Hi,
I'm sending you this letter as you have a booking at Grampians Paradise Camping and Caravan Parkland and I wanted to give you some information about the many areas that are open to visit in the Grampians National Park. In the January 2014 the Northern Grampians were affected by fire. With a dry winter last year (2014), it has been slow recovery for many of the areas of the Grampians bush land and forests. Having said this new growth is happening, the trees are recovering, as well as many of the shrubs and ground covers. In the first couple of years after a fire the wild flowers (in some of the areas) can be spectacular in spring. Parks staff and contractors have been working on a program of repairing track and walking bridges, and getting access back to the popular attractions. There are now only a very few of the popular attractions that are closed. Below is the current news about many of the attractions that are now open in the Grampians.

At the bottom of this letter is a picture of four of the open natural attractions. Clockwise from top left – Turret Falls, The Pinnacle, Silverband Falls and the view from Mt William. The centre image of Kangaroos was taken on the Parkland 1 (P1) site at Grampians Paradise Camping and Caravan Parkland.

Kind regards
Aidan Banfield

You may have heard about a bush fire in the northern part of Grampians National Park that occurred on Friday 17 January 2014. Grampians Paradise is outside of the area that was affected by the fire by 22km, and with all the water we sprayed on the sites at the time in preparation and the ongoing watering during the summer the camping ground remained very green and ready for guests to come and stay at right though that summer.

Natural attractions that were re-opened quickly in 2014 included Silverband Falls, Venus Baths, The Bridle Trail, Kalymna Falls, Mt William (the highest mountain in the Grampians) and some beautiful walks at the southern end of the Grampians near Dunkeld. The Popular Wonderland Range (West of Halls Gap) was also not burnt and on Thursday 23\textsuperscript{rd} January 2014 was re-opened to visitors along with all the southern part of the National Park including most of the Victoria Range. Included in this area are the walk to The Pinnacle, the Grand Canyon as well as Turret Fall.

**Over the following year and half the following natural attractions have been progressively open:**

**As of the 11\textsuperscript{th} February 2014:**
- Boroka Lookout, this easy accessed lookout (less than 100 metre walk) over looks Halls Gap
- Reeds Lookout and the Balconies Walk, a 2km walk out to an amazing rock formation
- Bullaces Glen Walking Track, Chatauqua Peak Walking Track, walk from Halls Gap
- Glenelg River Road, through the Victoria Valley, and Stony Creek Road
- Heatherlie Quarry, a historic free stone quarry for the stone to build the Victoria Parliament

**As of the 14\textsuperscript{th} February 2014:**
- Bunjils Shelter (Black Range Reserve), Near Stawell - a significant aboriginal rock art site
- Lodge Road, Asses Ears Road (from Lodge Road to Schmidtts Rd), Red Rock Road & Red Rock Picnic Area
As of the 28th February 2014:
The Northern Grampians Rd, through to the Wartook Valley – over the mountains from Horsham to Halls Gap And roads and tracks to the south and west of the Northern Grampians Rd
This open up access to the amazing landscape of the Asses Ears area (access by 4 wheel drive)

On the 7th March 2014 the following opened:
Mt. Zero Picnic area at the northern Grampians – access via Winfield Rd and Mt Zero Road
Flat Rock Walk, to views of Taipan Wall. Walk start at Mt. Zero Picnic area.

On the 7th June 2014 the following opened:
Mt. Zero Road from Roses Gap to Mt. Zero Picnic area.

On the 20th September 2014 the following opened:
MacKenzie Falls Area
MacKenzie Falls walk (to the base of the falls), Broken Falls walk and MacKenzie Falls Lookout walk.
Also MacKenzie Falls River walk (from the base MacKenzie Falls to Fish Falls)

Mt Stapylton Area
Mt Stapylton Walk from Mt Zero, Taipan Wall climbing area, Polhners Road Olive Plantation Road

On the 18th September 2015 the following opened:
North Grampians: Hollow Mountain, an Gulgurn Manja (Aboriginal Art Site) were added to the open areas
Somewhere along the time line Beehive falls were also opened.

As soon as the roads were reopened in January 2014, Grampians Paradise was open (and accessible) for guests to come and enjoy our beautiful parkland camping ground. With the ongoing watering the camping ground is very green and attracting a lot of bird and wildlife including Kangaroos.
The areas of the National Park that remain closed will be progressively opened as soon as is possible. For information form Parks Victoria on what is currently open in the Grampians National Park go to: http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/explore/parks/grampians-national-park
information will be updated regularly on their website.

I'm also adding information and pictures regularly to our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/pages/Grampians-Paradise-Caravan-Park/207560455935758
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