

Media Release

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Moroka Hut undergoes a facelift

Good news for visitors to the Moroka River area in the southern section of the Alpine National Park with Parks Victoria announcing that repairs have now been completed on the historic Moroka Hut.

Parks Victoria Ranger Mr Norm White stated that Moroka Hut had sustained significant damage to the chimney/fireplace, structural support poles and the saddle/wood shed at rear of hut.

“The damage caused was mainly due to oversized fires in the fireplace and general vandalism which is very disappointing,” said Mr White

A hard working and competent group of eight volunteers from the Victoria High Country Huts Association (VHCHA) and Latrobe Four Wheel Drive Club gave up their spare time over the Australia Day long weekend and returned to complete this project late last month. Supervised on site by Kerry Dyce and his offsider *Apples*, who are contractors for Parks Victoria, the tireless volunteers worked alongside Parks Victoria Ranger Norm White to replace all damaged (unsafe) parts of the hut and update the hut with suitable materials in keeping with the structural integrity of the hut.

All new materials and rubbish had to be carried in or out as the hut itself is walk-in only and is closed to vehicles to prevent damage to the surrounding area and the hut itself.

Parks Victoria Ranger in Charge Mr Mike Dower stated that Parks Victoria has a great working relationship with the VHCHA and the Latrobe Valley Four Wheel Drive Club. This project is one of many undertaken by the VHCHA this year including rejuvenation of the historic Wallace’s and Fry’s huts, in other parts of the Alpine National Park.

“The support of these groups with projects such as this one and many others across the landscape are critical to the presentation of the Victorian Alps,” said Mr Dower.

The Moroka Hut (circa 1946) is accessible from Moroka Road, accessed through Heyfield and Licola, then a short walk from the carpark of approximately 250m. The area gives visitors an insight into the past and the area surrounding the hut is (on a nice day) a lovely place to relax and have a picnic with the family.

For further information relating to Victoria’s Alpine National Park contact Parks Victoria Information Centre on 13 1963 or visit www.parks.vic.gov.au

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