

Lake Tyers State Park

Bung Yarnda, Krauatungalung Country

Draft Camping and Access Strategy Summary

Setting the future camping and access strategy for Bung Yarnda, the traditional name for Lake Tyers State Park.

Acknowledgment of Country

Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) and Parks Victoria acknowledge the Traditional Owners and community of Bung Yarnda (Lake Tyers), pay respects to Traditional Owner Elders past, present and future, and acknowledge their ongoing connection with the land and responsibilities for caring for Country. GLaWAC will continue to work in joint management with Parks Victoria on planning for the future of Lake Tyers State Park.

Why are we completing the project?

The goal of the strategy is to ensure that Lake Tyers State Park continues to be a place to enjoy camping, fishing, boating, walking and other activities in a natural setting, while significantly reducing potential impacts on the land, water and cultural heritage in the park. Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation and Parks Victoria have been working in partnership with the Victorian Fisheries Authority to celebrate and protect areas of cultural and environmental values, whilst identifying opportunities to maximise the visitor experiences with improved facilities.

Aims of project

- To protect cultural values of the park.
- To protect the environmental values of the park.
- To provide both the Gunaikurnai community and the broader community increased opportunities and facilities.

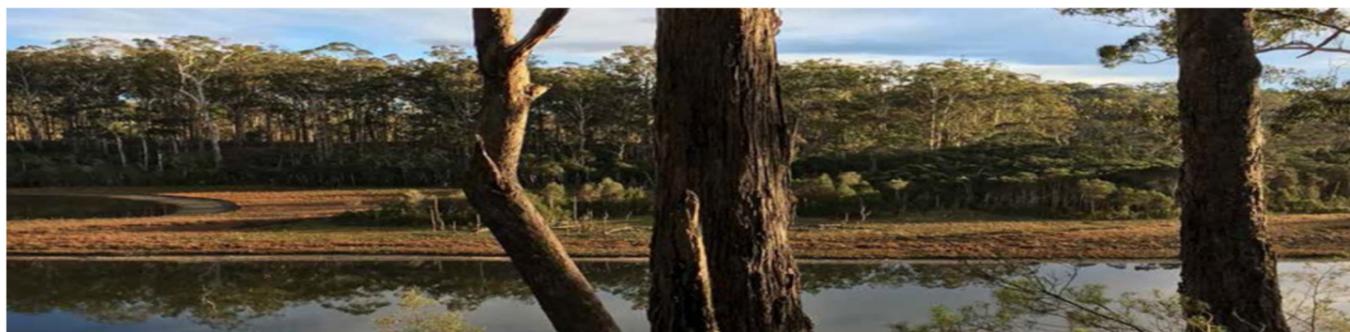
Community Engagement to date

GLaWAC, in partnership with Parks Victoria, gave Traditional Owners, the community and key stakeholders the opportunity to inform the development of this strategy. The consultation process began in late 2017 and has continued to: -

1. Identify the current visitor offer and assess the level of provision against community and visitor expectations.
2. Identify facilities in need of immediate remediation, refurbishment or replacement and priorities for development.
3. Identify the strategic direction for the recreational offer in accordance with the GLaWAC Whole-of-Country Plan, Gunaikurnai and Victorian Government Joint Management Plan 2018, The National Parks Act 1975, the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, and Parks Victoria's corporate goals.

Engage Victoria

This final phase of consultation through Engage Victoria; the Victorian Government's online consultation platform, will allow community the opportunity to provide comment on the Draft Lake Tyers State Park Camping and Access Strategy. These comments will be considered through the finalisation of the strategy which is set for later in 2020



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Lake Tyers State Park Camping and Access Strategy Themes

Theme 1: Protect Aboriginal cultural heritage

In accordance with the National Parks Act 1975 and the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic), we need to ensure all activities in the park adhere to the legislation, encouraging conservation practices and ensure Aboriginal cultural heritage and values are protected.

Theme 2: Environmental protection

The foreshore contains highly significant saltmarsh vegetation that provide crucial habitat for migratory birds, important breeding grounds and shelter for fish. It also preserves precious evidence of continuing Aboriginal cultural heritage and connection to Country for Gunaikurnai.

To conserve the fragile foreshore, we may prohibit driving and camping in defined areas to protect these important values. This goal aligns with the National Parks Act and the Gippsland Lakes Ramsar Plan.

Theme 3: Improve opportunities for Aboriginal community

Identify opportunities and facilities that support Gunaikurnai and the local Aboriginal community to undertake cultural activities to benefit the community as well as cultural tourism and commercial activities.

This aligns with the Gunaikurnai Whole-of-Country Plan and the Joint Management Plan.



Theme 4: Camping sites

Identify, define and upgrade campgrounds in locations where ongoing sustainability can be managed while minimizing the impacts on the environment from camping activities.

Incorporate the concept of 'two separate arms':

- Western Arm - day use
- Eastern Arm - Camping

Theme 5: Boating, fishing and other water-based recreation

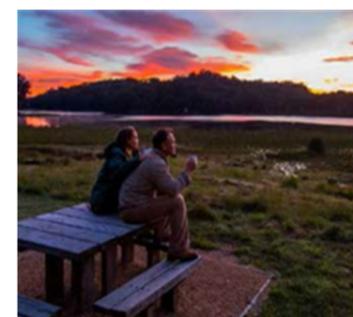
Lake Tyers is popular for boating, canoeing, fishing, watching wildlife, or simply enjoying the natural environment.

The vision is to create designated, purpose built, fishing platforms with kayak launching facilities to minimise impacts on natural and cultural values along the shoreline.

Theme 6: Information, Interpretation, education and enforcement

Develop a structured program of information, Interpretation, education and enforcement to encourage a stronger appreciation that supports care for Country, the Lake Tyers State Park regulations and discourages illegal or inappropriate behavior.

This aligns with the Gunaikurnai Joint Management Plan and Parks Victoria's corporate strategy.



Proposed High Priority Actions

1 Crystal Bay Day Visitor Area

- Upgrade picnic area
- New fishing platform/kayak launch
- New toilets
- New firepit

2 Long Point Day Visitor Area

- Walking trail (only) to replace road access
- New fishing platform/kayak launches

3 Suzie Q Tracks

- Track access closed

4 Cherry Tree Day Visitor Area

- New Interpretive signage
- Toilets - relocate or improve
- Improve walking trail to Burnt Bridge
- Upgrade picnic area
- New firepit
- New fishing platform/kayak launch

5 South Boundary Road

- Last 500m of track access changed to Management Vehicles Only (MVO)

6 Morgan's Landing Track

- Track access closed

7 Trident Arm Boat Ramp

- New toilets
- New formalised small boat ramp
- Day visitor use only (no camping)
- New picnic area
- New fishing platform/kayak launch

8 Trident Arm Campground

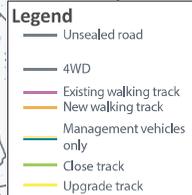
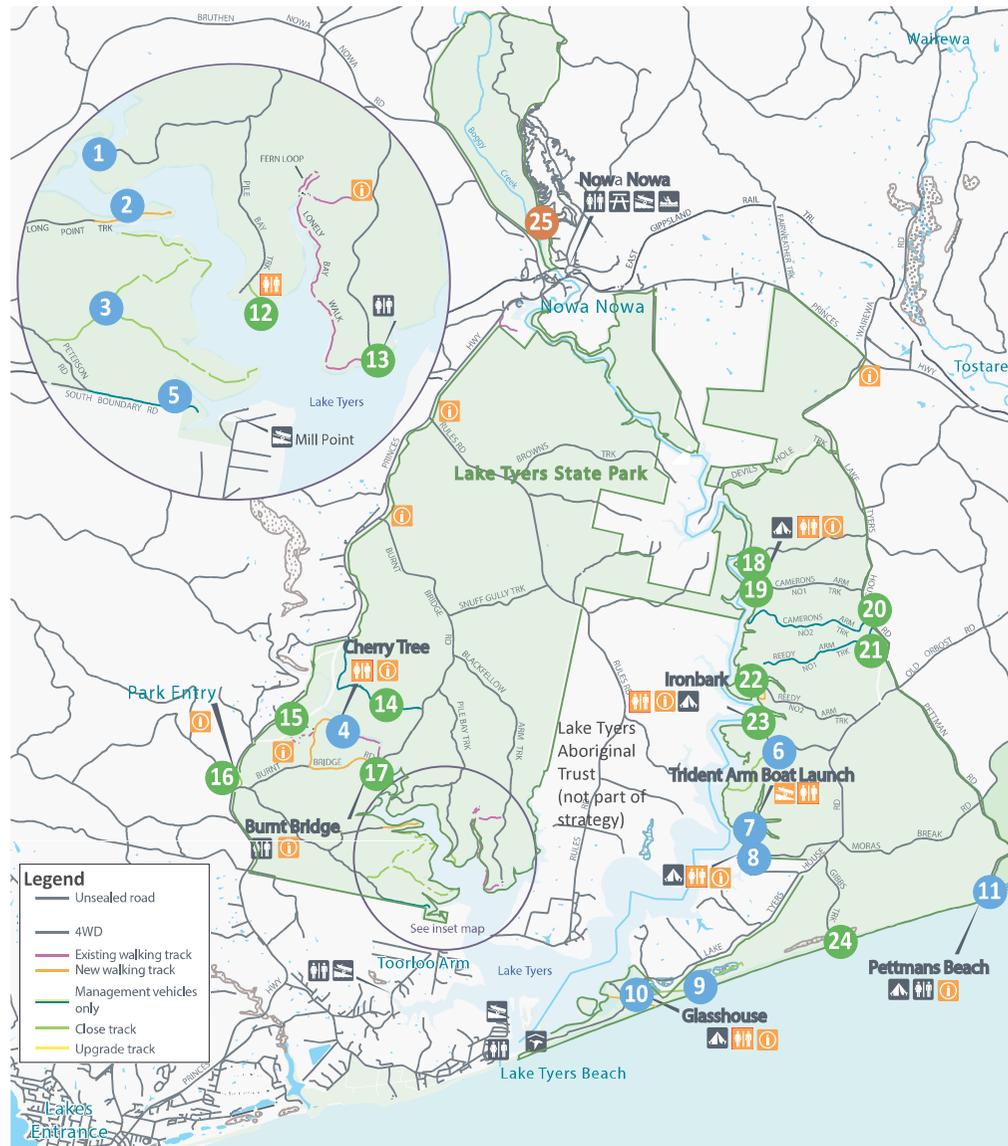
- New toilets
- New walking trail with steps to lakes edge
- Campground to expand in area
- New firepits

9 Glasshouse Access Road

- Informal side track access to beach closed
- Upgrade road access into Glasshouse Campground

10 Glasshouse Campground

- New Interpretive signage
- New day visitor picnic area
- New toilets
- New walking trail and boardwalk to current beach access
- New fishing platform/kayak launch
- New firepits



11 Pettmans Beach Campground

- Improve toilets
- New day visitor picnic area with parking
- New firepits

Proposed Medium Priority Actions

12 Pile Bay Day Visitor Area

- New picnic area
- New fishing platform/kayak launch
- New toilets
- New firepit
- Southern track closed

Note: Implementation of proposed priority actions are subject to available funding.

13 Lonely Bay Day Visitor Area

- New picnic area
- New fishing platform/kayak launch
- Upgrade of toilets
- Upgrade walking track
- New firepit

14 Balmer's Break

- Track access changed to Management Vehicles Only (MVO)

15 Marsdenia Rainforest Walk

- New Interpretive signage
- Boardwalk – improve and widen
- Upgrade walking track

16 Park entry

- Track access (northern loop) closed

17 Burnt Bridge Day Visitor Area

- New Interpretive signage
- New toilets
- Upgrade picnic area
- New firepit

18 Happy Valley

- New fishing platform/kayak launch
- Graded short walk from car park

19 Cameron's Arm Campground

- New toilets
- New fishing platform/kayak launch
- New firepits

20 Cameron's Arm Track 2

- Track access changed to Management Vehicles Only (MVO)

21 Reedy Arm No 1

- Track access changed to Management Vehicles Only (MVO)

22 Reedy Arm Track 2

- New walking trail loop
- New fishing platform/kayak launch

23 Ironbark Campground

- New toilets
- New firepits
- New fishing platform/kayak launch
- Graded walking track to waters edge

24 Gibbs Beach

- Upgrade walking trail from carpark to beach
- New day visitor picnic area with upgraded parking

Proposed Low Priority Actions

25 Mt Nowa Nowa & Nowa Nowa Gorge

- New Interpretive signage
- Upgrade picnic area

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