



## News

### VicRoads April update

27 April

The 75m retaining wall on the Great Ocean Road has been completed on schedule and both lanes of the Great Ocean Road were reopened for Easter. The wall is now fully lined with Gabian rock baskets.

We're happy to report that, work on the upper retaining wall at Paddy's Path in Wye River is well underway and is expected to be completed by the end of April.

To minimise our environmental impact and operate as efficiently as possible, we're now using a crane to lift equipment and materials onto the hillside site.

#### **Soil nailing**

Once the Paddy's Path upper retaining wall is finished, we will begin preparation for extensive soil nailing of the hill.

The first stage of these works will involve removing vegetation in the landslide zone only. We expect soil nailing (pinning the surface soil with 4m-8m long metal rods) to begin in late April, and be completed in June. Once the soil nailing is complete, we will lay erosion control matting and steel mesh to complete the process of locking down the hillside.

This work will cover an area beginning immediately below two Iluka Avenue properties and extend to the bottom of the hillside.



*Two lanes are now operating at the base of the Paddy's Path hillside*

### **Stabilisation**

New kerb and channel is now being installed along a 300m ocean-side section of the Great Ocean Road at Separation Creek.

Further stabilisation works, including hillside contouring, erosion control matting and coir logs above slip zones to divert sheet water, will begin on more than a dozen minor slip zones along the Great Ocean Road between Wye River and Kennett River. All areas will be hydro-seeded.

### **Community visits Paddy's Path hillside**

Members of the Community Resilience Committee's flora, fauna and beachscape group have joined VicRoads staff on the Paddy's Path hillside to inspect vegetation, the landslide zone and to plan for a mid-year replanting project.

Local flora expert Trevor Blake, Jan Juc ecologist Mark Stockdale, the community and VicRoads environmental officer John Tunn have compiled a plant list to reinstate vegetation following the soil-nailing project on the hillside.



*Community members inspect vegetation on the Paddy's Path hillside*

### **Kennett River and Separation Creek works**

Stabilisation works are set to begin on a number of small landslips between Wye River and Kennett River.

A long-reach excavator will smooth 10 slip areas and biodegradable matting will then be installed for erosion control. Traffic management will be in place as this work progresses. The project is expected to be completed by late May.

A 300m length of kerb and channel is being installed 500m east of Separation Creek. These works will be completed by the end of April, with traffic management in place.

### **Road watch**

As winter approaches, we're doubling our monitoring and inspections along the Great Ocean Road.

Experienced personnel are now monitoring hillsides and road edges for any change. We will undertake more highly specialist geotechnical investigations and monitoring following any significant rainfall.