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### COMMUNITY CAPTURING LANDSCAPE CHANGE

A new initiative will help Corangamite region land managers track landscape changes over time using photographs.

Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, in partnership with Victoria University, has established a Fluker Post research program in Lorne, Anglesea, Aireys Inlet and Torquay.

The program is a community-based environmental monitoring system where people submit photos taken from the post to track how a project site changes over time.

The posts are located at Torquay's Rocky Point and Yellow Bluff, Aireys Inlet along Painkalac Creek and near the lighthouse, Anglesea's Fairylands and along Anglesea River and along Lorne Point.

The posts are named after Victoria University's Dr Martin Fluker who developed the idea to improve the accuracy of photo point monitoring.

Corangamite CMA coastal projects officer Jannes Demetrious said the project relied on community involvement.

"We want to see people get behind this because it's a great way for land managers to keep track of what's happening at these sites," he said.

"We hope to see a decrease in weedy vegetation and we can document any erosion if it's occurring.

"It's a great way for all members of the community to have input in to an environmental project because all they need to do is take a photo and email it in."

The posts are on Surf Coast Shire and the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee managed land and funded through the Corangamite CMA's Coastal Tender program, which has funded numerous environmental work across the region.

People can see the images on the Corangamite CMA Facebook page.

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