

# COWWARR CHRONICLE

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## Dates for the Diary

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. April Junk & Jewels Garage & Boot Sale

Where: Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 10am to 4pm

So get into the shed/spare room and bring your stuff to the sale – you never know you might just have the very “thing” that someone has always wanted.

Stalls with table \$10, Boot \$5 – call Judith on 5148 9364 for bookings.

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. May Cow Making Working Bee

Where: Hardweld 97 Maffra Road Heyfield (Graham Morgan’s workshop)

From: 10am

This working bee is to make the cows for the School and town – if you have old bicycle handlebars coiled car springs etc., then leave at the School or Shop.

For more info contact the School or Shop

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. May 2011 CFA Heyfield Group Presentation Lunch – Change of Date

Where: Cowwarr Public Hall

From: to be confirmed

See News from the shed for more info and insert for Brigade Members..

### Cowwarr Landcare Group

Landcare meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the WGCMA depot Main St. Cowwarr. New members are welcome: family / individual membership only \$10 per year. Phone Robyn Hoggins 51489312 for further info.



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**Lunch and Award Presentation. Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> at Cowwarr Public Hall.**

Some years have elapsed since our last award ceremony and more than a few service awards are overdue. Heyfield Group, of which Cowwarr is a member, have decided to address the issue and chosen May 29<sup>th</sup> as the best date and Cowwarr Public Hall as the best venue. Naturally, we'll be taking advantage of the opportunity to provide recognition for years of volunteer service. And we'll need more than a few volunteers to assist with set-up and catering, as well as ensuring that the ceremony and formality runs on schedule.

**T-shirts, name patches and helmet stickers**

Purchase of these items for issue to members was considered at the last Brigade Officers meeting. I'll need a list of members requiring patches, stickers and T-shirt size. The T-shirts will cost us about \$30 and if we issue two to each fire-fighter, that could cost a packet. So, we may need a meeting of members to justify the expenditure.

**Structural PPE**

There will be one last opportunity for trained members to be measured up for Structural PPE. There will be one session at Sale and another at Traralgon in April. Eligible members will be notified as soon as we have the dates.

**Training**

Below is the abbreviated Course Schedule, missing some important information about prerequisites. If you would like to be considered for a course, check that you will be available for all of the dates; if selected, give attending some priority as it's a serious waste of CFA resources if you just don't show up on the day! Note that several Fire Management courses are on offer: Intro to AIIMS, Strike Team Leader and Fire Leadership. Members with too many years experience on the tanker should be considering a career development opportunity.

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
19/04/2011	21/04/2011	SUPPRESS WILDFIRE	CFA293	HVPGIPPSLAND PLANTATIONS TRAINING GROUND WEST	12/04/2011
1/05/2011	1/05/2011	SAFETY ADVISOR ROLE & RESPONSIBILITY	CFA169	SALE	11/04/2011
3/05/2011	29/05/2011	CREW LEADERSHIP	CFA06501	MAFFRA	11/04/2011
11/05/2011	4/06/2011	RESPOND TO URBAN FIRE PLANTATION FIREFIGHTING 1	CFA298	CHURCHILL	18/04/2011
12/05/2011	14/05/2011	CFA DRIVER REQUIREMENTS (LEGISLATION)	CFA007	BRIAGOLONG	18/04/2011
24/05/2011	31/05/2011	OPERATE BA (OPEN CIRCUIT) PLUS SEARCH & RESCUE	CFA067	MAFFRA	2/05/2011
29/05/2011	12/06/2011	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	NEA0002	TRARALGON	2/05/2011
2/06/2011	4/06/2011	CLASS A FOAM	CFA40401	MAFFRA	9/05/2011
5/06/2011	5/06/2011	HAZMAT AWARENESS	CFA001	YARRAM	9/05/2011
9/06/2011	16/06/2011	STRIKE TEAM LEADER	CFA076	YARRAM	16/05/2011
25/06/2011	25/06/2011	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS FIRELINE LEADERSHIP (L-380)	CFA011	REGION 10 GOLDEN BEACH	2/05/2011
5/07/2011	10/07/2011	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT REFRESHER	CFA40401	TRARALGON	13/06/2011
8/07/2011	17/07/2011	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT FIRELINE LEADERSHIP (L-380)	CFA283	TRARALGON	20/06/2011
10/07/2011	10/07/2011	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT FIRELINE LEADERSHIP (L-380)	CFA338	CHURCHILL	27/06/2011
23/07/2011	24/07/2011	REFRESHER	CFA318	TOONGABBIE	4/07/2011
2/09/2011	18/09/2011		CFA283	REGION 10	8/08/2011



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**Volunteer Charter**

The proposal to promote the Volunteer Charter by giving it legislated reinforcement may have caught your attention. But I'm not sure how this will work out. On close inspection, the Charter turns out to be "Alice in Wonderland" stuff, and doesn't fit well with the model of a self-help group focussed on protecting lives and assets from wildfire. Currently, the charter is subservient to the Standing Orders and Standard Operating Procedures which guide our approach to emergency events. The promised Enquiry into negative impacts on volunteer training and opportunity may turn out to be a witch-hunt against CFA employees and their union over terms agreed in an Enterprise Bargain with CFA management.

**Weekly Run Roster**

Apr	Duty Officer	Steve Felmingham	0429 344 009		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
05	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Peter Westland	5148 2268	10
12	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Graeme Harrington	5148 9315	11
19	Trevor Astbury	5148 9267	Haley Riley	0428 378 059	12
26	<b>Steve Felmingham</b>	<b>0429 344 009</b>	Ken Cantwell	5148 9245	13

**Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667**

**Register a Burn-off 1800 668 511**

Officers: Captain Andrew Iseppi 5148 9339  
 Lieutenants: Anton Vardy 0417 380 329, Paddy O'Brien 0427 088 066,  
 Steve Felmingham 0429 344 009, and Veggy.  
 Secretary: Brian Burleigh 5148 9364 Treasurer: Ann Scott 5148 9079



**Cowwarr – Toongabbie  
 Lions Club News**

Last News from Cowwarr-Toongabbie Lions

The club having decided to hand in its Charter, we'll disappear after our last dinner meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>. That will leave several projects in limbo.

Should some of our members transfer to a neighbouring club, there is some prospect that some projects may be transferred, otherwise, it will be up to other community groups to step in for the project to continue; or the function may just be discontinued.

Winter firewood looks like the first casualty – arrangements are being made for access to the mill-end pile, but there will be no firewood from Lions this winter.

**Farewell from the Cowwarr-Toongabbie Lions.**

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## COWWARR PUBLIC HALL COMMITTEE

The Hall Committee has undertaken the role previously held by the Cowwarr-Toongabbie Lions Club for access to the old tip site for collection of mill-ends.

Because someone cut the chain to the tip gate and dumped rubbish at the site we have not been able to open until Wellington Shire staff have investigated and removed the rubbish.

We hope to be open on:- April 10<sup>th</sup>. and 24<sup>th</sup>. from 2pm to 4pm

Then:- May 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. and 22<sup>nd</sup>. also from 2pm to 4pm

The cost is still \$10 per trailer load and all proceeds will go to the Hall for maintenance and equipment.

There is also a possibility of access on a Wednesday afternoon if required – to arrange - ring Judith Stone on 5148 9364.



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