

# The Great Ocean Rd Landslides Incident Control Centre Update

to the

## Wye River & Separation Creek Communities

For Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016 as at 4pm

### Wye River & Separation Creek Specific Update

- The Great Ocean Road between Wye River and Separation Creek remains closed on active landslide areas. Monitoring equipment has been installed to monitor earth movement around Paddy's Path to ensure the safety of VicRoads / GroCon workers. As per the discussion at the recent community meeting, the use of sirens attached to the monitoring equipment is still being investigated. A barrier system has also been installed.
- No foot access to or along Paddy's Path or the beach area or the Great Ocean Road between Wye River and Separation Creek.
- Access for residents between Wye River and Separation Creek is only available through a shuttle bus service. Stanway Drive has been closed due to landslide activity. Please note there is a short walk of around 20 metres between buses in the blocked off area. Assistance will be offered to those residents that require it. Please phone 0408 864 170 to book the shuttle bus or for further information regarding the shuttle bus service.
- Cumberland River to Separation Creek is open to traffic, except for vehicles over 12 tonnes in weight or 12 metres in length. No towing of caravans, boats or trailers, an exemption will apply to garbage trucks as well as local residents and builders towing caravans, boats or trailers whose final destination is Separation Creek.
- The next community meeting will be held on Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of October at 3pm – Wye River SLSC.
- The Department of Education have a proposed plan for return to school transport issues and are currently working with school principals around buses and counselling considerations. Colac ICC have been advised that affected families will be directly informed by the Department of Education.
- If you see something, say something. Call 000 directly. Do not call Apollo Bay Police directly for emergencies including reports of new landslides, falling rocks, cracks and other issues like this as this will delay the time it takes to get the necessary services there.

### The Great Ocean Road Overview

- **Torquay to Lorne - OPEN** to traffic - speed restrictions enforced.
- **Lorne to Cumberland River - Open** to traffic - speed restricted to 40km/hr. **Exemptions** apply to garbage trucks, no other vehicles allowed over 12 tonnes in weight or 12 metres in length.
- **Cumberland River to Separation Creek - Open** to cars - speed restricted to 40km/hr. **NO towing** of caravans, boats or trailers. **Exemptions** apply to garbage trucks as well as local residents and builders towing caravans, boats and trailers whose final destination is Separation Creek.
- **Separation Creek to Wye River - CLOSED to all traffic, potentially for a further 2 weeks.**
- **No foot traffic** is permitted along Paddys Path, The Great Ocean Road or the beach between Wye River & Separation Creek.
- **Wye River to Apollo Bay - Open** to traffic - speed restricted to 40km/hr. **Exemptions** apply to garbage trucks and cement trucks, no other vehicles allowed over 12 tonnes in weight or 12 metres in length.
- **Apollo Bay to Warrnambool - Open** to all traffic - no speed restrictions.

Since September 14, the Great Ocean Road has been closed in sections from Fairhaven to Skenes Creek due to roadway blockages and substructure damage from Landslides. The landslides to date now include 80+ above the road and 40+ landslides below the road. The largest was almost 1000 tonnes of material (50-70 truck loads). 90% of the landslides above the road have been assessed; Only 5% below the road have been assessed at this stage, due to the difficulty in gaining access.