



GREAT OCEAN ROAD
COAST & PARKS AUTHORITY

JAN JUC SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB BEACH ACCESS RAMP UPGRADE

ENGAGEMENT REPORT



Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge and respect the separate and distinct Eastern Maar and Wadawurrung Peoples as the Traditional Owners of the Great Ocean Road's land, waters, seas and skies and acknowledge their cultural knowledge that has led to sustainable practices and has cared for Country over tens of thousands of years.

We honour Elders past and present and express gratitude for their sharing of wisdom that has ensured the continuation of Culture and Traditional practices.

We are committed to genuinely partner and meaningfully build relationships that reflect self-determination and enable us to work together with Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities to support the protection of Country, the maintenance of spiritual and cultural practices, and together deliver on their broader aspirations in the 21st century and beyond.



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INTRODUCTION

OUR COMMITMENT TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (the Authority) is in an incredibly privileged position to be tasked with protecting and enhancing the Great Ocean Road's coast and parks on behalf of the community.

The Authority is committed to engaging, listening, respecting and reflecting community and stakeholder views in everything we do, as guided by our [Community Engagement Strategy](#).

We are committed to being transparent and open with our communities and building and deepening relationships grounded in reciprocity and trust. Through various channels, mediums and engagement spaces, we will invite feedback, robust discussion and reflection to strengthen our connections and common purpose.

PROJECT OUTLINE

We're upgrading the beach access ramp adjacent to the Jan Juc Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC), to provide safer access for lifesavers, pedestrians and maintenance vehicles and equipment. We have worked closely with Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation and the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to develop a new ramp design and engaged with other stakeholders who use the ramp including the Jan Juc SLSC, emergency services and the general community.

The new ramp will replace the current ramp, which has degraded over time and does not provide adequate, safe access for the all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) used by the Jan Juc SLSC, ambulances, and other important maintenance vehicles.

Works to upgrade the ramp were identified as a priority in the [Draft Point Impossible to Jan Juc Masterplan 2020-25](#). Subplan 6, Action 6 identifies that the Authority;

- Upgrade beach access at Jan Juc Surf Life Saving Club to ensure vehicles and equipment can come on and off the beach safely.

HOW WE ENGAGED THE COMMUNITY

In October and November 2023, we asked the local community and visitors to the area to have their say on the final concept design for the beach access ramp adjacent to the Jan Juc SLSC. We gathered information on what people valued about Jan Juc beach, if and how they use the ramp and if there were any additional safety features, they would like to see.

We heard from eight people via the [Have Your Say webpage](#) during the month-long engagement period and also received one email submission. This feedback provided valuable insights on what we should be including in a new design.

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🌊 We're improving the Jan Juc SLSC beach access ramp to make it safer and more accessible for lifesavers, beachgoers, vehicles, and equipment.

🚧 The current ramp needs to be replaced as it has degraded over time and does not provide adequate, safe access for the all-terrain vehicles used by the Surf Life Saving Club or other emergency response vehicles.

👂 We'd love to hear your feedback and ideas for how we can improve safety at the new ramp.

📄 Please check out a final concept design for the ramp and let us know what you think! The feedback period closes on Monday 13 November:
<https://haveyoursay.greatoceanroadauthority.vic.gov.au/...>



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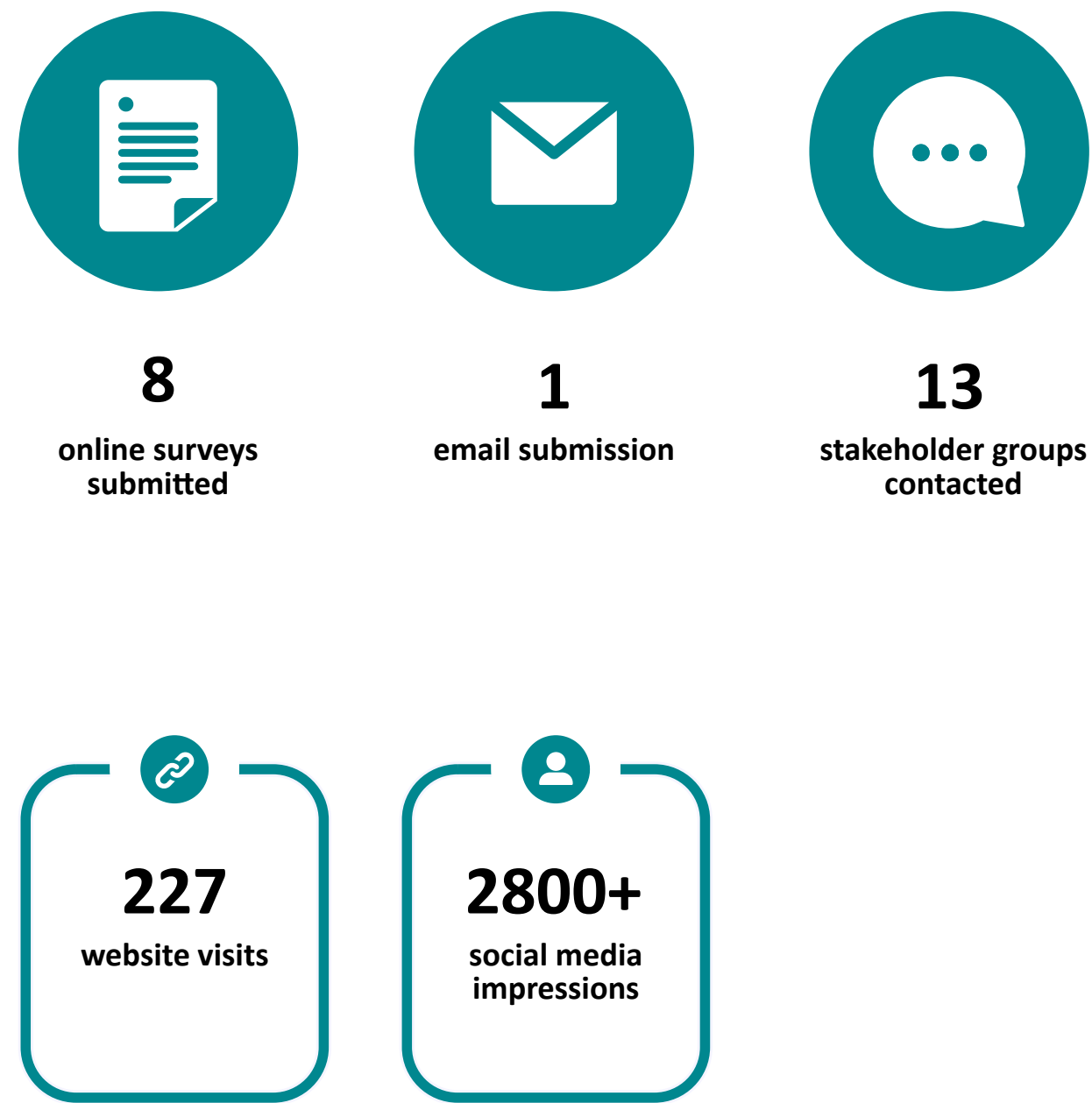
🌊 A reminder to Have Your Say on the Jan Juc SLSC beach access ramp!

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HOW WE ENGAGED...



KEY POINTS RAISED AND OUR RESPONSE

The community shared a variety of information about what they value at Jan Juc Beach, the final concept design for the ramp, and ideas for improving safety features and information at the site. The following is a summary of key points raised:

RAMP USAGE:

3 survey respondents use the ramp a few times a week or monthly for Surf Life Saving operations, pedestrian, and all-abilities beach access or for equipment use (such as, for a beach trolley or unpowered watercraft). While 4 of the survey respondents don't use the ramp at all.

JAN JUC BEACH VALUES AND ACTIVITIES:

Feedback shows that people value Jan Juc Beach's natural aesthetics and the lack of built infrastructure, that the beach is not as busy as others on the Surf Coast and the clean sand, water, and surf is also of high value.

Most survey respondents visit Jan Juc beach to walk and walk the dog, surf, swim or participate in surf lifesaving training.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

Concern was raised that the ramp will be affected by high tides and that it would be beneficial for the ramp to be situated closer to the dunes to avoid the impact of high tides.

Authority response:
To minimise dune vegetation impact we need to keep the ramp construction to the existing footprint. This means we are unable to locate the ramp further back towards the dune. Two separate coastal/maritime engineers have been involved in designing the ramp to ensure we design a resilient ramp.

Some concern was shown that the end section of the ramp closest to the Jan Juc Creek would be impacted during heavy rain events.

Authority response:
The new ramp is designed to accommodate creek floodings. However, there may be occasional times that the ramp end is inaccessible due to flood waters, unfortunately this is impossible to avoid.

Some survey responses suggested that a pedestrian side ramp off the main ramp should be included to assist with movement at high tide.

Authority response:
The cliffs at Jan Juc stop some beach access along the beach at high tide, during this time we recommend that beachgoers walk around via the inland track.

We were asked if any ground and soil testing has been conducted as part of the design process.

Authority response:
We have undertaken ground penetrating radar investigations of the ramp site. The ramp design has also been completed by a specialist maritime engineer to ensure the structure is suitable for the current conditions and for the projected impacts of climate change.

RAMP DESIGN AND USE:

It was suggested that the ramp design should incorporate better all-abilities and pedestrian access and that more public use should be encouraged.

Authority response:
The new ramp design does improve accessibility to Jan Juc Beach but does not provide a ramp at a 1:14 gradient to meet [all-abilities access requirements](#). It is designed for multi-use by emergency services, Jan Juc SLSC operations and for pedestrians accessing the beach.

We are not able build a ramp at the required gradient for all-abilities access as this would extend the length of the ramp into the coastal hazard zone, which would contravene the [Marine and Coastal Policy 2018](#), and risk the ramp being impacted by coastal hazards such as erosion or large waves.

We understand the requirement for all-abilities access and you can find beaches within our Accessible Beaches Initiative [here](#). Fisherman’s Beach in Torquay is the closest beach to Jan Juc that provides accessible beach access.

The ramp should be coloured in a way to minimise visual impact.

Authority response:
The ramp has been designed to have a low visual impact and be consistent with other areas along our coastline. The ramp will have white painted handrails, natural timber, and grey decking.

NEXT STEPS

The design has been finalised, and construction will begin later in the year, subject to contractor availability. We will advise community of construction dates closer to the time.

GET IN TOUCH

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