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Grab a GORCC grant for coastal projects

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) is offering \$10,000 in funds to support environmental and/or community projects as part of their annual Coastal Grants Program.

GORCC's Coastal Grants Program aims to support local groups and individuals in helping to care for the coast.

Applications are now open to projects that have a coastal focus and relate to the 37km of Crown Foreshore land managed by GORCC between Torquay and Lorne.

GORCC CEO Richard Davies encourages any community, non-government group or school group who wishes to undertake a coastal project to apply.

“By financially supporting important coastal initiatives we hope to encourage coastal protection and enrichment.

“Fostering strong partnerships with the community also produces the best outcomes for our coast,” he said.

Last year’s coastal grants program saw a variety of successful applicants undertake projects that helped protect our coastal environment and strengthen our coastal communities.

The Lorne Model Boat Regatta was one successful initiative that benefited from last year’s coastal grants program.

Penny Whitehead from the Lorne Business and Tourism Association (LBTA) and Marketing Manager of the Lorne Model Boat Regatta said the \$1000 from the GORCC coastal grants program funded marketing and promotions for the iconic Lorne event.

“These events bring the community together, encourage children to get outside and interact with nature, allow adults to explore their inner-child and profile the great outdoors of Lorne,” she said.

Ms Whitehead believes that GORCC’s Coastal Grants program plays an important role in enhancing our coastal communities.

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“Grants allow small community organisations like the LBTA to run events that attract people, media and community conversation. Without these grants, the events just cannot exist,” she said.

Ms Whitehead said the Lorne Model Boat Regatta will be applying for another GORCC Coastal Grant this year to ensure the next regatta’s success.

Up to \$2,500 per project is available. More information, including the online application form is available at <http://www.gorcc.com.au/about-us/190/>

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