

# Girl Guides Victoria – Burnet Park Campsite

## Newsletter No. 4 – February 2018



Welcome to the 4th edition of the Burnet Park Campsite Newsletter.

This edition has been issued to coincide with the commencement of the Burnet Park Stage 1 Redevelopment Project, as well as the 50th Anniversary celebrations to be held on February 24th at the campsite. Read on to find more details about these events and other happenings at Burnet Park.

### **About Burnet Park:**

Burnet Park is the Girl Guides Gippsland Region campsite and outdoor activities centre. It provides indoor and/or outdoor camping facilities for small / medium community groups and families. It is located in a tranquil bushland setting, about 15minutes from Morwell or Traralgon, in the foothills of the Dividing Range. For more information about the park, please check out <http://www.guidesvic.org.au/GG/Venues/BurnetPark>.

### **Stage 1 Redevelopment Project:**

Work has commenced on a major project to restore and revitalise the Burnet Park facilities, and to enable the campsite to continue to operate well into the future.

The project, valued at \$245,000, has been made possible as a result of grants and donations from the Latrobe Valley Authority, Latrobe City Council, the Keith Chenhall Foundation; and anonymous benefactors. Additional fund-raising by the Management Committee, Friends of Burnet Park, Trefoil Guild, and the wider Guide Community have also contributed to this total.

The funding model required that the Guide community provide approximately 1000 hours of volunteer labour to carry out parts of the project, and Guide groups from throughout the region have committed to a program of family camp / work weekends to achieve this input.

Local contractors and suppliers have been generous with their time and support in helping to put together our budgets and funding submissions, and will be part of our project team. A list of our contractors and suppliers is attached, and we ask that you support them when carrying out your own projects.

The scope of the project will include all of the urgently – needed repairs and refurbishments identified in the Management Plan as being needed within the first 2 years of operation, as well as some of the longer-term improvements originally expected to take up to 5 years to be accomplished. It is expected that the project will be completed by the end of 2018.

In addition to an extensive list of smaller tasks, the major components of the project will include:

- Earthworks and drainage to prevent water flow under the main building, and to improve access to and within the site.
- Complete re-stumping, external repairs and painting of the main building.
- Replacement of the existing security shutters with easily operated new roller shutters.
- Complete refurbishment of the existing kitchen.
- Provision of heating facilities to the common room and bedrooms.
- Extensive re-wiring; new lighting; and additional power points.
- New all-weather access paths, steps and handrails.
- Improvements to the camping areas, creek access and grounds generally
- Fencing of the complete property.
- Improved external appearance and signage.
- Installation of 2 x 45,000L water storage tanks for potential fire fighting purposes.

### **Burnet Park 50th Anniversary:**

Burnet park was officially opened on 24th February 1968. A celebration to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening will be held on Saturday 24th February 2018, between 10.00am and 2.00pm, in conjunction with the annual Thinking Day activities.

In addition to a program of activities for the Guides attending Thinking Day, the birthday celebrations will include displays of photographs and memorabilia, opening of a time capsule, a sausage sizzle, morning and afternoon teas, and, of course, a birthday cake.

Community leaders, and our project funding partners have been invited to attend, and we are hoping that many ex-Guides and leaders who enjoyed Burnet park during the last 50 years will join us for the celebration.

### **5-Year Management Plan:**

With the successful completion of the first year of operation of the Management Plan, the committee will shortly begin the process of reviewing the plan, and the setting of goals and priorities for the next 5 years. It's important that this isn't done in isolation, but takes into account the needs and aspirations of all our stakeholders and users.

If you have any good ideas or suggestions for improvements that you'd like to see take place at the Park, or if you'd simply like a copy of the updated Management Plan, please contact one of our Committee members, whose contact details are at the end of this Newsletter.

### **Friends Of Burnet Park:**

The Friends of Burnet Park group continues to be a great asset in assisting the Management Committee with working days, fund raising, and activities to support the building and grounds maintenance program.

New members are always welcome – please contact the group’s convenor, Linda Hall [lmh-080808@bigpond.com](mailto:lmh-080808@bigpond.com), for more information.

### **Bookings and Activities:**

Burnet Park is available for bookings by Guide groups from throughout Victoria, as well as local Community groups and families.

We are now starting to receive bookings for the first half of 2018. With the ongoing construction program, and work weekends to fit in, we would urge you to book your proposed camps and activities for 2018 as early as possible, in order to secure your preferred dates.

Please contact the booking secretary, Amanda Clark, [amanda@edgehill.net.au](mailto:amanda@edgehill.net.au) for enquiries or to make a booking.

### **Situations Vacant:**

The committee is desperately seeking volunteers to assist by filling the following roles. If you know of anybody in your community who has the spare time and experience to assist, please do some gentle arm-twisting:

#### Media Liaison / Publicist (Volunteer Role):

To establish and maintain contact with local media outlets (newspapers, radio, TV, community newsletters etc). To present positive information and news concerning Burnet Park events and activities. Also to prepare and circulate Burnet Park Newsletters within the local Guiding and general community.

#### Construction Supervisor (Volunteer role plus expense reimbursement):

Must be able to coordinate and supervise trades, set out, organise materials, and generally act as on-site representative for our Project Manager. Needs to be locally-based as regular site visits will be required when projects are being undertaken. Would ideally suit a retired or semi-retired local carpenter or builder.

#### Caretaker / Key Holder / Cleaner (Volunteer role plus expense reimbursement):

Local resident able to hold keys; check campers in and out; inspect site weekly for safety and security; report repairs and maintenance if required. Would also be the contact point and key holder for emergency services personnel.

There may also be the opportunity to carry out paid cleaning work if desired.

If you can assist us in one of these roles, or would like to know more, please talk to one of our friendly Committee members; or contact David Viney on 5952 1738 or [davidviney45@icloud.com](mailto:davidviney45@icloud.com).

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## **Burnet Park Campsite – Stage 1 Redevelopment Project**

### **Contractors and Suppliers**

<b>TKD Electrical Contractors (Tyson Dekleva)</b>	<b>0434 121 324</b>
<b>KR Grimes Plumbing (Kevin Grimes)</b>	<b>0400 754 100</b>
<b>Valley Earthmoving Contractors (Peter Blizzard)</b>	<b>0499 148 0800</b>
<b>JB Quality Painters (Jason Beadle)</b>	<b>0423 961 098</b>
<b>Shane Ross Fencing (Shane Ross)</b>	<b>0428 536 064</b>
<b>Cabinet Connections – Kitchen Cabinets (Andrew Dunsmuir)</b>	<b>5144 6999</b>
<b>Dennis Heale Re-Stumping (Dennis Heale)</b>	<b>0412 355 847</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Constructions – Carpentry Contractors (Trevor Eccles)</b>	<b>0403 287 810</b>
<b>Ultra Shutters – Roller Shutters (Damien Williamson)</b>	<b>1300 668 896</b>
<b>Kool-Air – Air conditioning / Heating</b>	<b>0407 548 628</b>
<b>Dunbar Road Landscape Supplies</b>	<b>5174 8342</b>
<b>Veolia Environmental Services – Rubbish Skips</b>	<b>5133 7111</b>