



# SUMMER NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME TO SUMMER AT BARWON HEADS

Barwon Heads Caravan Park; a relaxed beachside getaway that's close... yet worlds away. We are looking forward to another great summer in the park and we hope you are too!

## TAKE A PIECE OF YOUR BEACH HOLIDAY HOME

When you pop into the caravan park office this summer you will notice something new and exciting. Yep, we're now selling Barwon Heads Caravan Park Merchandise! Branded with our lovely new colours and logos we have a whole range of great items for sale including stubby coolers,

camping mugs, drink bottles, bumper stickers for the caravan or car, postcards to send to Grandma and more! Come in and have a look!

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## OUR TEAM

We have had some changes to our Barwon Heads Caravan Park Team this year and some coming up. We are so pleased that Cathy Ryan has taken on the role as our Customer Service Team Leader.

Barwon Coast has also created a new role of Accommodation Services Manager to help improve our focus on all caravan parks and camp grounds and we welcome Daniel Payne into this role.

## ACCOMMODATION SPECIALS

In February 2020 we will be releasing our specials and accommodation packages for stays with us between March and November. Keep your eye out for these!

## PARK UPGRADES

We have been working hard through the winter months to get Barwon Heads Caravan Park in tip-top shape for summer. Our Barwon Coast team have also been working across the coastal reserves throughout the year. Some of the works we have undertaken include:

- A fresh new look for our caravan park office, helping us to display local information and serve you even better;
- Building works on two of the caravan park toilet blocks;
- The final extension to the new Barwon Heads Seawall which runs along the waterfront in front of our park;
- A Cultural and Heritage Management Plan is being undertaken within the caravan park to help us identify the wealth of cultural heritage within the park;
- A new surfbeach complex at Ocean Grove Main Beach, including the new The Dunes restaurant and the Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Club;
- Ongoing works to tackle erosion at Ocean Grove Main Beach including a new beach access ramp, sea wall and rock revetment wall. These works will pause from late December and resume after the Australia Day weekend; and
- New signage displaying the new Barwon Heads Caravan Park logo and colours to help campers find their way.

## FOOD TRUCKS

We will be having some great food trucks visiting the park this summer. Every day you will be treated to visits by the Baycity milk truck, a yummy pie and cake run by Routleys and the ever exciting Mr Whippy van. The Shack will also be visiting to sell shaved ice drinks and coffee and the too cute Little Things Big Things Coffee will set up near the netball court. Ice-cream will also be on offer from Paradise Parlour Homemade Ice-cream throughout the summer.



If it's something more substantial you are looking for then our regulars will be located on the bends between Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove including the ever popular Mr Potato Man, Thairiffic and Cruising Cuisine.



## BARWON COAST BEACH BUS

A free bus between Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads will operate 10am to 6pm daily from the 26th December to the 27th January 2020.

This is a great way to avoid the hassles of local heavy traffic which can occur during summer. Bus maps are available at the park office. The bus can be tracked online at [www.barwoncoast.com.au/bus](http://www.barwoncoast.com.au/bus)



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# WHAT'S ON IN OCEAN GROVE AND BARWON HEADS THIS SUMMER?

One of the great things about holidaying at Barwon Heads Caravan Park over summer is you can choose to relax and take it easy or visit one of the many local attractions and events. We have a great list of things to see and do on our new website, but here are a few highlights.

## SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAM

We have put together a great activity schedule for this summer to keep the whole family busy.

The activities this summer include camper favourites stand up paddle-boarding, coastal bush tucker discovery, rockpool rambles and a fossil safari! For the full schedule of activities see <https://barwonheadscaravanpark.com.au/summerprogram> or grab the Summer Activity Program from the caravan park office.

## SAFE SWIMMING

Lifesavers and Lifeguards will be on patrol 7 days a week from Boxing Day to Australia Day at Ocean Grove Main Beach, 18W beach access on the Ocean Grove Spit and at 13th Beach 34W beach access.

If swimming in the Barwon River Estuary please keep in mind that water depth can change dramatically within minutes under local jetties and bridges, so please watch children and don't risk it.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

The Barwon Coast fireworks display will be held at the family friendly time of 10pm on New Year's Eve from the Barwon Heads Bluff.

Road closures will occur within the Ocean Grove main beach area and on the Barwon Bluff from 5pm on New Year's Eve to 3am on the 1st Jan 2020.



# WHAT'S ON THIS SUMMER?



## WONDERLAND SPIEGELTENT

The spectacular Wonderland Spiegel tent will again take up residency on the beautiful foreshore of Barwon Heads 20 Dec – 27 Jan with a spectacular program of live entertainment for all ages including circus, cabaret, comedy, burlesque, music and family shows.

## MORNING YOGA

Kyo Yoga will be offering Yoga at the Riverview Family Caravan Park just over the bridge at 8am-9am each morning - December 26 to January 27.

BYO yoga mat or towel & sunscreen. On the soft grass next to the playground (off 11th avenue). Casual \$13, kids under 13 free (cash only).

All ages welcome, just turn up!

## RIP TO RIVER

Barwon Coast sponsor the Ocean Grove Surf Lifesaving Club Rip To River Fun Run on Saturday 28 December 2019 and the Ocean Open Water Swim Festival on Saturday 25th January 2020.

[www.oceangroveslsc.asn.au](http://www.oceangroveslsc.asn.au)

## LOBSTER POT

The Barwon Estuary Heritage Centre, aka "The Lobster Pot" is located on Jetty Rd in Barwon Heads and is a great place to visit with the family to learn more about our local area.

It is open every day from Boxing Day until the end of January 1-4pm; and Sat & Sun 1-4pm until Easter 2020 subject to weather.

Entry is FREE!





## WHAT'S GOOD TO KNOW?

### **DON'T JUMP – REALLY**

Water depth can change dramatically within minutes under local jetties and bridges, so please watch children and don't risk it.

### **PROTECT YOUR VALUABLES**

It is good idea to keep all your valuable items such as eskies, bikes and surfboards out of sight where possible whilst staying in our caravan park.

### **THE LOCAL PORT OF BARWON HEADS**

Vessel speed limits within the river and 200m from the beach is 5 knots. This increases the safety of all water users and protects the estuary environment.

Mariners should be aware that the water is very shallow at low tide and adhere to all channel markings. Jet skis are not permitted to be launched from or landed on any Barwon River beach. Boating information is available from the Barwon Coast office adjacent to the Barwon Heads Caravan Park office.



# SUMMERTIME AND WILDLIFE



## HOODED PLOVERS

The Hooded Plover is a beach nesting bird that is highly threatened. Hooded Plovers breed throughout summer months and you may see areas of the beach roped off in 'Temporary Exclusion Zones' to protect nesting birds and chicks. These roped off areas may also be used for other animals such as seals too.

Please avoid walking in or near these areas as this discourages the chicks from feeding at the water's edge which is critical to their survival. It is also an offence not to obey exclusion zone signage. For more info see [www.barwoncoast.com.au/hoodedplovers](http://www.barwoncoast.com.au/hoodedplovers)

## MARINE SANCTUARY

The beautiful Barwon Bluff Marine Sanctuary is right beside the caravan park. The Sanctuary is a 'No Take Zone' and fishing or taking of any creatures, rocks, seaweed is

NOT allowed. When enjoying any local rock pools, we encourage a 'look but don't touch' approach. The animals that live there need to be left in their own environment. Also, the extremely poisonous and hard-to-see Blue Ringed Octopus lives in the rockpools.

## WILDLIFE

Your coastal holiday is made unique by the wildlife that calls the Barwon Coast home. Please do not feed the wildlife as this can result in aggressive behavior or health problems for the wildlife. On hot days please feel free to place a shallow dish of water out so wildlife can rehydrate.

And watch out for snakes.

## KEEP OFF SAND DUNES

Sand dunes are fragile ecosystems that require a covering of indigenous plants to maintain their integrity. Please stay on beach access

paths and off the dunes for your own safety and for the health of the dunes. Digging into or climbing on sand dunes is extremely dangerous and it could also cost you big. Fines can be in excess of \$3000 for vegetation damage.

## PLASTIC BAGS

The local communities of Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads are working hard to go 'plastic-bag-free'. Please shop with a reusable bag whilst you are on holiday. 'Why not grab yourself one of our gorgeous 'Eco Totes' for only \$10?





# WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

## CALL POLICE, AMBULANCE OR FIRE ON 000

**PARK SECURITY 5254 1115**  
(Available every night through the summer season)

### TOTAL FIRE BANS

We will regularly keep you informed of fire conditions and will update the notice boards when fire bans are in place. In accordance with C.F.A. Regulations, the use of portable gas BBQ's & appliances such as gas cooktops, lights, fridges is not permitted on days of total fire bans in the Park or Reserve areas, includes caravans, annexes, tents or in the open.

### EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In the event of an emergency evacuation, public

announcements will be made throughout our parks. Evacuation procedures are provided to you at check-in and copies are available from the Caravan Park Office and are displayed within the amenity blocks.

### AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

An AED is available at the front office of the Barwon Heads Caravan Park and can be used by members of the public without any medical training. Many caravan park staff have been trained in First Aid.



## LOCAL MEDICAL CENTRES

### Barwon Heads Medical Clinic

5254 2727

### Ocean Grove Medical Clinic

5255 1022

### Epic Health Ocean Grove

5256 2500

### Peninsula Family Medical Practice Ocean Grove

5256 2001

### Poisons Information

13 11 26

### Nurse On Call

1300 60 60 24

### University Hospital Geelong Emergency

4215 0000

### St John of God Hospital Geelong Emergency

5226 8888



# ENJOYED YOUR STAY? TELL THE WORLD!

LEAVE A REVIEW...



## SOCIAL MEDIA

We would love you to share your summer experiences in Barwon Heads through our social media channels, so please don't forget to follow us on **Facebook @ [barwonheadscaravanpark](#)** and **Instagram @ [barwonheads\\_caravanpark](#)** and tag your photos with **#barwonheadscaravanpark**



## WHO WE ARE

Barwon Coast Committee of Management Inc. is appointed by the Victorian State Government to manage 15km of coastal Crown Land through the Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads townships.

Our vision is that the natural environment of our coastline will flourish whilst meeting the needs of our engaged communities. All revenue raised through our caravan parks and coastal leases and licences are reinvested back into the caravan parks and the coast. [www.barwoncoast.com.au](http://www.barwoncoast.com.au)



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