Walkerville Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management

Walkerville News

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Bayside Drive upgrade

The Committee has been pleased to partner with South Gippsland Shire Council to provide upgraded facilities at Walkerville North. The facilities include formalised car parking and designated car/trailer car parking, better traffic flow and recreational landscaped areas. The area has further been enhanced by the artwork of a local artist Grant Flather who has created a mural of a Walkerville scene along the retaining walls of the site. Native landscaping will be undertaken in autumn 2019 when the weather is suitable for planting.







Artwork by Grant Flather

Walkerville Foreshore Website & Online Booking

The Walkerville Foreshore has a new website and online booking system. It contains all the up to date information on the camping reserve and broader foreshore, including news and events. The online booking allows for greater equity and access to camping sites for all members of the public. Bookings for all peak periods go online from May 1st at 9.00am. Please keep informed of Walkerville news at: www.walkervilleforeshore.com.au

Walkerville North Master Plan

The Committee is pleased to announce that after an extensive community consultation process, it has adopted the Walkerville North Master Plan prepared by Tract Consultants. The plan relates to the foreshore land that stretches from the camping reserve entry to the newly completed road and landscaping works at Walkerville North. You can access the final plan on the Walkerville Foreshore web site:

www.walkervilleforeshore.com.au

Vehicular safety trial at Walkerville South

Due to difficult traffic management issues and public safety the vehicle beach access will be closed to recreational vehicles from 26th December 2018 to 31st January 2019 as a safety trial. The Committee is undertaking a formal review of the trial and welcomes the public's views and experiences of the safety trial. Please email any feedback to:

admin@walkervilleforeshore.com.au

Camping Ground News

Bungalows

In response to community feedback the bungalows have been recently refurbished to make them disabled friendly. They now include a deck and entry ramp, wider doors and have been repainted. The Committee hopes the bungalows continue to be enjoyed by those with limited mobility so everyone can enjoy beautiful Walkerville.

Toilet block 1 & 3

The toilet blocks 1 & 3 have also been refurbished including new roofs, rendering, new ceilings, lighting and repainting. The Committee aims to improve the facilities throughout the park to increase the amenities and enjoyment for campers.

Camp kitchen

The Committee is looking into constructing a new camp kitchen facility for campers to use. This will allow food preparation and clean up to be easier and provide shelter during wet conditions.

Enjoying your holiday at Walkerville

Fires

- Open fires are strictly prohibited during summer.
- The foreshore and surrounding bush is extremely dry.
- Be alert for smoke and fires and call 000 and Paul or Sarah on 5663 2224 if you see anything that looks like smoke or fire.

Water

- The water supply for the camping area is drawn from a local creek.
- Water restrictions are in place this summer.
- No showers or washing machines are to be used between 11 am and 3pm. During this time toilet blocks will be cleaned so please avoid use while being cleaned.
- No hosing down of boats permitted.
- · Please be very frugal with water.
- Water should be boiled for drinking.

Vehicles

- It is illegal to drive along the beach between North and South Walkerville.
- On hot days parking is very busy at Walkerville South. If possible, park at Walkerville North and walk, or park at the top of the hill at Walkerville South and take the track to the beach.
- In Walkerville South, no vehicles are permitted on the beach from 26th Dec 2018 – 31st January 2019.
- Parking attendants will be working at South during January.
- Boomgate at park: one code per car is issued upon payment, max 2 cars per site. No tailgating through the gate. Extra cars need to park in carpark at entrance.

Noise

- No noise after 10 pm. After a second warning campers will be asked to vacate their site.
- Please be aware of others and keep noise down at the rotunda.

Dogs

New dog regulations apply from 01 December 2018:

- Dogs are not permitted in the camping reserve at any time.
- Dogs are permitted on the beach on a leash from the camping reserve to the Walkerville Hall between 9 am and 6 pm. Dogs are permitted off leash after 6pm to 9am.
- Dogs are not permitted on the beach at Walkerville South to the Walkerville Hall between 9 am and 6 pm from 1st Dec to end of Easter. Dogs are permitted on leash after 6pm to 9am. Dogs are permitted on a leash at other times of the year.

Rubbish

- The Walkerville Foreshore is a delicate environment, please minimise the rubbish you leave at the reserve.
- Please do not put plastic bags in recycling bins and continue to be diligent about recycling bottles and cans. Look for a yellow lid for all recycling items.

News from the kiosk

Walkerville Kiosk is open daily through the summer school holidays from 8am to 8pm.

The kiosk still has all the old favourites as well as more breakfast and hot food options, and a big range of bait. Ben is happy to take fresh fruit, vegetable and meat orders. If there is something they don't have, just ask and they should be able to get it in for you by the next day. Any kiosk enquiries can be directed to Benjamin on benjamin@walkervillekiosk.com.au

Summer by the sea activities in Walkerville



Rockpool Rambles! Camping Reserve opposite Kiosk, Bayside Drive, Walkerville North Wednesday 9th January 2018 at 10am – 12noon Friday 18th January 2018 at 4 – 6pm What curious creatures make the rock pools their home? Seastars, Elephant snails, Decorator crabs, mussels and much more. Discover the amazing diversity of life on Walkerville's rocky shore.

Geology Rocks! Walkerville North Hall, Bayside Drive Thursday 3rd January 2018 at 3 – 5pm Thursday 10th January 2018 at 10am – 12noon Join a recognised authority on local geology and take a close look at amazing rock formations along the Walkerville coastline including faults, fossil limestone and greenstone and learn about the historic lime kilns.

These activities are suitable for all ages. An adult must accompany children under 14. Bookings essential by visiting <u>summerbythesea.vic.gov.au</u> or for enquiries call 13 61 86.

Foreshore contact details

The first point of contact is Paul Kennedy and Sarah Forrest, Walkerville Camping Reserve Managers. They can be contacted on 5663 2224.

The Walkerville Foreshore Reserve Committee of Management is responsible for managing the coastal reserve. The Committee is a voluntary local group appointed by the Minister for Environment and Climate Change. You can contact the chairman of the Committee, Bill Bray, by email admin@walkervilleforeshore.com.au.

In 2019 the Committee will meet on January 24th, February 14th, March 21st, May 23rd, June 21st, August 1st, October 17th and November 21st. Public questions and submissions are welcome during the first half an hour of the meetings. Meetings are held at the Walkerville Hall from 7.00 pm. Please confirm dates and intention to speak with Bill Bray, Chairman of the Committee at admin@walkervilleforeshore.com.au.