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WELSHIES SPORTS CLUB

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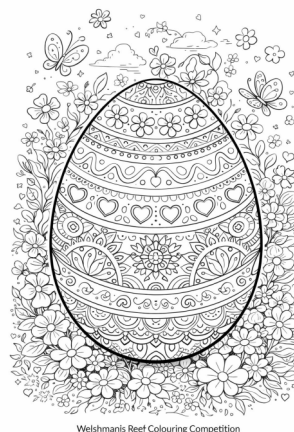
EASTER BUNNY VISITS!
Keep an eye out Sunday at 11am for the Easter Bunny coming to visit Welshie's have your baskets ready!

The Easter Colouring Competition is on again this year. Collect your pages from the office Friday lunchtime.

Have the pages back to the office in by Sunday at 10.30am. Winners drawn after the Easter bunny visit at 11.20am.

Categories are:

- 3-4 years
- 5-6 years
- 7-8 years
- 9-12 years



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WELCOME DONNA AND PETE

Welshmans Reef Water Sports Club welcomed new Caretakers Donna and Pete at the end of 2025. They are pretty sure they have met most of the Annuals around the park now or spoken to you on the phone. They would like to assure all Annuals that they are committed to maintaining the park to the highest standard, continually working to ensure it looks and operates at its best for both Annuals and all visitors. They said to say if anyone needs a hand with clearing their yards of leaves etc give them a call they will support you with what you need.



New committee elected

Our Annual General Meeting was held in November 2025.

The new committee includes: President Renee Whatley, Vice President Cameron Griffiths, Secretary

Lisa Dennis, Treasurer Derek Henry and general committee members Carl Baillie, Nathan Harman, Shane Green, Greg Baker and Danielle Walker.

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM and put their hand up for a role.

We look forward to another successful 12 months.

We will then look at what other priority improvements are needed around our park such as upgrading the basketball court and upgrading roads. We have just had our Annual Arborist check so you may see some trees getting some work done on them to keep us all safe.



KEEPING UP TO DATE

Would you like to read the Minutes from our Committee of Management meetings? We are considering posting them on the Notice Board in the front office after each meeting for anyone interested in keeping up with the activities and management of the park. If this is something you'd like to see, please email us at email at welshmansreefwsc@gmail.com

VISITORS TO THE PARK– BOOKING A CAMP SITE

For those of you who have had friends or family book sites at the park, you will be aware that Donna and Pete are adhering to our fees policy. This policy requires that visitors pay a 50% deposit at the time of booking, with the remaining balance due before their arrival.

Some have asked whether there has been a change to our booking procedures. Please be assured that this has always been the standard process. Like most accommodation providers, requesting payment in advance ensures a more efficient and smooth operation for the park.

WASTE WATER COMPLETED

The installation of Waste Water Treatment Plant has now been completed. We thank you everyone who has helped this project come to life over the past few years. The area where the recycled water is being released has been marked off with tape and a more permanent fence will be erected soon. Please ensure you are not engaging in this space as there are sprinklers installed in there that we do not want to get damaged. Also do not walk your dogs around this area the weeds there are harmful to dogs.



Location:

The site is located in the top southern most area of the park behind casual camping sites 92-96.



Welshman's Reef
Water Sports Club Inc.

Associative Membership!

\$120 per annum
(or \$10 per calendar month payable in advance)

Gives you:

- A code to access our Boom Gate
- Full access to all club facilities
- 50% discount on casual campsite fees (up to a maximum of 14 nights per annum)
- The opportunity to participate in all club activities

Become a member today and help support us in our plight to keep our park open.

If you are interested in becoming an associate member, please email us at welshmansreefwsc@gmail.com and we will send you the application forms. Or you can pick one up from our friendly caretaker at the park.

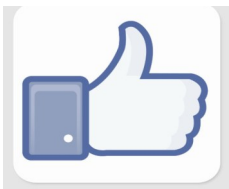


Welshies Social Club News...

Please remember our Recycling System is now in place at the near the front entrance in the vicinity of the rubbish bins. We have dedicated bags for cans, plastic bottles, glass with the 10c signs on them (Wine bottles are not generally included in this collection for Victoria). The funds raised go to our Social Club for park projects.

The Social Club is excited to be installing a Thermometer Meter at the kiosk shortly for our new basketball court fundraising project! This will let everyone see exactly how our fundraising is tracking and know that every dollar raised is going straight towards resurfacing and building the basketball court for all to enjoy. Watch the meter rise and help us shoot for our goal!

If you have a Social Club or merchandise enquiry you can email them direct at welshmansreefsocialclub@gmail.com



Do you follow us on
Facebook?

Like our page **Welshmans Reef Water Sports Club** for all the latest news and happenings at the park.



We've made the difficult decision to postpone the Welshies 2026 Fishing Competition.

Due to current low water levels, along with potential environmental impacts and ongoing permit considerations, we believe it's the responsible call to pause for now. Protecting our waterways and ensuring the event is run properly and legally is our top priority. This wasn't an easy decision, and we truly appreciate your understanding and continued support. We're working through the details and will share updated information and a new date as soon as conditions allow.

The Social Club Committee is currently considering the introduction of a new orange reusable recycling bag to support the recycling system and make recycling easier for day campers and visitors. In addition, garbage bags will be provided to day campers and visitors to assist with appropriate rubbish disposal. Annuals are also kindly requested to bag their rubbish before placing it in the skips, as this would greatly assist with waste management and prevent the bins becoming dirty and smelly.

DOGS ON LEADS

Annuals and guests are reminded that dogs **must** be on leads or safely secured within your site at all times in the park.

We are proud to be a dog friendly park but this is a privilege not a right.

Warnings will be issued to those who fail to keep their dogs on a lead.



Thank you to our supporters



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What's been happening at a glance.....

- We have just had a new CFA Fire Safety Report completed and we all need to do some work to ensure that our sites are clean and tidy, clear of leaf litter and that there is a 1 metre area for fire fighter access around your van and annexe.



The auditor noted in some cases members have firewood, fire boxes and equipment stacked or blocking these important access areas. Can you please ensure you move any items to make your site compliant asap.

Under the new regulations the CFA also require any members with 45 kilogram gas bottles to have these secured to their dwelling with a chain. These should also be placed well away from doorways etc. If you need assistance with ensuring your site is compliant please reach out to us.

- Further to this we have noted some sites have become quite unsightly with access materials stored around sites which really don't need to be there. Please take any extra household items, vehicles etc home and pack excess items away at the end of your stay. We want to ensure the park looks clean and tidy. Your site is your responsibility.

-The same applies to the foreshore. Any marquees, chairs, floats, tyres and other equipment you used should be packed away at the end of your stay. GMW requires us to ensure that the foreshore is clear and tidy at all times.

Please avoid driving over the park's pump hoses (clearly marked with tape) and please avoid driving into damp areas, we have had a lot of cars get bogged of late and GMW frowns on damage to the foreshore and wetland habitat.



-No Hard Rubbish please in our general waste bins. You must take this to the Castlemaine or Maldon Transfer Stations, and no bin waste in the recycle containers, it's not pleasant for the caretakers and social club members who maintain these to sort rubbish out as they have to sort the bins for collection.

-We also ask that no green waste or hard rubbish is placed in the former burn pile. We can no longer have a burn pile as EPA has ordered us to decommission this. Please take this to the local transfer stations.

- Please remember that the disabled toilet at the Smurfs toilet block is reserved for patrons with a disability and for families with young children who require use of the change table. During the recent busy period, the condition of this facility was not acceptable. To ensure it remains clean and accessible for those who need it, misuse may result in the facility being locked, with keys issued only to eligible patrons.

SIGN IN

Please ensure you ask any visitors to your site to stop at the office and sign in on arrival. Overnight guests are welcome and are just required to pay \$15. We need a record of who is in the park in case of emergency.



A WORD ON WASTE

Members are asked to note we no longer have scrap metal and green waste disposal areas. EPA inspected the park and advised these had to be removed. Please take any hard rubbish or scrap home or to Castlemaine Landfill.

PLEASE RECYCLE

Please recycle your cans and plastic bottles in our dedicated bags located near the rubbish bins. This helps us to reduce waste and all funds raised are used by the Social Club on beautification projects around the park.

