SPRING ISSUE 2

the WELSHIES SPORTS CLUB

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THE WATER IS BACK!

Well how was that rain! Many of us have heard the tales of how the lake can fill up within 24 hours if rain falls in the right place, but it was amazing to see how quickly the barren paddocks were transformed back into our lakeside paradise.

Our thoughts were with our friends in Baringhup which was once again inundated following the long awaited deluge.

Whilst the water is back its important for campers and in particular those boating and fishing be aware that a large amount of debris have been uprooted by the floods and could be a hazard. Please enjoy your activities with caution.

It has been great to see so many campers and visitors popping out to enjoy the park over the last few weeks.

Be sure to tell your family and friends to be quick to book for the summer holidays as places are filling up fast!

GET INVOLVED

Our Welshmans Reef Waters Sports Club Annual General Meeting is coming up next Saturday, November 12 at 12 noon.

The meeting will be held at the caravan park and all current members, associate members and interested community members are invited to come along.

The meeting will be followed by a barbecue lunch.

The committee would like to thank former secretary Jackie Beith for her outstanding efforts in the role since the inception of our club. Jackie continued in the role for months until a replacement could be found after welcoming her beautiful twins and we are extremely grateful.

Why not consider joining our committee? Our hard working team can always do with an extra set of hands.

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It's all systems go at Welshies

Earlier this year the Welshmans Reef Water Sports Club Committee voted to form a social committee and opened a separate fundraising account with the Maldon and District Community Bank. Funds being raised by the enthusiast new group are being used to undertake minor improvement works around the park.

The social committee held a wood raffle and social function at the Crown Hotel at Newstead and has also been using the funds from our Club Lotto and recent Melbourne Cup Sweep to finance the works.

Improvement works have seen the old kiosk fitted with a roller door, door and window and power connected, concreting outside the main kiosk, the construction of rock mesh walls at our entrance and more recently around the main kiosk area.

A huge thank you to social club members Deb Rayner and Simone McKinlay who have been the driving force behind this project.

Special thanks to Mark Brumby who donated materials and his time to get this job done. We are so happy with the work and cannot recommend Mark highly enough.

The old bark chip and ragged garden around the main kiosk were removed to make it compliant with our Fire Upgrades and a new concrete slab has been poured, cut and coloured.

Construction has now begun on rock mesh walls. Some new seating and possibly some shade cover may be added down the track.

SNAKE WARNING

With summer fast approaching campers are reminded snakes are becoming much more active. We urge all site holders to keep their sites tidy, keep grass down and ensure there are no piles of wood etc which could provide a haven for snakes.

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.

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FIRE UPGRADE COMPLETE

After months of hard work installing water tanks, hose reels and associated plumbing the Fire Safety Upgrades to the park have been completed.

We recently received conformation that the Country Fire Authority has passed our Fire Audit.

Many thanks to David and Bryce Anderson, fellow contractors, and also all those who volunteered their time to make this important project a reality.

Site holders are reminded they are required to keep their sites clean and tidy to prevent fire hazards. Please ensure grass is kept short and there is no wood or flammable materials around your site.

With repairs now complete on the ride-on mower our caretaker Mark will also be getting stuck into grassed areas as a matter of urgency.

Is your fire audit up to date? Do you have a current fire extinguisher, fire blanket and smoke alarm in place? Did you change your smoke alarm battery with the change of Daylight Savings? If you have any queries speak to caretaker Mark.

VANS FOR SALE

With the return of the water we have had a number of vans snapped up in recent months. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members to the park and say farewell to those moving on. There are currently 5 vans for sale: Nos 12, 16, 40, 70, and 79. Be sure to let your friends and family know the water has returned and there are still sites up for grabs. See our website at www.welshmansreefwsc.com.au for more details.

The next step

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 in our last newsletter our committee has been undertaking extensive research on a range of options for the upgrade of our sewerage system.

In the meantime we have been advised to undertake a series of works to demonstrate to Goulburn Murray Water that we have commenced this process.

These include:

1.Conversion of all toilet and urinal cisterns to dual flush low volume cisterns.
2. Conversion of all sink taps to spring loaded timer taps that cut out after 10 seconds.
3. Installation of timers on all showers limiting shower times.
4. Removal of all existing septic tanks and installation of double 3,500 litre in-line plastic tanks in their place ie two 3,500 litre tanks for each block and one for the house.
5. Installation of pump wells and pumps at exit of each pair of in-line septic tanks.
6. Replacement of all sewer lines from source to ponds. It may be possible to achieve this by the installation of 60ml plastic line which could potentially be forced along the inside of the existing terracotta pipes. This would obviate the need for trenching. If trenching was required it would be very cheap to dig as its only 60 mls.

LEND A HAND

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 and gutters or raking leaves there is always a long list of jobs we would love to tick off our list.

If you'd like to help please have a chat to our caretaker Mark.

RAINFALL

In June Cairn Curran received 48.80mm rainfall, July 51.80mm, Aug 50mm, Sept a whopping 149.80mm!, Oct 63mm and to date in Nov we have had 4mm.

STORAGE LEVELS

In Nov 2015 the reservoir was at 24.3%. It now sits at 98.7%! In July the lake was just 23%, Aug 39.2%, Sep 94% and Oct 98.7%. 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/