

DYURRITE, MOUNT ARAPILES – TOOAN STATE PARK
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CVAC'S MESSAGE ABOUT WHERE TO CLIMB AT GARIWERD GRAMPIANS

The Climbing Victoria Advisory Council (CVAC) has been informed that Parks Victoria is currently in the process of meeting with Gariwerd Traditional Owners to discuss arrangements for completing the assessments of 50 possible climbing sites in Gariwerd.

CVAC would like to take this opportunity to thank the vast majority of climbers who have demonstrated respect for the closure of previous climbing areas until they can be assessed and determined to be suitable or not for climbing. Your patience in this regard is the foundation for a healthy, respectful relationship between the climbing community and Traditional Owners in Gariwerd.

Climbers should be aware that the Designated Areas Climbers listed in the Management Plan (GGLMP) are currently the only legal places to climb in Gariwerd. This list can be accessed here: www.parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/grampians-national-park/rock-climbing-in-gariwerd. Your continued cooperation in demonstrating respect for closed areas to protect the rich cultural heritage of the cultural landscape will help to ensure that this list can expand in the near future.

Closure information is also now available on The Crag website, on each crag page. Closed and prohibited cliffs are clearly marked at the top of each page and crags that are Designated Climbing Areas are tagged as "Designated" in the Access Notes. CVAC asks all climbers to check for closures before they plan to climb in Gariwerd and to encourage other climbers to do the same.

CVAC will continue to seek updates from PV on progress of this next series of assessments and update the climbing community as this information becomes available.

Please reach to one of the CVAC organisations listed below that you are connected to for any further queries.

- Western Victoria Climbing Club
- Victorian Climbing Club
- RMIT Outdoors Club
- Crag Volunteers
- ClimbingQTs
- Outdoors Victoria
- Sport Climbing Victoria

