

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Dates for the Diary

Sunday 26th. April Landcare Working Bee at the Weir

Where: Cowwarr Weir

From: 10am

While some will be busy erecting our new storage shed the rest will start clearing weeds and rubbish from the Wetlands site. Everyone welcome, bring boots, gloves and favourite weeding tool.

Friday 1st. May Landcare Annual General Meeting

Where: Cricket Club Hotel

From: 6:30pm

Cost: \$15pp 2 course meal. Drinks at Bar prices

RSVP: To Robyn or Judith by 28th. March

Other Important Staff

Need For Feed

The Lions Club of Pakenham held a fundraising day to raise money to buy and transport feed to farmers affected by the recent bushfires in Gippsland. Unfortunately they picked the weekend when we actually had some rain and so numbers were down and they did not raise as much as hoped.

To this end they have sent a couple of raffle books to help raise some funds. These tickets will only be available for sale until Tuesday 14th., as the raffle is drawn the following weekend.

There are great holiday prizes which have all been donated so all money raised will be used to buy and transport the feed.

If you can help there are books at the Shop and Pub.

News from the Shed – April 2009.

Fire Restrictions – Still with us.

In spite of the DSE having scheduled fuel reduction and ecological burns for sections of the Rail Trail around Toongabbie and at Dawson, Fire Restrictions have not yet been lifted. So, in spite of the mounting piles of material, we will just have to cool our heels until the powers that be have consulted the necessary oracles. Until then, rising smoke is very likely to attract the attention of the Brigade and cause an unannounced visit!

MVA – Training Session.

Heyfield Brigade has conducted a theory and practical training session for Motor Vehicle Accidents. Brian Tyler would like us to be doing the same on a Tuesday evening very soon (21 or 28 April). They have some new gear and changed procedures which we need to be familiar with. Contact Brian on 0428 399348 to indicate your interest in this training activity.

Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667

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OTHER STUFF

Cowwarr – Toongabbie Lions Wood Raffle and Mill Ends

Lions members will open the old Cowwarr tip site for collection of Mill Ends from 2pm to 4pm each Sunday starting from Sunday 19th, April. If Sundays don't suit then please ring Judith or Brian on 5148 9364 to arrange an alternative time. A 6x4 trailer of mill ends costs \$10.

The Wood Raffle has started and will run fortnightly. Tickets are \$1 and are available at the Pub or the Shop. The first draw will occur on 18th, April – so get your tickets now.

Cowwarr Cutters Cup

The first meeting was held at the hotel on Wednesday 25th, March. Given we had a low attendance, the evening was spent putting in for a Wellington Shire grant to enable the event to get a kick start. If anyone can rouse up a sponsor or two we would really appreciate your assistance. The next meeting will be advertised in this newsletter...possibly in May, so please make an effort to attend .. this years Cutters Cup proceeds will go towards YOUR CFA shed refurbishment. This can only benefit this community so don't leave all the fundraising efforts to the same handful of volunteers who have spent the last five years doing most of the work. Let's share the load and make it a bigger better event for 2009.

WANTED – Carpenter/Handyperson

What is left of the old Rainbow Creek bridge timbers are waiting for some creative person to turn them into seats and/or tables to be used along the Rail Trail and around Cowwarr.

Please ring Helen on 5148 9233 if you are interested in this project.

Yet Another Accident at the Channel Corner

Since the last Chronicle there has been yet another single vehicle accident on the notorious channel corner.

Speed, the wet conditions of the road at the time and the dangerous corner contributed to this accident. Thankfully there were no serious injuries. CCHA has reported it to Russell Northe, Member for Morwell and he has written to VicRoads to alert them of the accident. Will keep you informed.

Rail Trail News

We have just let out the contract to construct the trail from Rainbow Creek to the Cowwarr – Heyfield road. At this stage we don't have any further funding to get to the Thomson River, but still working on it. We have a report to hand that gives us all the funding calculations for the whole trail and are lobbying frantically to get the section from Cowwarr through to Heyfield opened ... please be patient and bear with us while we harass the hell out of our local politicians at all levels of government to make this happen.

Thanks to everyone for making an effort to keep the area around the new bridge free of rubbish. What a shame that motor bikes continue to illegally use the trail ... unfortunately we will have to apply the law if it continues. Thanks Helen

From The Pub

Thanks to all the locals who have made welcome the visiting Tasmanians staying at the hotel while the refencing of the fire affected areas in Gippsland is taking place. The crews of 6 change weekly and will continue for at least the next 8 weeks. This is a program arranged by Timber Communities Australia (Tasmania) and the Tasmanian Rotary Clubs have got behind the effort and is also supplying people as well. So if you see strangers wandering aimlessly about town, give them a big welcome ... they have left their homes and families and their jobs for a short while to help out our local community ... and they really enjoy the peace and serenity in Cowwarr.

New Pub Hours

As Winter moves in, we intend to change the operating hours of the hotel.

Starting in April, the hotel will shut at 6pm on Sundays and Mondays will be closed as usual.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will open from 4pm.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday will open from noon.

Meals as per usual on Friday nights .. don't forget to book your table early as we have been very busy.

Please ring us for group bookings well before the day as the diary is getting a bit hectic as the year rolls on. Tanks Helen and Terry 6148 9233.

HAVE A SAFE EASTER