

# Media Release



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## Transport feedback sought by GORCC

The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee (GORCC) is developing a Coastal User Transport Strategy and is seeking feedback on a 'discussion paper' as part of the early stages of the project.

GORCC CEO Richard Davies said the discussion paper explores issues around how people get to the coast and outlines potential ways to improve them.

"The areas we manage represent some of the most highly visited and intensively used sections of the coast in Victoria.

"The coast is under increasing pressure. In car parks, for example, congestion is a big issue, particularly during peak season.

"There's no quick fixes, but it is essential to plan now for the future sustainable management of our precious reserves," he said.

A survey has been released by GORCC to capture community feedback on the discussion paper.

"We welcome everyone who uses our beautiful coastal reserves to provide us with their thoughts on the discussion paper," said Mr. Davies.

Mr Davies said the results of the survey would inform the creation of a draft strategy, which will be released for comment later in 2014.

"The final document will be a long term strategy that provides direction for GORCC into the future.

"Ultimately, our aim is to provide safe and appropriate access to the coast in a way that does not lead to significant negative impacts on the environment," said Mr. Davies.

Mr Davies said the overall objectives of the strategy included not only managing visitor demand and ensuring convenient access to the beach for all but improving safety and protecting the environment.

"Vital issues such as emergency access and the impact on the natural environment will also be considered.

"These issues impact everyone's use and enjoyment of our beautiful coast and we look forward to learning more about the community's thoughts and experiences," he said.

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**The discussion paper and survey can be viewed and completed online at [www.gorcc.com.au](http://www.gorcc.com.au) or in hard copy at the following locations:**

GORCC office (Torquay) or at the following 'have your say' stalls:

- GORCC Office (35 Bell Street, Torquay)
- Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park (45 Bell Street, Torquay)
- Lorne Foreshore Caravan Park (2 Great Ocean Road, Torquay)
- Open House - Lorne Foreshore (23rd January 2014, grass near the Surf Club car park, 9am - 3pm)
  - 'Have your say' stalls in Anglesea and Torquay (Friday 31 January 2014)
    - 9.30am - 12pm (Torquay IGA)
    - 1pm - 3.30pm (Anglesea IGA)

**SURVEY CLOSES SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2013, 5PM**

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