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This is a transformative project that will enhance one of Australia's most iconic destinations while prioritising sustainability, cultural heritage and community outcomes.

The centrepiece of the project is a new Visitor Experience Centre, thoughtfully designed to integrate with the natural landscape. It will feature retail, dining and exhibition spaces, a rooftop observation deck with breathtaking views, and a Welcome Garden celebrating Eastern Maar cultural heritage.

Additional upgrades include expanded car parking, improved road infrastructure and a focus on native landscaping to restore the coastal environment.

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Construction update - What's happening the rest of the year?

The rammed earth facade is in its final stages of completion and glazing will start to be installed soon, really giving a sense of what the building will feel like when complete.

Crews will continue to make the building weather tight and then continue with the internal fit out that includes lovely plywood ceilings.

Outside, work is also almost complete on surfacing the central carpark and improving existing road works. Civil works within the connection roads and carparks will also take place prior to landscaping commencing in 2026.

What to expect over the next few months

We're heading into the site's peak visitation period so overflow carparking will be in place until 1 May 2026. Parks Victoria will continue to manage the existing Visitor Centre and overflow carpark. GORCAPA takes over management of the Visitor Experience Centre site next year.

Large vehicle movement in and around the precinct from Port Campbell to Princetown, along the Great Ocean Road and via Simpson, Timboon and surrounding townships will continue throughout construction into 2026.

Plant and equipment will be operating daily including excavators, rollers, trucks and cranes to assist with construction activities.

All changed traffic conditions will be communicated across relevant tourism operators, community notice boards and Development Victoria website accordingly. Construction operating hours are 7am to 5.30pm, Monday to Friday and 7am to 3.30pm Saturdays.



Gibson Steps - update

Following a technical assessment, GORCAPA will reopen Gibson Steps in the coming weeks after a process called 'descaling' is completed to remove loose rock and debris above the stairs.

All agencies involved thank the community for their patience while this complex and important safety work is completed.

Stormwater management - update

The project team continues to monitor rainfall and stormwater run-off as the development of the new Visitor Experience Centre project progresses, working with other local agencies including GORCAPA and Parks Victoria.

Environmental assessments and authority approvals (including technical assessments) are underway to deliver an alternate stormwater management option at the project site.

Based on the necessary approvals being reached in December 2025, it's anticipated this alternative stormwater approach can be implemented by the end of March.

We thank the local community for its advocacy regarding this matter and will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.

Topping things out!



Victoria's most famous coastal landscape has come into view following the recent structural completion of a rooftop lookout at the new Visitor Experience Centre.

Completion of the rooftop structure represents 'topping out' of the building, a significant milestone ahead of its completion late next year. The milestone was marked with a sheoak tree that will form part of an extensive program of planting and revegetation at the precinct, including a rooftop garden alongside the new lookout.

The tree was chosen by the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation and will complement a Welcome Garden at the precinct to celebrate the Eastern Maar community's cultural and environmental values.

Breath of the Whale!



Just down the road from the Visitor Experience Centre, a new viewing area at Loch Ard Gorge Blowhole is open!

The lookout forms part of the Twelve Apostles precinct, giving people more to do and explore when they visit.

The new platform project supported 44 local jobs during construction and has delivered a new sculptured viewing platform anchored into the edges of the blowhole, barnacle themed seating, upgrades to paths and other improvements, providing tourists and locals with a new view and a safer and more accessible experience.

Food, glorious food

The Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority (GORCAPA) has released a Request for Tender (RFT) to find an appropriate operator for a new food and beverage restaurant/cafe and kiosk at the Visitor Experience Centre.

Food and hospitality will be interwoven into the fabric of the VEC with the two tenancies areas – a small kiosk overlooking the Welcome Garden and a larger main tenancy inside the VEC.

The new food and beverage experience will offer a fantastic range of food and beverage options, with a real focus on regional southwest produce and suppliers from across Victoria.

Local employment opportunities at the restaurant will become available in 2026.

A successful operator will be announced in 2026.

For more information on the RFT visit tenders.vic.gov.au

Want to know more?

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Traffic conditions: For updates on local road and traffic conditions, including any temporary changes due to construction, visit <https://traffic.transport.vic.gov.au/>

The Twelve Apostles Precinct Redevelopment is funded by the Australian and Victorian Governments through the Geelong City Deal.

The Visitor Experience Centre is being delivered by Development Victoria with Kane Constructions as head contractor and will be managed by the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority.

The precinct will be delivered in cooperation with the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation.