



UP THE CREEK

JERUSALEM CREEK NEWS LETTER

EASTER 2010

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Happy Easter

Happy Easter,

Yes I know it's been a long time since I have communicated with you all except for the occasional site visit or house boat visit. (but as you can see we have been busy)

Welcome to our first news letter called "UP THE CREEK" it is our intention to produce this publication quarterly. Its purpose is to communicate the initiatives and activities happening around the Park and Marina.

I must say that the past 8 months have gone so quickly, firstly the settling in period, then the August and September rains that saw the lake rise to its peak of 34.87%. A difficult time when Rod was hospitalised over this period. This left Adie and I to merge the marinas back together. Interesting to say the least, when I had no experience what so ever in this part of our operation. Thankfully Adie stood up to the challenge and between the both of us we got the job done.

Lets fix up the kiosk, we revamped the shop with new vinyl flooring in the kitchen, flooring to replace the ageing vinyl tiles through out, replaced the coffee machine, chip cooker, oven and grill, purchased a pizza oven, placed beer on tap and gave the place a very good lick of paint.

Melbourne cup week end "WOW" with the higher than average lake level and the fantastic weather I don't think I have ever seen so many people here. What a fantastic start to the season.

Clean up time after Melbourne cup week end that saw some 900 tyres removed from behind the work shop, an auction that removed the ageing fleet of equipment, the purchase of new equipment and time to get into Xmas mode.

Xmas and New Year went very well with minimal fuss, Live entertainment on New Years eve with Nathan Lambourne was well received. Nathans music must have woken the gods when at 11.55pm the sky's opened and we received a huge dump of rain. This was followed up the next night with lots of lighting and thunder and again rain. We lost power for 18 hours due to this storm.

So after the Xmas period it was time to clean up the park.

Foreshore clearing, mowing, road sweeping, up grades to the hot water services, building the new poo barge known as "TURDEL" aptly named because its slow and resembles a turtle.

Any way enough from me, a final note, thank you for all your support and assistance over the past 8 months. I hope you find this publication informative and use full and I hope to see you all soon.

Bruce & Toni Vance

STAFF

Karl and Irene have decided to move on to peruse further interests in Melbourne. Thank you Karl & Irene for you commitment to the Park and Marina over the past 3 years. We wish you all the very best in your new endeavours.

Who is who around the traps.

Rod Harland Holiday Park & Marina Manager

Rod is accountable for the management of the park and marina including maintenance, Initiatives and future development strategy. Assisting Rod in achieving this is:

Adie Rolf, John McNeil & Errol Kallelea

Wendy McNeil Customer Service Manager

Wendy is accountable for the day to day management and running of the kiosk, Stock ordering, Boatels, customer service, shop and restaurant development. Assisting Wendy with this is:

Lynda Bridger, Toni Vance and the Part time team

Carolyn Osler Administration

Carolyn is accountable for all the day to day financial tasks of our Park & Marina

Shayne Sluka

Shayne is your point of contact over the peak periods for any issues arising throughout the evening and night. You will see Shayne through out the evenings so if you have any issues give him a call and he will only be to happy to assist.



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New efficient hot water services bring the capacity of hot water from 800lt to 2400lt per ablution block.
Refurb of Boatel "Goulburn" including internal and external
General Painting, Bin enclosures, and hot water surrounds.
Gate control system



Royal Children's Hospital Appeal
Easter Sunday

Please Give Generously

Thank You to The CFA Volunteers
For their efforts of the Past Fire
Season

What's next

We will be starting on the Marina during the winter months our vision for the marina over the next 12 months will include: General maintenance of bollards, walk ways and pontoons along with purchase of new equipment such as solar lighting, pontoons and fenders. This will start to bring the Marina back up to scratch again. New paint and cables, damaged sections removed and the introduction of a Windy parking bay will see our marina become a lot more user friendly and safe for all to enjoy.

Foreshore clearing has started and I am sure you will agree it has made a significant difference. We will be continuing this process over the coming months. Once this has been achieved we will be defining lake edge access tracks. This ultimately means that there will be 3 access maintained roads and deviation from these tracks will be out of bounds. i.e. no recreational 4wd or motorcycles allowed. If you are unaware we do not hold what is known as a recreational 4wd / motorcycle zone. This means that you are prohibited from riding or driving (apart from the defined roads that we will create) on the Foreshore area. So please adhere to these rules. You can also help us to stop offenders by asking them to cease this activity.

After Easter we will be starting to refurbish the Ablution blocks starting at Block 3 then Blocks 2 and finally Block 1. You can expect to see fully lined blocks, new bowls, showers and the introduction of family / disabled shower rooms. Partition cubicles will enable us to create extra showers and toilets in some cases.

Please note that Block 3 will be decommissioned and out of bounds as it will become a construction zone. Please use either Block 2 or 1 during this period.

Roads and drainage are huge problems at the moment and we are aware that many of the tracks need to be re-crowned and crushed rock laid however please be patient as until we have fixed the storm water drainage issue there is no point in fixing the roads. You will start to see the changes soon. We will also be introducing new street signage and speed limits throughout the park.

Evacuation and emergency process. We are currently in conjunction with the CFA, GM-water, SES and Police developing a contingency process in the event of an incident. This will be communicated with you soon. Watch this space.....



Easter 2010 Colouring Competition

Age divisions up to 5yrs, 6 to 10yrs, 11yrs +

Entries close 12 midday Easter Sunday

Your Name

Age

Things you need to know

New Security System

We have introduced a new security system that allows us to gain full control of our Park and Marina. This new system enables us to know exactly who is entering and leaving of park via new software that communicates with our CCTV system (camera). This was necessary capital expenditure due to loose management of the security system, antiquated access control and software, and reporting contingency.

So what does this mean in English???

The new system clearly shows who is in or out of the park. In the event of an emergency we can produce a report and hand it to the emergency services to ensure all marina and holiday park users are accounted for. (a requirement under OH&S law) And finally your assets, such as boats and equipment, through the CCTV (cameras) and access soft ware in the event of theft we can identify the offenders through time recording and reporting. Previously you may of thought this was provided but it wasn't.

Access to park

2 hard cards will be issued per owner of Site or Houseboat

Pin Access Available (See Wendy) to Annual Marina and Holiday Park Users

Pin Access Available for Marina and Holiday Park Visitors. (Must Register at Kiosk)

Tree removal

Many people have concerns with stressed trees around the park as do we, so what is the process?

Firstly we are not allowed to remove trees, we will be conducting a full arborist report next month, based on the findings of the arborist, we will then seek approval and permits from both GM-Water and the Murrindindi Shire council to removed identified trees. Then we will be seeking the services of a professional tree lopping company to remove such trees. If you have a concern please notify Wendy at the kiosk so we can start to create a list of trees that we will ensure are reviewed by the arborist and report back to you of his findings.

10/30 right

Current state government legislation allows us until the 30 June 2010 to remove vegetation that fits the following criteria. Now's your only chance to clean up your site and make them more efficient and safe in the event of a wild fire.

The Rules are:

- Remove and destroy or lop any vegetation within 10 meters of a building used for accommodation
- Remove and destroy or lop any vegetation, except trees (i.e. ground fuel) within 30 meters of a building used for accommodation

Any large trees that you intend to remove by your self will need to have a felling plan and Rod or Bruce must be informed prior to felling

Feral Cats

We are currently undertaking a trapping programme to remove feral cats with in the park. You can assist us with this by notifying us of the location of any feral cats. Also remove any food source from you site and clean up a potential refuge area for these animals.

Snakes

An unprecedented amount of snake sightings this summer have occurred, from being seen sun bathing on the back of ski boat boarding platforms, in and around sites and having lunch with the boys down at the work shop! Be Aware that they are on the move. This has been because of the amount of Foreshore clearing and park mowing that has disturbed them. Expect to see more next summer as we have not yet finished clearing the park as yet. I would strongly suggest you tidy up around you sites and remove any areas that may attract snakes. If your site is clean you have a better chance of spotting a snake. Remember snakes are a protect species killing a snake can land you in a lot of hot water. Wendy and Toni can provide you with list of what to do in the in the event of a snake bite.

Web Site

We have a new website www.jerusalemcreek.com.au

If you have not yet visited us on the web check it out. It has many interesting points and further developments such as user login, on line bookings, and a host more will be implemented over time. This is intended to be your communication porthole to see what's happening, weather conditions, lake levels etc.

Police report

Eildon Police have been stepping up their patrols around all tourist areas around eildon. You would of seen patrol vehicles around the park this summer and will continue to see the police more often than previously experienced. The local eildon Police sergeant has informed me that they will be randomly be conducting breath testing around eildon including with in the boundaries of holiday parks. Be aware that the police are entitled to breath test you with in the park area. Also concerns have been raised with people travelling in the back of boats and utes you can be charged for this and its only a matter of time until somebody gets pinged for this.

Theft has occurred in other marinas this year so please ensure that you keep your items secure including run about, boat motors and gear left on duck boards.

Rubbish

You will see that we are starting to enclose our refuge areas and we have also introduced extra blue bins and 240lt wheelie bins. The wheelie bins are for recycling only not general waste, please use the blue bins for general waste.

Hard Rubbish

Hard rubbish is old stuff that you do not require any more such as old couched, beds, BBQ's. Etc. Please do not place these items in the blue bins as they only fill up the blue bins quickly note leaving space for general waste.

If you have hard waste that needs to be removed place in a neat heap at the front of you site and inform us and we will remove it for you.

Scrap Metal

We now have a scrap metal bin at the work shop so please any scrap steel in this bin. Must be pure steel only. For example a rim and tyre is not classified as scrap due to the rubber tyre.

Until next time have a happy and safe Easter,

From Jerusalem Creek Marina and Holiday Park Management and Staff