

Have your say about coastal erosion at Inverloch surf beach

A display of the South Gippsland Conservation Society's (SGCS) *Inverloch Coastal Resilience Project* is on at the Hub in Inverloch from 22 March to 17 April.

The display presents information about Inverloch's changing coastline, what is at risk from erosion at the surf beach, as well as coastline monitoring and trial protection works underway.

The display also highlights the further investigations required to identify medium and longer-term strategies to manage the effects of rising sea levels and the more frequent and more intense storms predicted to occur with climate change.

At the launch of the display, SGCS Project Leader Philip Heath said:

'The changes that have occurred at the surf beach since 2013 represent the most rapid coastline recession recorded on the Victorian Coast in recent times. Along with this recession there has been a significant build-up of sand in Anderson Inlet, as well as changes in the position of the ebb and flood channels at the entrance to the Inlet.

These changes are not only threatening coastal infrastructure, but also the ecological, geomorphological, cultural heritage and economic values of the dunes.

Funding is urgently required to undertake scientific investigations to better understand the relationships between offshore coastal processes and the surf beach, Anderson Inlet and Point Smythe, in order to plan for the effects of further climate change.'

The display is open every day from 10am-4pm, at the Hub, through to 17 April. Visitors are encouraged to complete a short survey both at the display and online to have their say into future planning for the coast.