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the WELSHIES SPORTS CLUB

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HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

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

It will be fantastic to be able to enjoy Welshies at Easter after covid forced the park to close prior to Easter in 2020.

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

Our new Social Club Committee has organised an Easter Raffle and Colouring Competition with six prizes on offer. Pop into the Kiosk for details. We are also expecting a visit from a special guest on Easter Sunday!

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WELCOME KAREN AND ALLAN!

Just after Christmas we sadly said farewell to our Caretaker Sarah Brandhoff. We would like to thank Sarah for all her hard work over the last two years and wish her well for the future.

We were very fortunate to welcome on board experienced caretakers Karen and Allan Doolan in the interim to assist us until the AGM and they have since agreed to undertake a further three months. The couple have done an incredible job since taking over in January and we are delighted to announce that they are keen to stay on long term. Karen and Allan are pictured here with their pooch Bazal who has been dubbed 'The Welcoming Committee' as he likes to greet everyone.

New committee elected

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, February 27.

The meeting was chaired by Victorian Caravan Parks Association chairman Steve Bartlett and heard the reports of the last 12 months and a wonderful address by Inaugural President Tony Knight who spoke passionately about the fight to save the park , plan the works needed to upgrade it and secure the lease from GMW. Thanks to Tony for sharing his insights with our new and existing members.

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 Lisa Watts, Chris Walker, Dawn Novak and Lynal Bastin.

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 sewerage works and then begin to look at other improvements around our park.

PLAY IT SAFE ON THE WATER

Members and guests are urged to play it safe on the water to ensure everyone has a safe and happy Easter. A few reminders:

- Please watch your speed entering and exiting the boat ramp and when driving around 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.

- Lifejackets should be worn by those in vessels, using PWC and by those being towed.

- We urge parents to supervise their little ones in the water at all times and ideally ensure they are wearing a lifejacket.

See signage at the boat ramp for more.

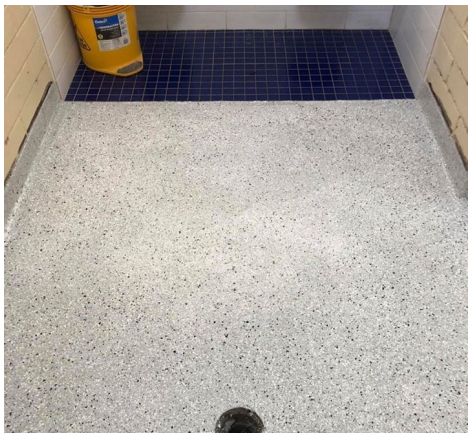
NEW SOCIAL CLUB FORMED

The founding members of our Welshmans Reef WSC Social Club Simone McKinlay and Deb Rayner recently stepped back from the role as they have both now sold their vans. We would like to sincerely thank Simone and Deb and all their supporters for their wonderful efforts organising various fundraisers and events. They used the funds raised to undertake numerous beautification projects around the park including our entrance signage, improvements to the area outside the kiosk, rock walls etc.

The pair have handed the mantle over to a handful of keen members which include Naomi O'Carroll, Sharon Findlay, Bridget Findlay, Debra Hughes, Mark Brumby and Mick McCracken. We thank the new Social Club for taking on this important task and wish them well with their endeavours. They have hit the ground running with Easter fundraisers and events and have some big plans in store including reigniting our apparel and stubby holders sales so stay tuned for details!

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

Park Upgrade Update

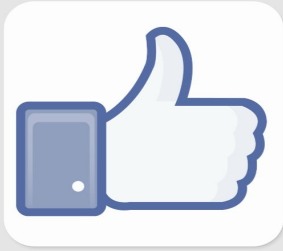


During the Coronavirus Lockdowns in 2020 our Committee of Management undertook refurbishment works in the 'Smurfs' Amenities retiling the showers, resurfacing the floors, rehanging the doors and repainting throughout. Thanks to all those members and contractors which contributed to the project. We are delighted by the final result. Many had nicknamed the block 'Taj 2' but one of our lovely members installed some fun new 'Smurfy' signage to remind us of the blue old days!

The next project on the agenda is the final stage of our Sewerage Upgrade works which will see a 22,000 litre concrete tank installed in the first pond at the entrance to capture any overflow from our septics. Unfortunately the tanks arrival was delayed due to coronavirus shortages and more recently due to the floods, but works have begun to prepare the site for the adjoining truck pad and a dump point. We hope the works will be able to commence shortly and once work begins it should be completed very quickly. We can then look at what other works may be required in our lease before seeing what other redevelopment projects we would like to undertake in the park.

PLEASE RECYCLE YOUR CANS

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 around the park so please support this initiative. It's great for the environment and the park!



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 don't currently have any onsite vans for sale with Sites 1, 59 and 65 recently being snapped up! 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.

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Come and say hello!

Hi Everyone,

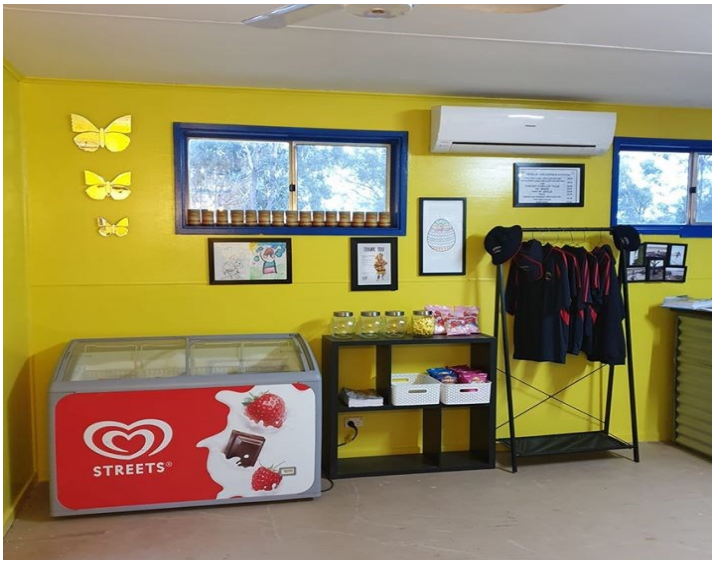
As you have already read in this newsletter we are only new here.

The original plan was that we only help out for three months but we have also succumbed to the magic of Welshies and decided to stay!

Therefore the Kiosk is a work in progress!

We have ice, 9kg gas bottles, ice creams, lollies and a few more goodies.

Come and have a look at what we have, but with the weather getting cooler now we will work on being re-stocked for next season.



If you have anything you would like us to stock, please let us know.

Look forward to meeting you all.

- Karen & Allan.

LOOKING OUR BEST

Members are asked to keep their sites clean and tidy and free of leaves and long grass.

Please speak to Karen and Allan about where you can deposit green waste.

We also ask that members avoid having wood piles and materials stacked around their site as this can be a haven for snakes.

If you are unwell or haven't had a chance to visit Welshies for a while please let us know and we can organise a tidy up of your site.

If you're having a site clean up please remember that hard rubbish such as furniture, appliances, bikes etc needs to be taken home or to the local tip. Our Cleanaway bins are for general waste only.

SIGN IN

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

DOG FRIENDLY PARK

We pride ourselves on being a dog-friendly park but ask that you please keep your dog on a lead or in an enclosed area on your site. Dogs should not be left unattended for long periods.