



2023 Newsletter

Hi all, I trust that 2023 has been a much friendlier and a more prosperous one. We welcomed in our new caretaker, Jo in early January 2023 and she and Trev are doing a great job with fee collection and maintaining the Reserve. A special THANK YOU to Jim, whose support we have valued for many years and will continue to do so into the future.

Over the year, we have seen many trades around the park, from having our Elm's treated, ongoing tree pruning and tipping maintenance. Already we can see the Elm's spring back to life, and it won't be too long before we get some great new shade coverage.

We have also installed a new dump point, near the new toilet block. This facility will lighten the load (no joke intended) on our current septic system, and cut down on maintenance of the septic tank. These important improvements and maintenance works wouldn't be possible without collecting fees, and having great volunteers assisting the local trades we utilize to minimize costs.

30 years of the Nug Nug Campers Association

In 2024, we celebrate 30 years since the formation of the Nug Nug Campers Association, when local council announced there were plans to redevelop the reserve and close it to the public. A group of around 80 campers met and all agreed to set up the association as a "fighting fund" that would allow appointed committee members the ability to travel for many meetings with council and other government bodies to fight for the right to retain Nug Nug as it was, which thankfully through their efforts was successful. It is pleasing to see many of those original foundation members still with us and being regulars at Nug, none more so than our President, Rob Joynson, who was on that founding Committee 30 years ago. A magnificent achievement Rob!

New Year's Eve

As is the norm at Nug Nug on New Year's eve, we have a "theme" for dress up. This year the theme will be to wear your best BLACK & WHITE (for all those Collingwood supporters who will not stop celebrating until Grand Final day next year).

New Year's Day Cricket Match

This Annual event will be held again, rain, hail or shine. Everyone is welcome to join in and participate at this popular afternoon to kick back and have some laughs, watch the cricket and enjoy a free sausage sizzle lunch. Thanks to our regular sponsors Terry Williams and James Davis for their contribution of prizes, as well as the many donated prizes we receive on the day.

Congratulations to our player of the day Patrick W and to all the other players awarded prizes, Nick, Lilly, Nick B, Bobby, Jack D, Josh B and to Oscar for winning the Gordy Memorial "shit hot and shiny" award for his mid-afternoon streak. Please join us on the 1st of January and stay for the arrival of the CFA fire trucks after the cricket has concluded, where kids can inspect the trucks and also have a turn with the hoses with the CFA volunteers.

CFA Raffle

Thanks to everyone participating in and purchasing tickets for our CFA raffle. We were once again fortunate to hand over a cheque for \$1000.00 to the Buffalo River CFA on 1st January 2023. Tickets for our CFA raffle drawn on 1st January 2024 can be purchased directly at Nug Nug over the Christmas period, or directly with a committee member leading up to Christmas. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the New Year's Day cricket match by the CFA volunteers.

Tickets: \$1 = 1 ticket, \$5 = 6 tickets

1st prize \$300.00 2nd prize \$150.00 3rd prize \$50.00 4th prize free camping

TERMS: to win 4th prize (free camping), you must attend the CFA raffle draw, which is at the conclusion of the cricket match, or be staying in the reserve on 1st January. Last year's lucky winners were Simone Wanklyn (1st prize), Dean Johnson (2nd prize), Pete Joynson (3rd prize) and Terry Williams (4th prize).

Camp Fees

Despite ongoing increases in utility prices, trades and supplier costs, we have been able to retain our fees, as per those that came into effect on 30th June 2022, being:

- Powered site \$25.00 per night- for up to 2 adults
- Non-powered site \$7.50 per person per night
- Children 6-17 years old, an additional fee of \$1.00 per day applies
- Storage of vans incurs a daily fee of \$10.00 all year round, noting DELWP camping regulations apply

EFTPOS

To avoid carrying too much cash around, our EFTPOS terminal is operational for payment of camp fees, and Jo will welcome you into the reserve to assist with fee payment and any inquiries you may have.

Fire Prevention/Planning

Please adhere to CFA regulations around open fires. CFA regulations are displayed on the reserve noticeboard. Regular checks of fires are undertaken by Parks Victoria, Forrest Management and VicPol, and fines are quite high where there is a breach of any of these regulations.

Local Events

Check our noticeboard for local event times for the Myrtleford Rodeo and Myrtleford Bush Market.

Dogs on Leashes

Whilst the Committee of Management permits dogs entering the Reserve, the Crown Land Reserves Regulations for Nug Nug Camping Reserve stipulate they must be on a lead at all times and under adult control. Should you be asked to restrain an unleashed dog and not abide, you will be asked to leave the reserve.

On behalf of the Association, we wish everyone a safe Christmas and New Year!

