

Northern Flood Recovery Update

Parks Victoria is managing a significant level of flood impact across northern Victoria, eastern Victoria, metro Melbourne and across the southwest.

In one park alone, 26 bridges require engineering assessments. This demand on technical specialists is causing delays.

Parks Victoria's Northern Region Flood Recovery Team is responding to flood recovery impacts from Beechworth to the South Australian border and a significant amount of work to reopen closed assets.

Cobrawonga Creek Bridge, River Murray Reserve

As the result of structural damage from the October 2022 flood event, the Cobrawonga Creek Bridge within the River Murray Reserve will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

Parks Victoria deployed an engineer to inspect the Cobrawonga Creek Bridge to determine the level of damage caused by the October flood event. This inspection occurred on 17 January 2023.

From that inspection it was determined that further engineer assessments in the form of a load test, structural repairs and remedial safety works are required.

Once this information is received, our flood recovery and insurance teams will prepare a recovery report for Cobrawonga Creek bridge that outlines the next steps. These are to seek and obtain the required funding; obtain the necessary permits and approvals, including technical and heritage; develop a scope of works; go out to tender; engage contractors; and deliver the work.

Parks Victoria uses qualified engineers for assessments and advice on all safety issues. These experts are best placed to provide guidance in relation to visitor safety.

Parks Victoria has upgraded its warning and information signage within the River Murray Reserve to further inform park users of the closure while encouraging members of the community to use the sections of the park that are safe.

Further information is available at www.parks.vic.gov.au Flood and Storm affected parks <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/safety-in-nature/flood-and-storm-affected-parks> & <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/sites/cobrawonga-creek-camping-area>

