

Community update – 12 October 2018

Action Plan to protect the Great Ocean Road, its coast, parks & scenic landscapes

The *Great Ocean Road Action Plan* was unveiled today by the Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio and the Minister for Tourism & Major Events John Eren standing alongside Eastern Maar and Wadawurrung representatives at Lorne.

Major reforms detailed in the Action Plan include:

- stand-alone legislation that recognises and protects the coast, parks and scenic landscapes along the Road as the 'one integrated and living entity'
- a dedicated (statutory) coast and parks agency with an independent, skills-based board, to manage – and be publicly accountable for – the protection of the environment, sustainable visitation and delivery of government investment
- development of a community vision with a long term outlook and overarching strategic framework plan for the length of the Great Ocean Road
- a better planning approvals process.

The Great Ocean Road Action Plan follows the 26 recommendations made by the Great Ocean Road Taskforce's independent Co-Chairs – former state transport ministers the Hon Peter Batchelor and the Hon Terry Mulder – who carefully considered the community feedback provided earlier this year in face to face conversations with 780 people, and in 570 survey responses and submissions.

View the Action Plan, the Co-Chairs Final Report and Community Views Report at www.engage.vic.gov.au

Community information forums are being held over the next few weeks

Community information sessions are being held to provide local communities with an opportunity to hear about the Action Plan and ask questions.

Anglesea: Senior Citizens Centre, Sunday 14 October 2018 – 10:00am to 12:00 noon

Peterborough: Peterborough Community Hall, Wednesday 17 October 2018 – 10:00am to 11:00am

Port Campbell: Port Campbell Surf Lifesaving Club, Wednesday 17 October 2018 – 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Warrnambool: Pavilion Café & Bar, Thursday 18 October 2018 – 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Wye River: Wye River CFA Meeting Room, Saturday 20 October – 10:00am-11:00am

Lorne: Lorne Community House, Saturday 20 October – 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Apollo Bay: Apollo Bay Golf Club, Tuesday 23 October 2018 – 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Melbourne: DELWP Foyer, 8 Nicholson Street, Wednesday 24 October 2018 – 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Torquay: Grant Pavilion, Saturday 27 October – 10:00am to 11:00am

Tell us how you would like to be involved in the development of the Strategic Framework Plan

We are interested in knowing how the best forums and formats for your involvement in the development of the strategic framework plan. Please complete the quick poll online at www.engage.vic.gov.au or drop into one of the community information forums.

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