

Paddy's Path Opened

Project update #3

Background

The Paddy's Path walking track was closed due to translational slope failures (landslips) that posed a significant risk to path users. A natural spring in the slope caused the initial landslide that continued to retrogress up-slope. Following geotechnical investigation and the priority to re-open the path prior to the holiday period, the recommendation was made to realign a section of the walking path out of the geotechnical hazards risk area.

Paddy's Path re-opened

The realignment of a section of Paddy's Path was completed by a specialist contractor and the path is open to public use.

The Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) along with the Otway Coast Committee would like to thank the communities of Wye River and Separation Creek for their support and patience in planning and implementing the realignment works.

Continued Public Safety

Expert geotechnical engineers have advised that risk of further failures is almost certain on the existing slip.

Public safety is paramount, it is therefore a priority that the public keep clear of the old path alignment by observing the safety barriers.

Slip remediation

DEPI is continuing to work with the community and stakeholder agencies to address the stabilisation of the landslide in 2015. Further project updates will be provided to advise of planned works.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Enjoy the newly opened path by following the realigned track.

Observe safety barriers to the old path alignment. Stabilisation works and revegetation of this area is being planned for 2015.

For further information or to report a slip or any other change to a cliff formation, contact your local DEPI Environmental Planner on (03) 5220 2013 or the Otway Coast Committee on 0419 301 311.