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the WELSHIES SPORTS CLUB

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HAPPY EASTER !

Happy Easter to all our Members, Associate Members and Guests.

After another 12 months of uncertainty we hope you can stop and relax and enjoy your holiday break with family and friends.

Please play it safe on the water and whilst driving around the park to ensure everyone has a safe and happy break.

Our friends from the Newstead CFA will pop out on Good Friday in the fire truck for their annual collection for the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal. Be sure to show your support for this great cause.

Our Social Club Committee has organised another fantastic Easter Raffle and Colouring Competition. Pop into the Kiosk for details. We are also expecting a special guest to hop in on Easter Sunday at 11am! So keep your eyes and ears open.

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SEWERAGE PROJECT COMPLETE

We are really thrilled to announce that our sewerage project is finally complete and has been signed off by Mount Alexander Shire Council and Goulburn Murray Water.

Thanks so much to all those who worked so hard over the last seven years to get us to this point. Thanks to all the contractors which helped make the project a reality, in particular plumber David Anderson and his team.

We are thrilled that this big ticket item is now off our list and we can focus on some of our other planned works and beautification projects.

New committee elected

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, February 26.

The meeting was once again chaired by Victorian Caravan Parks Association chairman Steve Bartlett and heard the reports of the last 12 months and voted on and unanimously passed our newly prepared association rules.

The new committee includes: President Renee Whatley, Vice President Cameron Griffiths, Secretary Lisa Dennis, Assistant Secretary Anthea Knight, Treasurer Derek Henry and general committee members Dawn Novak, Chris Walker, Carl Baillie and Martyn Wahlert.

Thanks to everyone who attended the AGM and put their hand up for a role. We look forward to another successful 12 months where we can complete our stormwater, grey water and disabled bathroom works and then begin to look at other improvements around our park.

We plan to survey members about what improvements and priorities they would like to see around the park in the coming months.

PLAY IT SAFE ON THE ROAD AND IN THE WATER

Members and guests are urged to play it safe on the water, boat ramp and roads within the park to ensure everyone has a safe and happy Easter. A few reminders:

- We have had some concerning behaviour reported in recent weeks. Please do not allow children and adults to ride on the side steps of utes, holding onto trays or on trailers. Road rules apply. Please ensure everyone is safely seated within your vessel or vehicle. We would hate to see anybody injured while enjoying the park.

- No marquees, cars etc should be within 50 metres of either side of the boat ramp.

- Boats and jetskis should travel in anti-clockwise direction out through the trees and around.

- Vessels and PWC should travel at 5 knots within 50 metres of the bank, those being towed or those in the water.

- Jetski operators please no showboating near bank —make sure you are safely out through the trees away from other vessels and swimmers.

MERCHANDISE PROVES POPULAR

The new Social Club wasted no time introducing a new array of clothing and merchandise which has proven popular. You can select from t-shirts and t-shirt dresses, polo shirts, jumpers, hoodies and jackets to beanies and more recently bucket and baseball caps and stubby holders.

Social Club members Naomi O'Carroll, Sharon Findlay, Bridget Findlay, Debra Hughes, Mark Brumby and Mick McCracken also hit the ground running with Easter fundraisers, raffles and events such as the recent Fishing Comp and have some big plans in store for the year ahead so stay tuned for details!

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

Fishing Comp a success

The Welshmans Reef Social Club's inaugural Fishing Competition held on the weekend of March 5 and 6 has been declared an outstanding success.
Congratulations to all our winners and a huge thank you to all our wonderful sponsors for donating the incredible range of prizes.
A big thank you to our Social Club for all their hard work coordinating the family-friendly event. Winners were as follows:

ADULT
Largest native fish - 43.5cm Janette Pitts
Largest Redfin - 27cm Shaun Brimby
Carp Raffle - Lee Jeske
Lucky prize - Joel Finning
KIDS
Largest native fish - 44cm Charlie Paynting
Largest Redfin - 30cm Charlie Paynting
Runners up - Brok Quinlan/Dane Quinlan
Carp Raffle - Jackson Quinlan
In a great show of sportsmanship Charlie kindly donated his rod back to the club and this was passed onto Kirk.
Thanks to our sponsors which included S P Machinery Maldon which donated a chainsaw and blower vac, Johnny Bastin who donated $100 worth of fishing tackle to the competition, Lyal Eales Stores, Trelly's Outdoor Bendigo, Spa Country Electrical, Maldon Hotel, Crown Hotel Newstead, Newstead Meat Supply, Maldon Butchers, Kerry and Russell of Wardlaw of Welding and Construction Avoca, Redpath Tyre and Battery Service, Crameri's Mitre 10 Maryborough, Fitzpatrick's Home Timber & Hardware California Gully and PJ's H Hardware Maryborough & Flagstaff.

Do you follow us on Facebook?

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

VANS FOR SALE

We currently have one van for sale - Site 19, with Site 104 having sold and and Site 44 under offer. Welcome to our newest members.

Members are reminded if you plan to sell your van we ask that you submit your 'Selling Your Van' form to the CoM. We can then post your van on the www.welshmansreefwsc.com.au, Facebook and advise those on our waiting list. Prospective buyers need to make an application to become a member.

Thank you to our generous supporters

Celebrating 12 months

Our Caretakers Karen and Allan Doolan and pooch Bazal recently celebrated 12 months at Welshies. Thanks to everyone who turned out to the barbecue to help them mark the milestone.

Karen and Allan have done an incredible job since taking on the role and we value their enthusiasm and experience.

They have the park looking fantastic and have expanded the kiosk range to include all those essentials you may need such as toiletries etc.

They also have ice, 9kg gas bottles, ice creams, lollies and some other goodies for the kids. Be sure to pop in and say hello.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR CANS AND CARDBOARD

We have metal drums throughout the park where you can deposit your aluminium cans. The cans are recycled and the funds raised used by our Social Club for beautification projects. We now also have two cardboard bins. Please separate your cardboard and make use of the bins to help us reduce our general waste and impact on the environment.

LITTLE CHAMP

The Welshmans Reef Water Sports Club would like to give a special shout out to one of our newest members Lexie Manton.

A little birdie tells us that Lexie recently competed in the state Special Olympics gymnastics competition and excelled taking out silver in all her events including floor, beam, vault and bars!

She has now been invited to represent Victoria at the Special Olympics Australia National Games in Launceston in October!

Congratulations Lexie!

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.

CAMP FIRE SAFETY

Did you know your campfire must be 3 metres from trees or structures? Please speak to our caretakers about safely disposing of campfire ashes. Wood is for sale at the kiosk.

NEW BARBECUE

Goulburn Murray Water have kindly replaced the public barbecue at the shelter at the entrance to the park. Members, guests and community members can now pop out and enjoy a barbie at Welshies.