

# INVERLOCH SURFSIDE

your holiday retreat

# WINTER / SPRING 2018

We trust that you and your loved ones have had a fantastic summer/autumn and that you are all feeling refreshed and raring to tackle the 2nd half of 2018 with avengeance!

As you would have noticed, a few of the trees along the front fence have been removed, along with several shrubs along the northern boundary. This makes way for the Park's replanting program, together with landscaping and new drainage for the northern end of the park. The retaining wall and drainage is well under way, along with removal of obsolete water tanks. In a few more weeks the replanting will commence which will tidy up this section of the park.

The Kempster family wish to say farewell to you all. After over 5 years as Managers, it's time to move on. We have loved our time at Inverloch Surfside. We have enjoyed the challenges, working on improvements to the Park and made so many friends during our time here.

Paul & Janice McMahon will be taking over the role as Managers in August. Paul & Janice will be returning to the area after living on the surf coast for a number of years. We trust you will make them welcome and help them settle in.

Farewell for now.

Kylie & Andrew

Every ending, has a new beginning

Welcome Paul & Janice



*HAPPINESS IS NOT SOMETHING YOU POSTPONE FOR THE FUTURE; IT IS SOMETHING YOU DESIGN FOR THE PRESE* 

### **LET'S TALK TRASH**

Our team works hard at trying to keep the grounds and buildings clean and free of rubbish but we need your help.

Please do not litter the grounds, and put all rubbish in the bins provided. If you see any lying around, please pick it up and dispose of it appropriately, or report it to management.

The blue bins located around the amenities are for you to place individual items whilst out and about around the park. General household rubbish is placed in the skip bins located along the front behind the brushed fencing. The skips are for household rubbish only, please do not be tempted to leave other items in or besides the bins.

Inverloch Tip Sat-Mon 8.30am-4.30pm Old Ford Road, Inverloch 0408 131 072

Wonthaggi Tip 8:30am—4:30pm 159 Reed Cres, Wonthaggi (03) 5672 3088

We thank you for your consideration.

# HOLIDAY FUN

Another wonderful Christmas period has come and gone. So many smiling faces, beach trips, afternoon drinks, friends, family and fun times.

Bean to Melbourne was again a popular morning stop for those early morning coffee hits, along with bread deliveries by A Slice of Paradise bakery. Many of you enjoyed having your newspapers delivered to your door by Kye and a new experience to Surfside this year was Yoga with Katrina.

Surfside was rocked by DJ Keegan on New Years Eve, so many of you enjoyed partying the night away with family and friends. Young and old, the dance floor was never short of happy feet. Many of you will be pleased to hear that we have rebooked the boys for New Years Eve 2018, get your party shoes ready to rock in 2019 with DJ Keegan.

The RCH Good Friday fundraising team were up early New Years Day to feed the hungry site holders by cooking bacon and egg rolls and raising much needed funds for the RCH. I'm sure their preferred location would have involved a pillow and a cosy bed.

"Surfside Has Talent" has proven once again that there is so much hidden talent hidden behind the caravan/cabin walls. Congratulations to all those that participated, you all should pat yourselves on the back and thanks for entertaining us all. The annual Surfside bowls day was this year taken out by Lauren Tregunna, congratulations Lauren another enjoyable day for all those that attended, with great company, bowls and quite a few laughs too.

Our annual Parents V Kids cricket match was taken out by the Adults once again. Next year, I'm sure the kids will even up the playing field. The sausage sizzle proved to be a huge hit amongst the players and spectators.

Trivia was once again a popular night with "Balls & Plums" taking out this years win. Although the boys won, this year everyone walked away a winner.

Whilst management organizes most events for site holders, we do have individual site holders organize and run some, along with many of you helping out at our organized functions. Many hands make light work. Thank you!

#### EASTER

Being the busiest weekend of the whole year, there was certainly lots to celebrate. The Easter Hunt was the biggest hit of the weekend. Many kids, big and small enjoyed the sugar hit first thing in the morning, and the scurrying of trying to bag those extra eggs. The best and most rewarding part for us was seeing all the laughter and smiling faces.



With the kids taken care of, the Annual Surfside Golf day was being played out. This years winner was Sam Saykan, congratulations Sam, we hear the day was quite a success.





I'M IN CHARGE OF HOW I FEEL AND TODAY I'M CHOOSING HAPPINESS

#### NOTICEBOARD

Don't forget to check out our noticeboard for updates of what's happening around the park and the region, as well as a list of all the cabins and vans for sale.

Current list of vans/cabins for sale can be found on our website.

Inspections are welcomed

WHO YOU ARE TOMORROW, BEGINS WITH WHAT YOU DO TODAY

# **QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND**

A big thank you to Terry, Dan & Dave for all their contributions to running another successful, fun filled night at Surfside. Special guest appearances were from Frank, Jules, Lola, & Eilish. Other's took to the microphone when requests were made by our Trio to join them, a fun night had by all. It sounds like the boys may be keen to show their talents off again next year.



### WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE LOCAL AREA

Not sure what to do with the kids? Or looking for a festival over the holiday break? For a sample of what's on offer over the next few months, have a look below, or go to www.basscoast.vic.gov.au or www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au.

#### JULY

- 12: Book folding art for the whole family (Poowong) 2:00pm
- 27: Literary Festival of Phillip Island (Cowes) 7pm

#### AUGUST

- 4: Jacican Pastry Cooking Class—Gluten Free Baking (Mirboo Nth)
- 18: Make your own winter preserves (Mirboo Nth)

#### <u>OCTOBER</u>

26: Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix (Phillip Island)

#### NOVEMBER

- 10: Kidz Mini Mudda (Wonthaggi Primary School, Billson St)
- 10: Bass Coast Cycle Challenge (Inverloch)

#### DECEMBER

29: Sounds of Summer (Inverloch)

And don't forget . . .

Inverloch Farmers Market: third Sunday of every month. Leongatha Farmer's Market, fourth Saturday of the month. Kongwak Market, every Sunday. Wonthaggi Rotary Market, second Sunday of the month

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#### OFFICE HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOU

#### **OFF PEAK**

10:30 am-3 pm

**CLOSED** on Thursdays

For emergencies only, press the residence buzzer or phone 0416 030 734.

Please note: ice, gas exchange, sporting equipment hire or change for dryers/washing machines do not come under the banner of 'emergencies'.

#### PAYMENT VIA DIRECT TRANSFER

When depositing money into Surfside bank account, please always use your site number and surname as the reference.

By using these two references, it will allow your payment to be allocated correctly.



# **UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN**

With great sadness we advise that one of our Surfside family members has recently passed away. Dave Mahoney was a much loved character throughout the park and was always up for a yarn. Dave fought a hard 13 month battle with Mesothelioma and sadly the battle became too much. Dave left this world surrounded by loved ones. Our love goes out to Therese and family. May you find the strength in knowing Dave is now at peace. Dave will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

### **SURF PARADE PATHWAY**

The extension of the foreshore shared path along Surf Parade in Inverloch, between Ayr Creek and Veronica Street, is complete and open to all recreational users. Future stages of the path from Veronica Street to Goroke Street, as part of the Surf Parade Inverloch Shared Path Master Plan will be subject to Council decision and the allocation of funds in future budgets.

# **BOOM GOES THE GATE!**

As you all probably aware, Inverloch has a number of power outages throughout the year, this results in the management team having to lift the booms on the gate in order for you to enter and exit the park.



However, to ensure that you will be able to enter or exit when the power is restored, it is imperative that you still swipe in and out even when the booms are not operational.

#### **IT'S TIME TO**



# **BUTT OUT!**

For the smokers out there, please remember to completely stub your cigarette out before throwing it into the bin, we have had a small fire in the bin over the busy season and luckily one of the site owners noticed and extinguished it immediately, thank you to those people, they know who they are....

The same applies to hot coals, please ensure they are extinguished before emptying your waste into the skips, as you are all aware fire can spread so quickly and we value the safety of our site holders and visitors.

There is a lot of public support for smoke free outdoor areas, especially in areas where children are commonly present. Protecting the health of the public, particularly children, has also been a significant factor driving the introduction of smoking bans in a variety of public places.

In Victoria, the following public outdoor areas are now smoke free, which includes our children's playground and oval:

• within 10 metres of children's playgrounds, skate parks and underage sporting events

• patrolled beaches in the area between the red and yellow flags, and within a 50 metre radius of the red and yellow flags (reference : Quit line website)



#### DISCOUNT FOR PRE-ARRANGED GUESTS

Inverloch Surfside offer discounted rates for your overnight guests. The special rate of \$15 per adult and \$7.50 per child under 18 per night applies to preregistered guests <u>only</u>.

To be eligible for the discounts you must register your guests <u>PRIOR</u> to their stay & payment must be made before they leave. Ways to register :

- Phone call
- Text
- Email
- Call into the office (during office hours)
- Note, through letter drop in the front door.

Standard rates of \$30 per adult or \$15 per child per night will apply if the office has not been notified.

Please note that you are responsible for the payment of the account if your guests do not pay in time and the full rate will apply.

*Start each day with a grateful heart* 

# **POWER SURGES**

Inverloch experiences quite a few power outages as well as possible surges through out the year.

We would suggest that people turn their power off when they leave to avoid any food spoils if circuit breakers are tripped during these events .

Also be aware that all our sites have 15 amps of supply to them. If you are running small heaters with any other appliance's you may over load your circuit breaker.

### WATER

As you would all be aware via our text messages over the past month, we have had a few water issues within the park. There has been 2 separate instances with burst water pipes. Unfortunately, neither of the pipes advised us prior of their intentions to allow for notice to be given. Whilst we try our very best not to inconvenience site holders, sometimes we don't plan for them to occur therefore no notice can be given.

When planned works are carried out in the park, they are schedule during the off season and if the works effect any particular sites, these sites are made aware of the works and approximate time frames.

# GAS

Whilst you are not in attendance at the park we request that all gas bottles be turned off, both the LPG 45I cylinders and your bbq bottles.

We recommend regular gas testing performed by a licenced Gas Plumber. This is compulsory for those selling their cabin/van but we highly recommend this for all sites. After all, SAFETY IS PRIORITY!

#### PREVENTING GAS FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS ON BBQ

Always check for leaks, using the soapy water test. Inspect the hose for cracks and other deteriorations on a regular basis. Replace the hose and regulator assembly every 5 years. Keep gas bottles upright at all times.

If you find a leak, turn off the gas bottle immediately!

Do not turn back on or attempt to use the BBQ until the problem is rectified.



# **SMOKE ALARMS**

Victorian Caravan Park Regulations state that:

'Smoke alarms for movable dwellings must be fitted to all UMDs, caravans and rigid annexes.

Where mains power is supplied to the moveable dwellings, the smoke alarm must be connected to the mains power. Part 3/7.2.2(b) of the BCA requires that all smoke alarms must comply with

AS3786—Smoke Alarms, and be installed on or near the ceiling.

It is also now a CFA requirement that all UMD's have a fire extinguisher and fire blanket installed.

To comply with these regulations, please ensure you have current extinguishers and blankets installed in your van or cabin.

### SCOOTERS

Just a reminder that VicRoads regulations state that the driver of a motorised scooter which has the capability of travelling more than 10kmh, is powered by petrol or has a maximum power of more than 200 watts is classified as a motor vehicle and can only be used on the road if it is registered and the rider has a motorcycle licence or learner permit. These motorised scooters are unable to be ridden in the park without a licence.

Helmets must also be worn by ALL cyclists.

Please help us keep you and your children safe, and obey the rules.

*LEARN FROM YESTERDAY LIVE FOR TODAY, HOPE FOR TOMORROW* 

#### **EMERGENCY!**

Emergency services have 24-hour access to the park and if you have a need to call police, ambulance or fire services, you should do so.

However, please remember to notify management immediately after making the call, once it is safe to do so.

It is important that we are aware of what's going on in the park both for your safety and the safety of others.

# **STORAGE SHEDS/CONTAINERS**

Bass Coast Council have confirmed storage sheds and large containers must be removed from some of our sites. Why you ask? "The minimum width required for firefighter access and fire separation must be provided between and around each structure in the caravan park " For more information contact the office or see the CFA Guidelines.

We have commenced working with sites to remove the affected units. If you think your unit falls under this category, please discuss with Management.

# SITE AUDITS

A huge thank you to all who responded so positively to the site audits, it is much appreciated!

There are however, still a few issues that remain outstanding. We would appreciate if these items could be rectified to comply with the parks request.

Ongoing improvements and maintenance to the appearance and ambience of the park are in the interests of everyone.

# **GUESTS**

It's great to see so many of you enjoying your little slice of paradise with your family and friends. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that whilst we love having your guests enjoy our park, it is your responsibility to ensure that they are registered at the office, and are informed of all the park rules, including what to do in an emergency and the park speed limit. After all, our park is for everybody's enjoyment.



### **RACV WINNER**

All site holders returning their completed Annual Site Agreements by the due date were in the running to win this prize. The draw was made at our "Open Mic" night over the Queens Birthday weekend.

Congratulation to Max & Ros Draper for winning the \$250 RACV voucher.

### WELCOME TO SURFSIDE

Our newest members of the Surfside family are:

Justin & Tamara Cornford & family Megan Murley & family Graham Holinger & family Gavan & Jan Collery Mark & Kendra Donkin & family Lauren Lovell Warren & Patricia Maillard & family

Please make them welcome.

There have also been a few site holders upgrade to cabins, Congratulations on your upgrades and we wish you lots of happiness at your new sites.

*AUTUMN IS A SECOND SPRING WHEN EVERY LEAF IS A FLOWER* 

#### **UPGRADES**



Have you checked out the new walls in the office and beach shack? For those that haven't seen our updates here are some pictures of our new look office and beach shack. The kids especially have had so much pleasure out of the beach mural painted by a talented local artist Rohan Manhal.





# **RETAINING WALL AND TANK REMOVAL**

With works almost complete, a few hiccups along the way and the weather not playing nicely added to the scheduled works time, but I'm sure you'll all agree it's looking fantastic.







### TREES

Some love them, some hate them.

Here at Surfside each year we have an Arborist review of each and every tree. In line with recommendations trees are pruned, the dead wood is removed and occasionally whole trees are removed. Healthy trees cannot be removed to meet personal preferences of site holders. Yes, there are certain times of the year where the trees do create litter, but at other times the trees created much needed shade and shelter. Most find trees pleasing, and they do increase the value of your property.



### NEED A DOCTOR?

If you have an accident or aren't feeling well, but don't think you need to go to hospital, then the A'Beckett Medical Centre in Inverloch is open from 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday.

The centre also provides an after-ours triage service on 132 660, or Nurse on Call, 1300 606 024.

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Happiness comes from within not from others

# LAUNDRY ETIQUETTE

With so many of us using the laundry facilities we would like to remind everyone of the laundry etiquette.

A common complaint being heard is laundry being left in machines all day or for some hours whilst other site holders are lining up to use the machines. Please do not put your washing on then leave the park for the day. If your laundry is left unattended, please do not be offended, if upon your return, your washing is left on the bench.



Approximate times for the washing machine is 30 minutes, dryers for every one dollar is 15 minutes.

A reminder that the laundry also has a book library for you to borrow or swap books with other site holders. Please only leave books, no magazines, games or other unwanted items are to be left.

# CAMPING

As per your agreement there is no tents, swags or camping around sites. To accommodate your family/friends, we have 4 tent sites and 1 caravan/camper site available around the edge of the oval. These sites can only be booked through site holders, they have power but no water, and are available all year around, except 20th December, 2018—6th January, 2019. Please book your sites through the office. All sites are paid in advance and no refund upon cancellation.





#### **SPEED**

The speed limit is a constant reminder throughout the park, whilst most drivers do the right thing, some still insist on driving over the 5km limit. The park-imposed 5km speed limit is not there to annoy you, it's there to keep everybody safe. Whilst driving around the park, if you have an automatic car, your foot should be on the brake, not the accel-

Parents, now is the time to remind the kids too, they are not to race each other around the park, sneak up and try and overtake cars or tailgate them. They too need to obey the rules.

Those that continue to break the speed limit may have their vehicle access removed for a period of time.



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