

Dear Stakeholders

The recent weather conditions across the Otways have been favourable and as a result Parks Victoria, together with Department of Sustainability and Environment, will be commencing their Autumn Prescribed Burn program this week. As a result of these burns a number of roads, tracks and visitor sites will be closed from 0800hrs on the date of the burn until the area can be declared *safe*. Staff will be working to achieve a *safe* condition as fast as possible so that visitation is not disrupted for too long.

At this stage it is proposed to commence the East Otways program with a burn at **Kennett River** on **Tuesday 2 March 2010**. This burn will involve the closure of the following:

Vehicle Tracks

- Kennett Road
- Ridge Road - from Ridge Drive to Kennett Road

Also today, it is proposed to conduct a burn outside the East Otways at Marengo near Apollo Bay.

The second East Otways burn is proposed for **Sharps Road** on **Wednesday 3 March 2010** and will involve the closure of the following:

Vehicle Tracks

- Garvey Track
- Sharps Track

Visitor Sites

- Sheoak Picnic Area
- Sharps Camping Area

Walking Tracks

- Kalimna Falls walking track and link tracks
- Henderson Falls walking Track
- Won Wondah Falls walking Track
- The Canyon walking track
- Cumberland walking track
- Sheoak walking track above Swallow Cave
- Castle Rock walking track

Note: The above closures for the Sharps Road burn will depend on weather conditions and may be for several days for some sites such as Sheoak Picnic Area, Sharps Camping Area and tracks outside burn area to several weeks for the likes of the Kalimna walking tracks

We will endeavour to keep you all informed and up to date as the program is rolled out, however I would encourage you all to monitor the DSE web site each morning <http://www.dse.vic.gov.au> and follow the links bushfire information links to the "Planned Burns Today" web page.

Your assistance with distributing this information is greatly appreciated.

Please call me if you wish to discuss.

Regards

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