

Community Information Newsletter

The Great Ocean Road Landslides 2016

TRAVEL PLANNING:

Plan your travel wisely and consider using the recommended sealed road network rather than the unsealed narrow back road, as well as being a safer and more pleasant option, it may get you to your destination much sooner.

ROAD SAFETY

Victoria Police have increased road patrols and are asking all travellers (locals and visitors) to be patient, take your time, slow down and drive sensibly. Drive with your vehicle headlights on low beam and slow down when approaching roadwork crews for their safety and your own is a good idea.

WEATHER:

With a chance of thunderstorms over the next three days, some roads that are currently open may become hazardous or impassable due to potential landslides, water over the road, tree falls and other debris, road surface deteriorating, damage to bridges etc.

Stay alert, be seen and watch out for other road users and work crews.

Trees and tree limbs can become unstable, even with no wind, so be aware of falling trees and branches when driving and walking through the area. Do not park or shelter under trees.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS:

Tuesday 4th October 2016. Location: Wye River Surf Life Saving Club, **at 3:00 pm**

The planning for regular community meetings is a continuous consideration of the Incident Control Team to, not only keep locals informed, but also to listen and respond to community feedback.

However, severe weather warnings can be frustrating for everyone, as it can mean the cancellation of some meetings at very short notice, and when meetings are cancelled the decision is made in the best interests of community members and agency staff who would need to travel during severe weather to get to the meeting location.

Authorised by: Incident Controller – Graeme Armstrong

GOR STATUS UPDATE:

For roads speed restrictions and detour information refer to map overleaf

- **Torquay to Lorne** - OPEN to all traffic – no restrictions
- **Lorne to Cumberland River** - OPEN with restrictions
- **Cumberland River to Separation Creek** - OPEN with restrictions
- **Separation Creek to Wye River** - CLOSED to all traffic.
- **No foot traffic** is permitted along **Paddy's Path, the Great Ocean Road or the beach** below between Wye River & Separation Creek.
- **Wye River to Skenes Creek** - OPEN with restrictions
- **Skenes Creek to Warrnambool** - OPEN to all traffic - no restrictions.
- **For more information** – www.emergency.vic.gov.au

TRANSPORTATION:

Public Transport Victoria have established a temporary bus service running between Apollo Bay and Wye River. For timetable information visit ptv.vic.gov.au or call **1800 800 007** (6:00 am to midnight)

STAY INFORMED:

Landslides can occur at any time. With current weather warnings please regularly review the Vic Emergency official Facebook and website for updates.

www.emergency.vic.gov.au

For road updates visit the VicRoads website www.vicroads.vic.gov.au or call 13 11 70

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Great Ocean Road Traffic Management Points, Road Status & Rainfall 03/10/2016 1400hrs

