

## **What's been happening at Bonnie Doon's Lakeside Leisure Resort**

Well it's now officially one full year since we became the owners of this beautiful Resort on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and how time has flown. It's been a very busy year for both me and my support staff who have worked incredibly hard on the many improvements we had planned for the Resort. We are not fully there yet but hopefully this newsletter will give you a better idea of what has been achieved in 2017 and what we are planning for 2018. As always your feedback is invaluable, so when you see me walking around the Resort please give me feedback on how we can make Bonnie Doon Lakeside the best Resort on Lake Eildon. This feedback helps guide me on where to best allocate our resources and to prioritise both existing and new projects.

- **Before we start there is one important event in 2018 that you need to put in your calendar. Bonnie Doon Music Festival – from the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018. This will be located on the Footy Oval in Bonnie Doon and we will be offering a 20% discount on Camp sites to anyone who has purchased a ticket. More info can be obtained at [www.BonnieDoonMusicFestival.com](http://www.BonnieDoonMusicFestival.com) or ask us at the front reception.**

### **So what have we been doing in 2017**

As I mentioned above it has been a very busy year with the following projects completed

- New Booking System implemented which allowed us to activate online bookings via the website.
- New Website. [www.bonnieDoonLakeside.com.au](http://www.bonnieDoonLakeside.com.au) which contains a lot of info on the Resort and surrounding area and now has an accommodation page where you can easily book any of our accommodation options online.
- Updated Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bonnieDoonLakeside/>. Please join our page and you will be updated as new events are published.
- Refurbishment of Holiday Cabins H2, H3, H4, with new split systems added to H1, H3 and H4
- Refurbishment of Ensuite Cabins E11, E12 and E14.
- New Deluxe Apartment Accommodation option available from 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018. The Deluxe 2 bed Apartment above the shop has capacity for 7 people and contains both a double Bed and Queen bed with large balcony overlooking the Resort.
- Upgrade of the water heating system within the Camp Amenities block. No more running hot and cold. We have replaced the old storage system with four instantaneous gas units so everyone can enjoy a hot shower.
- Pool Area – Added four new Electric BBQ's, refreshed the pool area, painting of the fence and concrete path.
- Repaired the master boat Ramp to remove the large drops at either side.
- Repaired and extended the red gravel road at the front of the Resort. This now extends the whole way from the Jumping pillow, across the front of the Resort and finishes beside the holiday cabins. This will make it easier to access the foreshore.
- We have purchased 4 x 2.5 seater Kayaks which can be hired in either Half Day (4hr - \$50) blocks or Full Day (8hr - \$80) blocks. These are very stable and can carry 2 Adults and a child. We also supply the life vests. Just ensure you have a hat, sun cream and water.
- We have also purchased a number of Fire pits which can be hired outside of the fire danger periods. The fire Danger Period typically runs from November through to end of April and no fires are permitted within the Resort during this time. These dates vary depending on CFA announcements.



## **So what about 2018! This is what we have planned**

- Continuation of the refurbishment program and complete Cabins H1, E15 and Family Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5
- Large upgrade of the playground. We already have the required items and will be expanding the playground by a factor of 4. Three new slides, Flying fox, spinning cup will all be added.
- Update of the Amenities blocks. Repair and repaint, retiling where required.
- Re activation of the Sauna room near the pool area.
- Pool Area - Refresh and cleaning of the pool umbrellas, replace the grass around the pool with synthetic grass. This will help stop issue with muddy feet, extend the pool fence to include the second umbrella for additional shade. Opening of toilets closer to the pool.
- Camp Grounds - Re-sculpturing of the camp grounds. Repair the roads with compacted paps gravel to help reduce dust. Cultivate the soil and try to grow grass in both the powered and unpowered sites. This will be a challenge due to the large surrounding trees but we'll give it our best shot.
- Set up a Café in the Restaurant area beside the pool to supply easy / fast food and drinks. This is something that we really wanted to get up and running in 2017 but could not find the right people to run it. This will operate only during peak times and we hope to start Dec 2018.

This is a journey we are on with the goal of making Bonnie Doon Lakeside Leisure Resort the best Resort on Lake Eildon. We have a great foundation to work with and the only thing standing between us and our goal is time.

I want to personally thank you for being part of this journey. By staying with us and giving feedback you have played a part in our dream and I will look forward to seeing you and your family many times over the coming years.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update and please introduce yourself to me as I walk around the Resort. You will quickly realise that I like to stop for a chat 😊

With sincere thanks

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