

AUTUMN ISSUE 3

the

WELSHIES SPORTS CLUB

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SUMMER SUCCESS!

With the return of the water we also saw the return of plenty of campers over the summer months.

Our members made the most of the balmy conditions over Christmas, New Year, Australia Day weekend, and most recently the March long weekend.

In addition we have had loads of casual campers stay with us over Christmas and New Year, visit the Australia Day weekend and also stop over and enjoy a hiatus at our quiet little park on their travels.

The secret is fast getting out and many of these visitors have vowed to return, snapped up the remaining vans for sale or an Associative Membership (see details on the right of this page).

The high revenue generated from casual campers over the past few months will help with the sewerage upgrades and other works needed around the park.

Thanks to Mark and Karen for their efforts during this busy time.

EASTER FUN

Easter is always a popular time at the park and caretaker Mark has reported we are fully booked!

The club will once again be holding our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 16.

The hunt has become a real tradition.

Children are invited to bring their Easter baskets and gather at the Old Kiosk in the centre of the park for the hunt at 8am. We may even have a special visitor!



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 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.



Fun times galore at Welshies

There has been plenty of activity out at the park over the past few months with members and our many visitors enjoying swimming, boating, canoeing, water skiing, kneeboarding, wakeboarding, paddleboarding, riding biscuits and jetskis. There has also been plenty of keen anglers paying a visit and reaping rewards.

Anglers will be delighted to learn that the Victorian Fisheries Department last week released 70,000 Yellow Belly fingerlings into the reservoir. With over 80% water level in the lake, your catch is practically assured. Day trippers are welcome to use the boat ramp for a \$5.00 fee and parking is free.



VAN FOR SALE—LAST ONE!

With the return of the water the remaining on-site vans for sale have been quickly snapped up over recent months. We now have just one van left for sale! See our website at www.welshmansreefWSC.com.au for more details.



CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

Our hard working social committee has organised yet another fundraiser recently—a Cadbury Chocolate Drive. The chocolate drive featuring the popular Fredo boxes, Easter Eggs just in time for Easter and Confectionary Company sweets raised a profit of \$460. These funds are going to be used to purchase a new Laser-Cut sign for the entrance to the park. Thanks to Simone McKinlay and Deb Rayner for their work on the chocolate drive.

FIRE SAFETY/TEST AND TAG

It's that time of year again where all site holders need to do our fire check and have leads tested and tagged. Please fill in the form emailed/mailed to you and submit it by June 30. Committee member and electrician Wayne Young has offered to conduct test and tagging for \$10, with \$5 going to the club. Call Wayne on 0409 476 392 to organise.

Do you have a current fire extinguisher, fire blanket and working smoke alarm in place? Remember to change your smoke alarm battery with the change in Daylight Savings.

Thank you to our generous supporters

An advertisement for SPA Country Electrical. It features the text 'ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR' at the top, followed by 'SPA COUNTRY ELECTRICAL' in large letters. Below that, it lists 'PH/FAX 5476 4465', 'MOB 0428 764 465', and 'LYNAL & LEONIE BASTIN REC 18672'. At the bottom, it says 'for all your residential, rural & commercial electrical needs'.

An advertisement for M.A. Brumby Bricklaying and Concreting. It features the text 'M.A. BRUMBY BRICKLAYING AND CONCRETING' at the top. Below that, it lists 'Mobile: 0429 333 287', 'Phone: 03 54 614383', and 'Email: m.a.brumbly@hotmail.com'. There are also images of brickwork and concrete work.

An advertisement for David Anderson, Licensed Plumber and Gas Fitter. It features the text 'David Anderson Licensed Plumber and Gas Fitter' in a stylized font. Below that, it lists 'phone 0407 841 240'. There are also blue circular graphics in the background.

DOGS ON LEADS

Dogs are most welcome in our park but they need to be on a lead at all times (with the exception of the shoreline which is GMW managed).



The committee recently introduced a warning system to encourage dog owners to do the right thing.

Owners will receive a warning the first time their dog is off lead, and will be asked not to bring their dog back to the park if it is found off lead a second time.

Of course we understand it can sometimes be difficult to keep our dogs in check and they can get loose, but we encourage everyone to do the right thing to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all park users, including our four-legged friends.

LEND A HAND

We are planning on getting a handyman in to do some gutter cleaning and general maintenance works prior to Easter.

However, if you're spending a weekend or a week at the park and have a few hours spare there are always jobs to attend to.

Whether its painting posts, sweeping paths or raking leaves there is always a long list of jobs we would love to tick off our list.

BE WARY

Site holders and visitors are urged to continue to be wary of snakes in the coming weeks.

Fortunately we haven't spotted too many during the hot weather but with warm weeks still ahead everyone is urged to remain vigilant.

Make sure your site is clean and tidy and there are no wood piles etc for snakes to hide.

If you see a snake please do not try to catch or kill it. Walk away from the snake slowly, keep an eye on it from a safe distance and report it to our caretaker.

Most snakes in Victoria are venomous and will strike if provoked.

SEWERAGE UPGRADES

With the Fire Safety Upgrade now complete the committee of management will be turning our attention to our next major project—our sewerage upgrade.

As previously outlined we have been undertaking extensive research on a range of options for the upgrade of our sewerage system.

GMW is assessing these plans as we speak and work will begin in the coming months to undertake the upgrades of the toilet blocks to include water saving features, which will reduce the amount of water we use and thus the amount of water our new system needs to cater for.

Park member and plumber David Anderson is busy making preparations for the upgrades.

The upgrade works will also demonstrate to GMW that we are dedicated to the continued improvement of the park and have commenced the important sewerage upgrade process.

We aim to undertake the works during the quieter months and in stages to minimise the impact on park users. We ask for everyone's patience and understanding during this important project which is a necessary step for the future of our park.

As part of the upgrades the committee has voted to install a porta-potty dump point alongside the laundry at the central toilet block which will be operated using a token.

We also have plans to factor a disabled toilet and shower into our upgrade in order to cater for campers with disabilities and make the park accessible to all.

RAINFALL

In Nov Cairn Curran received 32 mm rainfall, Dec 22.40mm, Jan 22.60mm, Feb 17.60mm and 34.20mm in March to date.

STORAGE LEVELS

In November 2016 the reservoir was at 99.2%. It now sits at 83.53%! With more rain predicted in the coming months we are hopeful we will have plenty of water to enjoy for some time to come. You can subscribe to GMW and they will email you weekly with the water levels? Just go to: <http://www.g-mwater.com.au/subscribe/>

JOIN US

Committee member Simone McKinlay has recently stepped down. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Simone for her hard work and the efforts she continues to make on our fund raising committee. Anyone interested in joining the committee is invited to email us at welshmansreefws@gmail.com