

Information

Proposed improvements to The Gorge Day Visitor Area, Mount Buffalo National Park

In 2015, The Victorian Government outlined a \$1.5 million investment for the upgrade of The Gorge Day Visitor Area at Mount Buffalo National Park. The proposed works aim to enhance this popular visitor area ensuring the Mount Buffalo National Park is an attractive destination all year round for visitors of all abilities.

What does the project entail?

- Upgrade the main all access lookout
- Improve car/coach parking
- Establish a facility to provide food and beverage
- Improve signage
- Provide more park furniture such as seating and picnic areas
- Improve all abilities access
- Upgrade the existing toilet facility including waste water treatment system

How did Parks Victoria decide on the project scope of works?

Parks Victoria held meetings with numerous community representatives, government agencies and groups to decide on what needed to be improved at The Gorge Day Visitor Area, Mount Buffalo National Park in the lead up to the Victorian Government investment of \$1.5 million.

These discussions led to the finalisation of the project requirements to create a more visually appealing, safe and accessible visitor attraction for all.



What can visitors expect to see changed when visiting the Gorge Day Visitor Area?

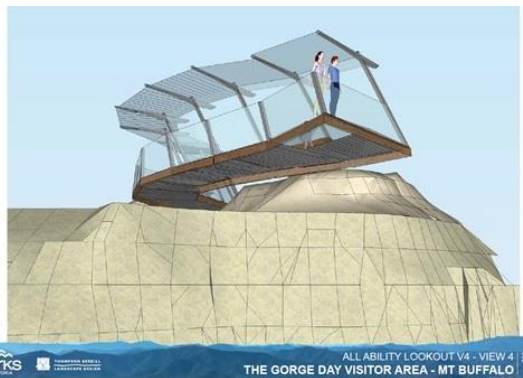
- The relocation of coach parking from the Gorge Day Visitor Area to the upper chalet parking area.
- The Chalet parking will become upgraded with the provision of parking for coaches, small buses and a bus drop off near the entry into the Gorge Day Visitor Area.
- This change will substantially improve circulation and visitor safety, as well as maintaining the current number of parking bays existing at the site.
- A connecting pedestrian link will be created between the Chalet and the Gorge Day Visitor Area.
- The existing toilet block will receive a cosmetic facelift including the existing access ramp to be upgraded to meet Disability Discrimination Act requirements.
- The wastewater treatment system that currently services the toilet block will be upgraded.
- A striking upgrade to the existing all-abilities lookout, with proposed features including glass walls, a section of glass flooring and a canopy roof for all-weather viewing.
- Consideration of an appropriate location to house a food and beverage offering.
- A series of new visitor information boards, directional signage and interpretive signage will be developed.



Can I see the draft architectural plans?

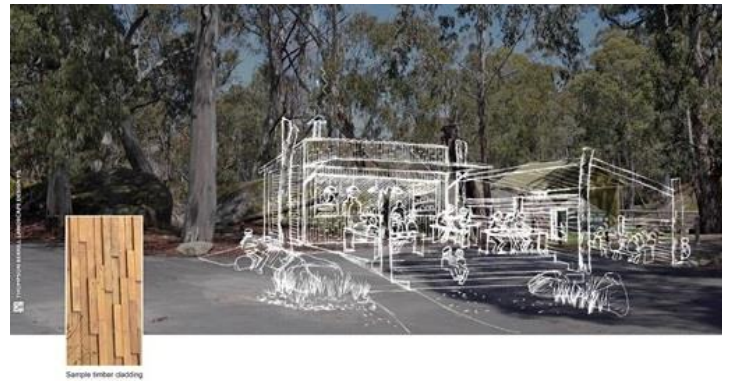
Yes, we invite all interested community members and stakeholders to come along, talk with the Parks Victoria Ranger and see the draft plans and concepts at the Mount Buffalo office on the 1st March and the Bright office on 2nd March. Plans will continue to be on display in these offices until 16th March 2018.

For more information, please contact Area Chief Ranger Julien Atherstone on email Julien.atherstone@parks.vic.gov.au or phone 8427 2045



***All Images - Artists impression only. Actual design subject to detailed planning and budget.**

Draft concept for food and beverage offering



Park Victoria are considering options for the provision of a food and beverage offering within the Gorge Day Visitor Area. The image above is an initial concept design only.

Am I able to provide feedback?

Most of the draft design elements are limited to the types of modifications that can be made due to our strict Australian design standards.

Parks Victoria welcomes your feedback on

- The general appearance of the various design elements
- Picnic area configuration
- Park furniture design
- Interpretive signage appearance
- Path alignment fine tuning
- Marquee space for events near the heritage shelter