

Great Ocean Road Action Plan

Quarterly Community Update

July 2020

Regional Park Manager to commence by end 2020

A new regional parks management authority, the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCPA), is being established to protect and manage coastal Crown land along the length of the Great Ocean Road. It will commence operations on 1 December 2020 with coastal Crown land parcels being progressively transferred to the Authority over a number of years.

The Authority's primary purpose is to protect and manage visitation of the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks. It will manage, protect, rehabilitate and foster resilience of the natural, cultural and heritage values of coastal Crown land and marine waters along the Great Ocean Road.

On its commencement the staff, assets, liabilities and Crown land of the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee and Otway Coast Committee will be brought together in the Authority. There will be no job losses and accrued entitlements will be retained.

The planning and implementation of the transition is being delivered in conjunction with both the Coast Committees.



Landmark legislation approved by Parliament

The first of two bills to enable the Great Ocean Road management reforms was passed by the Victorian Parliament on 16th June 2020.

The bill establishes a stand-alone Act, the *Great Ocean Road and Environs Protection Act 2020* that recognises the state significance of the Great Ocean Road and its landscapes, and establishes a new dedicated coast and parks management authority. The legislation also strengthens the involvement of Traditional Owners in the governance of the coast and parks, and provides for the development of a regional strategic framework plan to provide direction to 30 responsible entities for a more coordinated and sustainable approach to land and visitor management.

<https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/as-made/acts/great-ocean-road-and-environs-protection-act-2020>

Applications open for Board Director positions

The Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change is seeking Expressions of Interest for up to ten positions, including the Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson to join nominees from each specified Aboriginal party to form the inaugural Board of the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority. The terms of appointment for Members are to commence on 1st December 2020.

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCPA) is a new independent Statutory Authority reporting to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change. There will be a phased transition to the Authority's full scope of activities over the coming years. This full scope will encompass park management, advisory, regulatory, management and service delivery functions, scientific research, inter-jurisdiction activities, program design and implementation, coordination and delivery of major state construction projects in the Great Ocean Road region.

To be considered for these positions you will have demonstrated experience in one or a number of the following areas: public administration or governance; financial management; environmental conservation; land-use planning and landscape architecture; marine and coastal environmental science; natural resource management; cultural and heritage values management; travel, tourism, hospitality and leisure; investment facilitation; construction management; and community engagement. It is also expected that board members will have the capacity to demonstrate deep connection to and/or knowledge of the Great Ocean Road region.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring the diversity of our Boards represents the diversity of our communities. Women, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with a disability, young people, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and LGBTQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, and intersex) people are encouraged to apply.

Applicants from Rural and Regional Victoria are also encouraged to apply.

For further information and to register your interest please refer to the Get on Board website, <https://getonboard.vic.gov.au>. If you have any questions please contact DELWP on (03) 5226 4623, using the National Relay Service 133 677 if required, or email greatoceanroad.actionplan@delwp.vic.gov.au

Expressions of Interest close midnight 2nd August 2020.

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New Project Director Appointment



Joanna Gilligan has been appointed to the role of Director Major Projects commencing 25 May 2020.

Joanna comes to the Barwon South West region from the Environment and Climate Change Group in the department where she was the Program Director Committees of Management, leading significant reforms related to departmental oversight and support to committees.

The Director Major Projects role is responsible for leading the delivery of key projects in the region including once in a generation reforms outlined in the Great Ocean Road Action Plan and the Revitalising Central Geelong Action Plan.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Alana Macwhirter who has been acting in the Director Major Projects role since late last year. Alana will continue to work with us on a number of projects across the region in her substantive role of Director Places and Precincts in the Planning Group.

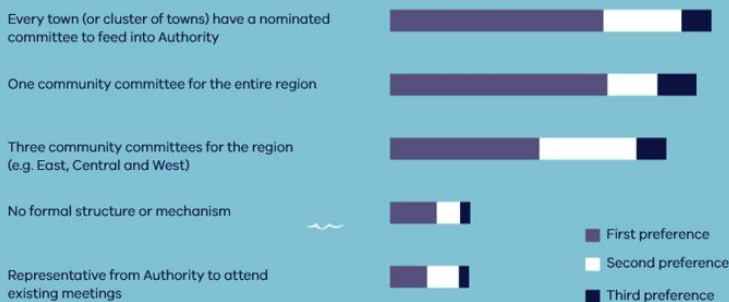
Community Views: Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority community involvement and funding options

To support the implementation and establishment of the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority, the community views were sought was asked how they would like to be involved with the new Authority in the future, and their views on possible funding options to support the Authority's operations. Consultation summarised is from the community, stakeholders were not targeted for this round of consultation. Visit <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/policy-and-strategy/great-ocean-road-action-plan> for the full summary.

Community involvement and funding options

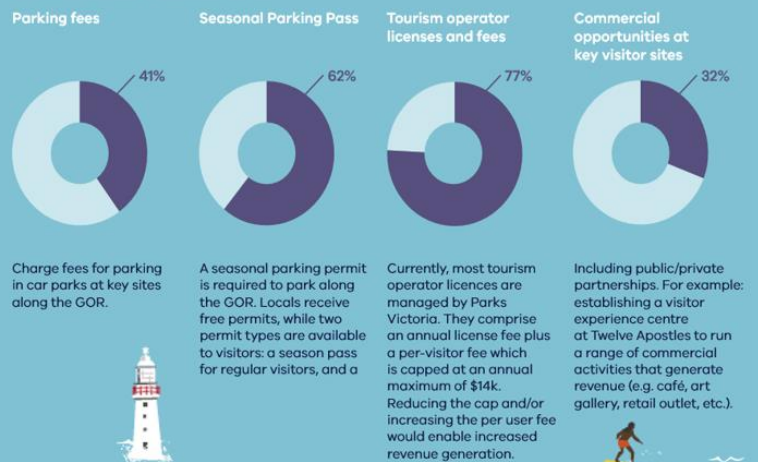
for the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority

FAVOURED MODEL OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY



% OF RESPONDENTS SUPPORTING FUNDING OPTIONS

Respondents were able to select more than one



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