



Lake Macquarie Holiday Parks

The Holiday Herald

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Welcome to the Easter Issue of the Holiday Herald! As we gear up for the Easter holidays, Lake Macquarie City Council and our Park Managers would like to wish you and your families a happy and safe Easter! Included in this issue is an update from each Holiday Park, including a capital works update, what is on around Lake Macquarie and some general information. Happy reading!



PARKS UPDATE



Wangi Point Lakeside Holiday Park recently hosted Round 2 of the Berkley Evinrude Team Series (BETS) with a record of 88 teams entered - the largest field in bream tournament history!

The BETS Reef Science Tank was a huge hit for the hundreds of spectators who were able to see the fish released into the tank after the official weigh in.

The Wangi Lions Club- a group of local volunteers catered for



this event with a Sausage Sizzle, raising almost \$1000 for the QLD flood victims.

Congratulations to Team "Hobie" (Shayne Gillet & Kyle Prosper) who took out first place on the day to the delight of the crowd with a massive 3.74kg on the scale display and earning \$4000 in prize money and an Engel Prize Pack. The annual Australia Day Sausage Sizzle was once again a huge success with over 100 guests in attendance. A Monster Raffle with over 25 prizes drawn on the day raised \$466.00 for the QLD flood victims.

Managers Jennie and Chris would like to send a special thankyou to Wendy Reay and Carol Burgess for their wonderful efforts battling the heat and selling so many tickets! Thanks also to Eddie, Maree, Gwen, Cookie, Rob & Col for their assistance with the sausage sizzle, a great day was had by all. Design plans by GHD Pty Ltd for the replacement and improvement of the parks water and sewerage systems together with a new fire hydrant system has commenced. Construction of these works are scheduled to commence in Sept/Oct 2011.

The park's bushfire hazard reduction plan has been drafted and approved by National Parks and Wildlife Service. Works have commenced regarding the implementation of this plan.

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Parks update cont.



Swansea Gardens have more work scheduled for this year.

Tenders were called a second time for the design and construction of a new swimming pool complex in March 2011. This was due to the fact that when tenders were called in October 2010, only one tender was received.



DRAFT ONLY-design subject to change with winning tender

The second round of tenders are now being assessed. It is estimated that the construction of the new pool complex will be completed before Christmas 2011



The redesign of the pool complex may possibly take over the area up to and including the Park Kiosk. Once plans have been established from the winning tender, a review of the Park kiosk operations will be undertaken. This may mean demolition of the Park Kiosk and reletting of the tender for operation or installation of vending machines in the reception area and campers kitchen.

A revamp and extension of the current reception area is also being planned and looks to be on target for works to commence in May 2011.

Lake Macquarie City Council will commence construction of the proposed pathway/cycleway on the western side of Swansea Gardens Lakeside Holiday Park within the next few months. The first stage of these works is the construction of a 3-metre wide concrete pathway/cycleway with the boardwalk over the wetlands to be constructed when sufficient funds become available. The pathway/cycleway will be a great additional to the activities available around Swansea



Blacksmiths Beachside Holiday Park has advertised a three-year contract for new Park Managers.



Experienced managers Carolyn and Paul Affleck have been doing a great relieving job over the last few weeks and have been enjoying a change of scenery. The new Managers will be set to commence

in May and will launch straight into the action with the extension of the reception area and cottage and the revamping of the park entrance anticipated to begin around then. Blacksmiths is also currently running a HOT deal until the end of June...book 4 nights in one of their Villas, Cabins, or Bungalows mid week and only pay for 3 nights! (*Subject to availability and not valid during school and public holidays).



Construction on the Campers Kitchen at Belmont Pines is complete! This exciting addition to the beautiful lakeside campgrounds has been finished just in time for the Easter Period.

Belmont Pines is currently running a HOT DEAL until the end of June... book 4 nights in one of their Deluxe



or Standard Cabins mid week and only pay for 3 nights! (*Subject to availability and not valid during school and public holidays).



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Marketing and promotions

The inaugural Newcastle Caravan and Camping Show held at the Broadmeadow racecourse was a resounding success attracting over 24 000 attendees, despite the rainy weather. Great deals and exhibitor displays were getting many feet itchy and a number of dream holidays planned.

The Hon. Jodi McKay, Minister

Reminders...

- **NEW OCCUPANCY AGREEMENTS** will be mailed out in the coming months. Signing and returning your occupancy agreement on time will indicate your interest in obtaining another 12 months occupancy agreement.
- **DO NOT BE LATE!** - Occupancy Agreements returned late will not be signed by Park Managers, and the occupant will need to remove their caravan etc from the site at the completion of the existing occupancy agreement.
- **LOCK IT OR LOOSE IT!** Remember to lock up or put away property and valuables at night or if you are away from your site. Council and Park Management will not be held responsible for stolen property from individual sites.
- A reminder that the park rules and regulations are strictly upheld. Park visitors not respecting these rules will be asked to leave the park. Serious or repeat offenders will be banned PERMANENTLY from the park and all other Lake Mac Holiday Parks.

for Tourism and Minister for the Hunter presented six exhibitor awards at the official show opening on Saturday, 12th February. Congratulations to the winners:

- Best Caravan Display - Coromal Caravans, Wyong
- Best Camper Trailer Display - All terrain Camper Trailers, Seven Hills
- Best Motorhome Display - Trakka, Mount Kuring-Gai
- Best Camping Equipment Display - Kangaroo Tent City, North Parramatta
- Best Accessories Display - Rock Tamers Australia, Mossy Point
- Best Caravan Park Display - Port Stephens Beachside Holiday Parks, Nelson Bay

CCIA and Tourism NSW campaign

are currently running a promotional campaign for great deals in NSW Caravan and Camping parks. Go to www.visitnsw.com.au to find a fantastic deal for your next holiday...the one after your next Lake Mac holiday of course!

Thank you to all our helpful visitors giving us some great feedback in our survey forms. All forms completed went in a draw to win a beach towel! The lucky winners for this round have been drawn. Congratulations to...Amanda Guenzler, J Kildey, Herman van der Lit, Annett & Greg Anderson, Bev Rickard, Chris Connolly, Diane Britton, Anne Harris, Madison Mulder, Melissa Sager, Mary Butt and Margaret Apps.

Keep those surveys coming in for the chance to go in the next draw!

INTRODUCING The new Holiday Parks Admin and Marketing Officer

60 seconds with Briana Collier



Where have you worked before coming to Lake Macquarie? Before this position, I was the manager of the Warrumbungle National Park Visitor Centre out at Coonabarabran. Before that, I was the Assistant Manager at the Manly Visitor Centre.

What are you enjoying the most about your new position? It's a new challenge, the people I work with are great, and I am loving being in beautiful Lake Macquarie!

Family? My lovely boyfriend, a big beautiful dog, three younger sisters, 3 almost brother in laws and wonderful parents! I cannot wait until I have some nieces and nephews!

Favourite Holiday Spot? So many to choose from! I would go back to the Greek Islands anytime and I'd love to go to the Northern Territory! There are some pretty magic spots around Lake Macquarie I'm looking forward to exploring!

Ultimate last meal? Hmmm...tough one to choose! Probably a fresh seafood platter washed down with a Sauvignon Blanc followed by a cr me Brulee for dessert!



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EVENTS

What's on around the Lake?

April 23-24: Lake Macquarie Classic Boat Fest
Victory Pde Toronto

April 30 - May 1: Offshore Superboat
Championships-Newcastle Foreshore Sat 2-3pm
Sunday race starts at 11.15am

May 1: Autumn Bridal Fair-Newcastle Panthers
Club 10am-4pm

Markets:

Warners Bay - every second Sunday
of the month

Morisset - every weekend from the 1st May

For more details on events you can check out the events page on www.lakemac.com.au or call the Lake Macquarie Visitor Information Centre on 4921 0740. For more Newcastle events, check out the events page on www.visitnewcastle.com.au

Did you know?

- Easter is not on a set date as it is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (or first day of spring, usually March 21st). Easter can occur as early as March 22nd and as late as April 25th.
- The first Easter baskets were made to imitate bird's nests.
- The custom of giving eggs at Easter time has been traced back to Egyptians where the egg was a symbol of life.
- The myth of the Easter Bunny dates back to an old German tale about a woman who used to decorate eggs and leave them for her children to find. This story was based in a time when a famine was plaguing the land; therefore, the eggs were considered a valuable and surprising gift. It is reported that as her children found the eggs they saw a bunny rabbit hopping away. Naturally, the children thought the bunny had left the eggs for them.



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