



Metcalfe Pool Holiday Park

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Hi everyone.

Happy New Year to everyone. Neil and I would like to thank everyone for their great behaviour as you brought in 2021 with your family and friends. It has been a busy start to the year with many who would normally travel across the border, holidaying in Victoria!

Welcome to the many new families who have recently bought into our beautiful park. We hope that you all feel at home and meet the many wonderful people who already reside here. We hope that you enjoy yourselves and make many fond memories along the way.

Please let me know by email or text message if your personal contact details change so that you receive your account and newsletters. Hard copies of the newsletter will be available at the Kiosk and also on the Metcalfe Pool Holiday Park website.

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATION

The John Skinner and Michael Murphy memorial celebration day will be held on Saturday 23 January. At this point it is not clear what can and can't take place, but with the positive news at the moment, I am assuming that it will go ahead. I am planning music on the lawn, a barbeque, a jumping castle donated by the Gittens family for the children and some games. Social distancing and the minimising of touching shared surfaces and items will be paramount throughout each activity.

We will begin the day with the Annual boat parade beginning at 1.00pm. Remember to display an Australian flag on your boat and meet at the Kiosk at 12.30pm. This will be followed by a barbeque at 1.30pm. Plates and food will be served to you and we ask that you social distance when lining up for it. The Guess the Lolly Jar game will be displayed at a table where an adult will record your child's guess. The Annual Golf putting will take place with clubs being cleaned after each use.

We will conclude the afternoon by unveiling the John Skinner garden plaque kindly created by Mark and Rhonda Bell. We ask that everyone work together to maintain a safe and fun environment on the day. The usual 10pm noise curfew will apply.

COVID UPDATE

We truly are learning to live with Covid-19 as a part of everyday life at the moment. Many were caught out without masks over the break when it was announced between Christmas and New Year's Eve that masks must be worn when indoors. This currently applies to the Kiosk and the bathrooms where possible until tomorrow night only. Everyone has been great with social distancing on the lawns and in the pool area. This will be essential for our Australia Day celebration.

RECYCLING

A huge thankyou to everyone for your cooperation in recycling your rubbish. It has been terrific and is a positive step in caring for our environment. Remember that only bagged rubbish is to be put into the large bins. Please see Neil for the removal of any other items that you want removed.

SPEED

An important reminder to everyone that all vehicles must be travelling at **walking pace only** when within the gates of the park. This is especially important now because we have a large number of young children who need to be kept safe. Please tell your visitors and family about this rule whenever they attend the park.

VISITORS

A reminder that all visitors must be signed in at the Kiosk. This enables an accurate log should an emergency evacuation take place or if a Covid issue was to arise. Just clarifying that all visitors to the Park must be paid for. The cost of a car of day visitors is \$20. An adult staying over at your site is \$15, and a child between the ages of 3 and 18 is \$7.50. Thank you for your cooperation.

SMOKING AND BUTTS

Unfortunately many smokers are dropping their butts both on the asphalt areas, the lawn and at the front of their own sites. Please be considerate of others and dispose of them in bins or your own personal ashtrays.

BOAT STAKE AREAS ON THE BEACHES

This has been an issue for some people recently. In the past, people have put their stakes in to reserve a particular area. This is fine, but when the spaces are not being used, others with boats must be able to use the area for their boats. It is not possible for everyone with a boat to have an individually designated area because our beaches are simply not long enough. If someone is using yours and you want to use it yourself, please see Neil and he will provide assistance.

PARKING

Summer is definitely the busiest time of the year at Metcalfe Pool Holiday Park. Please always ask ALL VISITORS to park in either of the carparks when they are visiting. It is essential that roads are kept clear in case of an emergency.

KANGAROO POOP

Once again we are being visited overnight by kangaroos desperate for our green lawns. Although we do our best to rake and pick up the droppings, it is quite an overwhelming task. We have placed rakes around the trees so that you may clear an area if it has been missed.

FRIDGES, POWER AND WATER

Just a reminder that after the Australia Day long weekend, Neil and George will again begin to check that all power and water connections are turned off.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT WHEN VACATING

- ALL MAINS POWER SWITCHES, GAS BOTTLES AND WATER TAPS ARE TURNED OFF
- EXTENSION LEADS ARE REMOVED FROM POWER SOCKETS. Neil and George will be going around to ensure that every lead is out of their sockets.

NOISE CURFEWS

Just to clarify, all loud noise is to cease at 10pm. Only quiet music, televisions and talking outside is acceptable after this time. It is important that everyone be respectful of others at Metcalfe Pool who have young children or who need to go to bed earlier. By 12pm, everyone should be quiet. Extension of these requirements for special occasions such as birthdays is by approval only so that we can notify other park residents. Any special events provided by us which end at a later time will be communicated to you prior to the event in this newsletter. If you have an issue with a noisy neighbour, regardless of the time of night, please call us on 5425 3137 and we will come to you to resolve the situation.

There is an extended time on Saturday March 13 for a special birthday celebration. The music will be turned off at 11.30pm on this occasion.

FIRE SAFETY

Fire Restrictions are current in this Shire. As detailed previously, we are accountable for the safety of everyone when you reside here and so need everyone to abide by the expectations stated below.

In accordance with the CFA regulations, the area between all sites must be kept clear. Please ensure that you have a fire extinguisher, a fire blanket and a working fire alarm on your site. Remember that the extinguisher needs to be within date at all times. It is also essential that every van, annexe and cabin have a fully functional and compliant smoke detector. All power boards need to have overload protection. It is common to see melted plugs so please check that yours are in good condition.

The Assembly point for any emergency is at the Kiosk. It is essential that you are familiar with the Metcalfe Pool Emergency and Evacuation procedures.

BIKE SAFETY RULES

Thank you for supporting our helmet rule for bike riders including electric scooters. It is great to see all of the kids wearing them. This is for their safety and we appreciate your support. A reminder that children are not permitted to ride bikes when the lights are turned on at dusk. Please also explain to your children to look out for cars at all times.

SITES FOR SALE

- Site 28 – waterfront van and annexe
- Site 31 – waterfront van and annexe with ensuite
- Site 52 – van and annexe recently renovated with lots of privacy.
- Site 8 – van and annexe close to pool and Kiosk
- Site 23 – waterfront van and annexe
- Site 20 – van and annexe with new kitchen
- Site 40 – van and annexe
- Site 83 – van and annexe with lovely deck
- Site 63 – generous sized van and annexe
- Site 100 – van and canvas annexxe
- Site 48 – waterfront van and annexe with ensuite

Please contact me for prices and further details.

Thanking you,
Ann-Louise and Neil