastline. They are the backbone of our ongoing conservation work and we couldn't do it without them".

"Our most recent grant round funded Jan Juc Coast Action's interpretive signage project along the Jan Juc clifftops, providing visitors to the Surf Coast Walk with a before and after view of the area. The project highlights the huge amount of work the group has put into the Jan Juc clifftops area and showcases the environmental successes they have delivered".

"It's a great example that illustrates volunteer driven environmental change and helps increase everyone's understanding and awareness of ecological values".

Volunteering is a rewarding way to give back to the community and coast, and environmental volunteering is the perfect way to help protect our favourite outdoor backyard – the Surf Coast.

GORCC encourage all community groups, non-government organisations and school groups to apply.

Grant applications close on Friday 24 April at 5pm.

More information, including grant guidelines and the application form is available at [www.gorcc.com.au](http://www.gorcc.com.au).

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