AUGUST 2026

Board Communiqué

Our Board is committed to best practice governance and values, including open and accountable communication with the Great Ocean Road Coast and Park Authority's (GORCAPA) stakeholders and the community.

The Board held its meeting on the morning of 4 August 2026 in Port Campbell on Eastern Maar Country. In the afternoon, management took the Board on a tour of the Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre.

BOARD DECISIONS 4 AUGUST 2026

Approved: the amended Committee Charters for:

a. Audit and Risk Committee

b. Finance Committee

c. People & Performance Committee.

Approved: Libby Mears as a Member of the Finance Committee and Exofficio Attendee of the Audit and Risk Committee.

Approved: Board and Committee meeting dates for 2027.

Approved: As recommended by the Audit and Risk Committee the Board **approved** management's proposed amendments to the Instrument of Delegation (Financial Delegations).

Approval of Leases and Licences over reserved Crown land managed by GORCAPA

On 26 February 2026 the Minister for the Environment delegated to GORCAPA powers under the Crown Land Reserves Act 1978 relating to the granting and approval of leases and licenses over reserved Crown land managed by GORCAPA.

As **recommended** by the Finance Committee the Board **approved** the Jan Juc Surf Lifesaving Club Lease and Licence for a period of 21 years.

As **recommended** by the Finance Committee, the Board **approved** the Port Campbell Surf Lifesaving Club Lease and Licence for a period of 21 years.

As **recommended** by the Finance Committee the Board **approved** the Wye River Surf Lifesaving Club Lease and License for a period of 10 years.

As **recommended** by the Finance Committee the Board **approved** the Lease to the Anglesea Art House for a period of two years.

Noted: Outcome of Circular Resolution B26.4

The Board **noted** the outcome of circular resolution B26.4 regarding the preferred contractor selection for Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment.

Noted: Outcome of Circular Resolution B26.5

The Board **noted** the outcome of circular resolution B26.5 regarding approval of the operational budget FY2026-27 for inclusion in the Corporate Plan.

Noted: Financial Reports for period ending 30 June 2026.

BOARD COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

The Board noted the Committee Report and draft minutes of the 28 July Finance Committee meeting.

Audit and Risk Committee

The Board noted the Committee Report and draft minutes of the 23 July Audit and Risk Committee meeting.

STRATEGIC ITEMS

Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation (WTOAC)

The Chair updated the Board that she, the CEO and Director Rebecca Dalton attended a WTOAC Board meeting to brief the WTOAC Board on the new Strategic Plan and priorities and opportunities for collaboration. The meeting dialogue was positive and constructive and the shared focus of strengthening the relationships between the organisations, at both operational and governance levels was identified as a priority and of mutual benefit.

Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre

Management provided a detailed update on progress at the Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre focussing on how this will align with the GORCAPA Strategic Plan 2026-31, in particular the strategic pillar of 'Delivering World-Class Regenerative Tourism & Visitor Experiences'. This will establish GORCAPA as a national leader in delivering world-class regenerative tourism and visitor experiences that inspire people, protect and restore ecological integrity and health, support First Peoples' connections to Country and sustain vibrant local communities.

Management took the Board through some of the identified Risks and Controls for Pre and Post opening of the Centre.

Following the presentation, the Twelve Apostles Visitor Centre team took the Board on a tour of the Centre, providing commentary on the key highlights and innovations.