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Farewell Renee

After more than 12 years of dedicated service, and a lot of years as President of the Committee of Management, we farewell and sincerely thank Renee for her extraordinary contribution to Welshies. Her leadership, commitment, and passion have helped shape the strong and thriving community we enjoy today at the Caravan park. Throughout her time at the helm, Renee has been instrumental in bringing many significant projects to life. From the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Stormwater projects, to major fundraising initiatives such as the playground redevelopment, as well as countless social events and community activities, her vision and determination have left a lasting impact on our park and many of our lives here in the park. Many of these achievements required years of planning, persistence, and tireless work behind the scenes, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and energy she has devoted to making Welshies better for everyone.

Leading a Committee is never an easy role, and over the years Renee has guided the park through both rewarding and challenging times. She has carried the responsibility of leadership with strength, resilience, and care, often quietly managing the pressures and difficult decisions that come with the position. Without her guidance and steady leadership, we would not be in the fantastic position we are in today.

While we are sad to see her step away from the Committee, we know this next chapter is very well deserved. It is finally time for her to enjoy the fun side of Welshies. On behalf of the entire community, we thank her sincerely for everything she has done and wish her many happy, relaxing, and enjoyable years ahead.

Cheers from the members of the 2026 Committee of Management, Cameron, Derek, Lisa, Nathan, Greg, Carl, Shane & Danielle.

In this issue

- **NEW EMERGENCY EVACUATION MAP**
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- **GENERAL INFO**

We have a new Emergency Management Plan that has gone up in the toilets, front notice board and Emergency Evacuation Point Areas. One Assembly point has been moved recently due to the previous shelter not being fit for purpose. As you can see on the Emergency Evacuation Plan the second Assembly Point is now at the bottom of last road of the park to the right past the casual camp sites and past site 122. The first Assembly Point is still at the first BBQ area as you drive in the gate. You will get this updated Emergency Evacuation in your Member Annual Contract pack shortly. Please put it up somewhere in your van so you know where to go in an Emergency and so do you visitors. In addition to the new Emergency Evacuation Map there is a new Emergency Evacuation Plan for the club. This was in need of an update. You will receive an email shortly with a link to read it at your leisure from our Website.

Welshies Social Sub Com News...

RECYCLING UPDATE!
We introduced our partnership with Envirobank just over a year ago now, how time flies!

Below are our up to date Sustainability stats:
33,192 containers recycled!

Carbon Pollution Savings - CO2 Emissions - 5,455.31 kgs or 1.10 of a return flight from SYD-London

Energy Savings - 18,604.74 k/w hours or 3.10 house-holds annual energy consumption

Water Savings - 51,766.09 litres or 172.55 bathtubs

Landfill Savings - 35.16 wheelie bins

We have just purchased Envirobanks recycling bags for our campers also to help make recycling easy on that front!

We would also appreciate your help in assisting us to keep the bin area clean and tidy.

Massive thanks to our caretakers Donna & Pete who assist in emptying the recycling barrels, sort bags and keep our bin area clean!

Do you follow us on Facebook?

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

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.

COM's wish list is:

Basketball Court

Pump Track

New Swings

Thank you to our supporters

MURPHY & SON ELECTRICAL

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Delacombe, 3356
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What's been happening at a glance.....

After the CFA Audit and our callout for items that needed fixing from the last newsletter most sites have adhered to this and we thankyou very much. There are still a few sites that need to chain up their 45 plus gas bottles. The chain needs to make the gas bottle secure to the wall, not so no one can steal it. We are thinking fire/storm/flood. There are a few people that don't have a 1 metres gap between their van and their neighbour and you will receive and email to clean this up ASAP . Within two weeks we will be finalising our Fire Plan with the CFA and the Council will then come out to inspect the park and make sure we are compliant. Just have another check between you and your neighbour, IF ITS NOT ONE METRE CLEARANCE PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR WALK WAY. This is so if there was a fire the fire fighters could get through.

-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, itis 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. We will be erected a permanent fence soon to let members know you cannot dump your hard rubbish or green waste. If you have either of these things you need to take them away yourself. Pete can help with your green waste if you go and ask him for help.

-Packs are going out this week with your Contracts and some new information regarding new timelines for Contract packs back and payments due. Please make sure you get your paperwork is back by the 30th of June 2026.

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.

PREBOOKING SITES: If you would like to book a site a year in advance you need to see Donna and Pete in the office. Before you arrive would be best to secure your spot and time for the following year. If you are already camping and want to book for the following year head to the office and secure it as soon as you can.

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.