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the WELSHIES SPORTS CLUB

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WELCOME SARAH

The Committee of Management recently farewelled caretaker Mark Hanson and wife Joanne and has appointed club member and local resident Sarah Brandhoff in the role of temporary caretaker.

Sarah was one of our top candidates for the role when it was advertised in March 2018 and we are fortunate that she was able to step in just after new year and has hit the ground running, getting stuck into cleaning the amenities, cutting and watering lawns and getting the bookings in order in the lead up to Australia Day, the March long weekend and Easter.

Sarah has grown up around caravan parks and has a wealth of experience to offer.

"My family had a Bedford Bus decked out as a motorhome. We travelled extensively around Victoria and Tassie. My dad would do maintenance at caravan parks and mum and I would do cleaning."

Sarah also has experience in administration and project management.

She has been appointed on a three month trial and all parties being happy we hope Sarah will be around the park for a long time to come. Please make her feel welcome.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The young and young at heart are invited to once again come along and enjoy the fun of our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 21. Annuals and campers are invited to gather at the old kiosk at 9am and await the arrival of the Easter Bunny who will lead the hunt!

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Busy few months

It has been a busy few months at the park with a new committee of management elected, the sewerage upgrades commencing, a new caretaker welcomed, and lots of annuals and campers enjoying the park over Christmas, New Year and the Australia Day long weekend.

Thanks to the annuals and campers that pitched in to have the park ready for the rush.

Despite the low water levels lots of members and day trippers enjoyed boating, fishing, jet-skiing and paddling to escape the heat.

Club members and guests are urged to remember to leave clearance around their vans and sites for fire safety.

Please park boats and extra cars in the main car park if needed and encourage visitors to leave their vehicles in the parking provided outside the park. It's important emergency vehicles can access all areas if required. Boat maintenance and refuelling should also be done in the car park.

GREEN WASTE

Club members are reminded that it is your responsibility to keep your site clean, tidy and fire safe.

If you have any green waste or leaf matter you can move it to the dedicated site for green waste at the rear of the park.

Please ensure you do not have wood or other materials stacked around your site which could be a fire hazard or haven for snakes. If you're having trouble maintaining your site for health reasons etc, please contact the CoM for assistance.

KIOSK FULLY STOCKED

New caretaker Sarah has the kiosk fully stocked in preparation for the long weekend and Easter. She will be offering frozen meat packs, fresh bread, cold drinks, ice creams, lollies, chips, ice, gas bottles, bait, newspapers and much more.

The kiosk also stocks our club apparel and stubby holders with funds going to the social club to be used for park improvements.

SUGGESTION BOXES

The CoM is going to place suggestion boxes and visitor books in our laundry blocks shortly and welcomes feedback about the park and what club members and guests love about the park and any suggestions for improvement. The CoM has lots of ideas but we would love to hear from you!

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.

Upgrades continue

The upgrades to the amenities in the 'Taj Mahal' toilet block closest to the kiosk were completed by plumber Dave Anderson and team just prior to Christmas.

The upgrades included the installation of new dual flush toilets, water saving taps and shower heads and flick mixers in the showers. The works also included the installation of solar hot water systems which are set to save the club a significant amount in gas costs. The works signal the beginning of our sewerage upgrade.

Works to replace the amenities in the 'Smurf' toilet block will commence shortly. The CoM thanks members for their patience as works are carried out. The upgrades are a critical part of our sewerage upgrade works, which are one of the requirements of our lease with GMW.

Once the toilet blocks are upgraded we will upgrade pipelines etc and then replace the ponds with dedicated tanks.

SITE HOLDERS AGREEMENTS

Thanks to the members who have filled in the site holders agreements. We still have a large number outstanding. Please ensure you print the main document and schedule and sign all relevant pages, including the bottom of the final page. Copies of the agreement at available at the office if required. Several members have expressed concerns about the reference to 'park owners'. This is a standard Vic Parks form and unfortunately can't be altered. Thanks for your understanding.

GATE CODES

The CoM reminds members that you should only use one gate code per vehicle. If you have visitors or overnight guests please ask them to stop at the office for a gate code and to sign our Visitors Register. Overnight guests also need to pay the $15 fee. It is important we know who is in the park in case of emergency.

VANS FOR SALE

If you've enjoyed your visit to Welshies we have some great sites up for grabs including 70, 41 and 85. 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.

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