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the WELSHIES SPORTS CLUB

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MERRY CHRISTMAS CAMPERS!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members and visitors this festive season.

We have our very own real life Christmas Tree thank to annuals Lisa and Brendan Watts! Thanks Guys!

Caretaker Sarah has also be adding some festive flair to the park with lights and decorations. Thanks to all those who donated items for the displays.

Rumour has it we are expecting a visit from Santa Claus on Christmas Night as he makes his way home to the North Pole so be sure to keep and eye out!

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WOOD RAFFLE RETURNS

Our Welshmans Reef Water Sports Club social committee have been hard at work again organising another one of their popular wood raffles just in time for the busy season. And they will be giving away not one but two loads of wood!!!

Pick up your tickets at the office today! Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. The raffle will be drawn on New Year's Eve. First prize is a trailer of wood and a dog treats hamper. Second prize is a trailer of wood.

Upgrades continue

Work has now been completed on the upgrade of all the fixtures on our two main toilet blocks.

Both toilet blocks now have new water saving toilets, shower heads, flick-mixers, solar hot water and automatic taps.

The tiling of the urinals in both blocks is also now complete.

The Committee of Management is currently looking at costings for the upgrading of lighting and tiling in the 'Smurf' toilet blocks.

The CoM met recently with representatives of Goulburn Murray Water and Mount Alexander Shire Council to discuss plans for Stage 2 of the project which will involve the upgrade of sewerage infrastructure, pipes and the ponds. Plumber David Anderson has recently installed water meters on the toilet blocks and ponds to gauge water usage to assist us in finalising the plans.

We aim to complete the plan and begin work on Stage 2 in the new year. We will strive to undertake the works in quiet periods to avoid disruption to campers.

TAKE A SEAT

The club was recently able to install two new metal bench seats thanks to a donation by club member David Anderson.

The bench seats are located on site 111 and adjacent from the 'Smurf' toilet block and provide the perfect spot to enjoy a quiet break and take in the lake vistas. Thanks Dave!

SNAKE SEASON

It's that time of year again! The snakes are out and there have reportedly been a number of bites to both humans and pets in the local region so we urge you to be wary. Please don't leave wood or materials stacked around your site which could provide a haven. If you see a snake please don't try to approach it. Contact our caretaker for assistance and we can call a snake-catcher.

KEY COLLECTION

There are still a number of keys which remain outstanding. We ask all annuals to provide a spare key to our caretaker to be placed in our lockable key safe in case of emergency. We have had incidents where vans have incurred storm damage and we couldn't access them.

PLAY IT SAFE THIS SUMMER

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer at Welshies. Please observe boating and park rules to ensure a safe summer for all. Please drive at walking pace at all times, make sure you supervise little ones on the roadways, boat ramp, in the amenities and on the playground and ensure your kids wear their helmets.

Can I have a barbecue, light a camp fire or light a fire for warmth or comfort?

During Fire Danger Period

No, unless:

- the wind is not more than 10km/h (this can be observed if leaves and small twigs are in constant motion)
- the fire is lit in a **properly-constructed fireplace** or in a trench at least 30 centimetres deep
- the area within a distance of 3 metres from the outer perimeters of the fire and the uppermost point of the fire is clear of flammable material
- the fire does not occupy an area in excess of 1 square metre and the size and dimensions of solid fuel used are the minimum necessary for the purpose
- A person is in attendance at all times while the fire is alight and has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire
- the fire is completely extinguished before the person leaves

Note that the CFA Act 1958 defines, a properly-constructed fireplace as a fireplace that is constructed of stone, metal, concrete or any other non-flammable material that contains the perimeter of the fire. A commercially-produced barbecue is considered a properly-constructed fireplace.

On Total Fire Ban Days

All camp fires, fires for warmth or personal comfort are banned during Total Fire Ban Days. Solid and liquid fuel barbecues and ovens (including hangis) are also banned during Total Fire Ban Days.

No, unless:

- the barbecue uses only gas or electricity and is a permanently fixed structure built of stone, metal, concrete or another non-flammable material designed exclusively for meal preparation, or is designed and commercially manufactured exclusively for meal preparation (including portable barbecues), and when alight is placed in a stable position
- the area within a distance of 3 metres from the outer perimeter of the barbecue is clear of flammable material
- you have either a hose connected to a water supply or a container with at least 10 litres of water for immediate use
- an adult is there at all times when a fire is alight who has the capacity and means to extinguish the fire
- the fire is completely extinguished before the adult leaves.

Tree maintenance undertaken

We have invested in extensive tree maintenance works at the park over the last few months.

The works followed a severe storm which resulted in quite a bit of damage around the park and a narrow escape for one van when a tree brought down a powerline and uprooted one of our power poles which came to rest against the van's flyover.

A number of dangerous trees and branches have since been removed and we will continue to have regular visits by an aborist and audits done to identify any trees of concern.

TIMELY REMINDER

We are very fortunate that a bin fire at the park recently was quickly contained. Members and campers are reminded that our waste bins are for domestic rubbish only and larger hard rubbish should be taken to the tip. All green waste and ashes should placed in the designated areas at the rear of the park. If you are unsure what to do please ask our caretaker.

Do you follow us on Facebook?

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

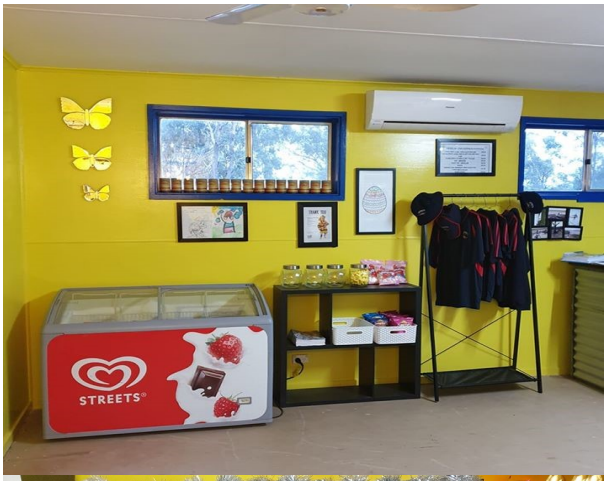
VANS FOR SALE

If you've enjoyed your visit to Welshies we have some great sites up for grabs including 1, 39 and just listed 66. See our website at www.welshmansreefwsc.com.au for details. Members are asked to note that if you are intending to sell your van you must complete an 'Intention to Sell' form and the prospective buyer needs to make an application to become a member.

Thank you to our generous supporters

Kiosk fully stocked and ready

Our caretaker Sarah Brandhoff has given our kiosk a sunny new make over and has it fully stocked for the busy summer season ahead. Here are a few words from Sarah…



Hello from the newly decked out and painted Welshies Kiosk. If you haven't already been in, do yourself a favour and come and have a look. I'm sure you will be surprised.

- From December 27 hot food will be available.

- Forgot your sunscreen, need Aeroguard, not feeling so great after a long day on the lake? I've got you covered with Hydrolyte icy poles and Berocca.

- Ran out of plates, glad wrap, tin foil, pegs? Never fear as I have them too.

- Batteries? How many AA and AAAs do you need?

- Kids used all the shampoo and conditioner? It's okay I have some of that as well.

- Tired and exhausted, just want to chill with a movie? Go no further than the kiosk, I have a great selection for hire.

- Soft drink, water, lollies, snacks and of course ice creams are all here for your pleasure.

- Decided to go fishing? Come and see me to get your worms.

- Don't you hate it when you run out of gas half way through cooking! It's okay as I have some Swap and Go Gas Bottles.

- Nothing is better than an icy cold drink on a hot summers day. That's right ice is also available.

- Welshies Social Club Merchandise—Stubby Holders and Caps can be found everywhere you look in the kiosk.

If I don't have what you are looking for and you think I should stock it please let me know. Look forward to seeing you all.

– Sarah

VISITORS

Please ask any visitors to your site to stop at the office and sign in. We need a record of who is in the park in case of emergency. Overnight visitors are welcome. Just pay $15 at the kiosk.

CAMP FIRE SAFETY

Did you know your campfire must be 3 metres from trees or structures? See the CFA brochure on page 2 for more. Fires are not permitted on Total Fire Ban. Watch out for our signs.

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.