

What is happening with the current lease for the Tawonga Caravan Park?

The current lessees, Bill and Nola Turnbull have advised DELWP that they will not be renewing the final term of their current lease.

When does the current lease term expire?

The current lease expires on 14 May 2020.

What are the options for the future management of the caravan park?

DELWP is working collaboratively with the Alpine Shire Council to consider a number of options for the future management of the caravan park.

This includes temporarily closing the park while a number of facility and infrastructure issues are resolved.

Both DELWP and Alpine Shire Council recognise the important role the park plays in the local community and economy. There is a strong commitment to resolve the issues as quickly as possible.

What facility and infrastructure issues need to be resolved?

The most critical infrastructure issue for the park is the current septic system. The system is operating at full capacity and failing. It is non-compliant with current standards.

Other facilities at the park including the residence / kiosk / office, amenities block, laundry, camp kitchen and recreation room require upgrades.

Works are also required to improve internal roads and drainage, and traffic flow.

What is DELWP doing to address the septic system issues?

More than \$16,000 was spent during the recent Christmas period to pump out the failing system daily. The septic requires either a significant upgrade, or connection to the local sewage system.

A Land Capability Assessment has been completed to inform the best option.

Connecting to the sewerage scheme would be more costly, however, it would provide the best long-term solution both practically and environmentally.

It would also provide greater opportunities for the park to expand its facilities in the future.

How will these works be funded?

Funding for these works is a key requirement with the sewerage connection option recognised as the best outcome for business viability and the environment. DELWP and Alpine Shire Council are currently seeking funding through a number of State Government programs to progress the desired outcome.

Do the current annual agreements carry over to any new lease?

Because the current tenants are not renewing their lease, all current annual agreements will cease on 14 May 2020.

What about patrons' booking beyond 14 May 2020?

Current bookings and associated deposits beyond 14 May 20 will be resolved by the current tenants, Bill and Nola Turnbull. Patrons are encouraged to contact Bill and Nola at the park to make the appropriate arrangements.

What does all this mean for the future of the Tawonga Caravan Park?

If sourcing of funds is successful and upgrades completed, the community can look forward to a greatly improved facility servicing tourism in the upper Kiewa valley.

Where can I get updated information about the future of the park?

Further questions regarding the future of the park can be emailed to DELWP at Landadmin.hume@delwp.vic.gov.au .