

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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There will be no Chronicle for September as the Editor and Staff will be on holiday.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 14th. August Gippsland Plains Rail Trail Information Night.

Where Mechanics Institute - Toongabbie

From 7pm – 9pm - RSVP or for more info contact Carmen Lee on 0407 512 490

Gippsland Plains Rail Trail Committee is hosting meetings to bring together community groups and individuals who are interested in activities such as:-

Developing the trail for the enjoyment of more people

Researching the history

Protecting and restoring historic sites and native vegetation

Helping to maintain a favourite section along the trail

Everyone welcome so come along and share your vision for the Trail – more info is also available at www.gippslandplainsrailtrail.com.au

Sunday 15th. September Cowwarr Primary School Farm Fair

Where Cowwarr Primary School, Church Street Cowwarr

From 10am

Tickets Family \$20 Single \$10 includes a BBQ/spit roast lunch and yummy afternoon tea

Yes it is on again bigger than ever and with all the favourites like-

Cow Pat Lotto

Farmers' Challenge

Children's Games and Jumping Castle

Shearing & Butter churning demos

Live entertainment and fantastic competitions and prizes plus LOTS more.

For More Information contact the School on 5148 9271



Notes from the Station for August/September 2013

Fuel Containers

There is a new colour coding standard for liquid fuel containers; however because of the long lifetime of containers, this is being phased in over 20 years. As an interim measure, existing fuel containers should be fitted with a colour-coded tag. We need to be able to quickly identify the containers with volatile contents in assessing the fire hazard.

For	Colour
Adblue Diesel & Exhaust Fluid	Bluebell Blue
Bio Diesel	Nut Brown
Chain & Bar Oil	Bright Blue
Diesel	Olive Yellow
Drip Torch	Shambrook Green
Ethanol	Orange
Kerosene	Powder Blue
Oil	Black
Two Stroke 25:1	Bottle Green
Two Stroke 50:1	Pipeline Grey
Unleaded Fuel	Signal Red
Water	Mist Blue



Watch out for the volatile fuels: ethanol, petrol, 2-stroke and kerosene.

CFA Training Calendar

TRAINING

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
11-Sep	29-Sep	CREW LEADERSHIP	CFA06501	TOONGABBIE	12-Aug
13-Sep	15-Sep	PLANTATION FIREFIGHTING 1	CFA007	BENDOC	12-Aug
14-Sep	14-Sep	CLASS A FOAM	CFA001	HEYFIELD	20-Aug
23-Sep	13-Oct	LOW STRUCTURE A	CFA07501	LONGFORD	26-Aug
29-Sep	29-Sep	ENGAGING LOCAL MEDIA AWARENESS SESSION	CFA429	TRARALGON	25-Sep
1-Oct	31-Oct	THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA OPERATION - STRUCTURAL	CFA18601	DISTRICT 10	1-Oct
13-Oct	13-Oct	APPLY FIRST AID - 1 DAY	EXTFA001	BOOLARRA	23-Sep
19-Oct	20-Oct	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	TRARALGON	23-Sep
21-Oct	21-Oct	PERFORM CPR ONLY	EXTFA003	CHURCHILL	30-Sep
27-Oct	27-Oct	CLASS A FOAM	CFA001	YARRAM	23-Sep
1-Nov	30-Nov	ATMOSPHERIC MONITORING	CFA230	MORWELL	1-Oct
4-Nov	14-Dec	OPERATE BA (OPEN CIRCUIT) PLUS SEARCH & RESCUE	NEA0002	HEYFIELD	7-Oct
13-Nov	15-Dec	LOW STRUCTURE A	CFA07501	MAFFRA	14-Oct
23-Nov	24-Nov	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	MORWELL	28-Oct
24-Nov	24-Nov	STRIKE TEAM LEADER	CFA011	CHURCHILL	21-Oct
24-Nov	24-Nov	STRIKE TEAM LEADER REFRESHER	NWA0046	DISTRICT 11	21-Oct
9-Dec	12-Dec	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	DISTRICT 10	4-Nov
11-Sep	29-Sep	CREW LEADERSHIP	CFA06501	TOONGABBIE	12-Aug

Course dates have been published for next year as well, they just won't all fit.

Speak to Training Officer Ken Walker, if he doesn't speak to you first about continuing your training.

In addition, we have the group training exercise on October 13th, and everyone will be practising Burn-Over drill. The brigade will be actively training on Tuesday evenings as we approach summer.

Roster

August	Duty Officer				
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
07	Richard Hollonds	0427 489 283	Peter Smart	5148 9322	23
14	Damien Kessner	5148 9375	John Allen	5148 9443	24
21	Garry Blair	5148 9232	Stuart James	5148 9150	25
28	Veggy		Ken Cantwell	5148 9245	26
Sep	Duty Officer	Rob Gibbs	0409 566 320		
04	Steve Felmingham	0429 344009	Doug Steley	0408 754 250	27
11	Kim Hoggins	0428 514 566	Robyn Hoggins	5148 9312	28
18	Ricky Bellion	0400 738558	Stacey Iseppi	0409 709 361	29
25	Rob Gibbs	0409 566 320	Robert Clarke	0423 062 590	30

Officer Contacts

		Home	Work	Mobile
Captain	Andrew Iseppi	5148 9339		0458 042 565
1st Lieutenant	Anton Vardy		5142 3371	0417 380 329
2nd Lieutenant	Ken Walker	5148 9000		0429 708 556
3rd Lieutenant	Rob Gibbs			0409 566 320
4th Lieutenant	Veggy			
Comms Officer	Ann Gibbs			0412 085 076
Secretary	Brian Burleigh	5148 9364	5135 5387	0428 864 371
EAS Pager	1800 609 511	Pager Fault		1800 604 977
FIRS	1800 628 844	Vicfire*		1800 668 511

REGISTER A BURN- OFF 1800 668 511

Cowwarr Primary School Planet Ark Tree Planting Day

The children teamed together last Friday with Cowwarr Community members to plant 200 trees along the Rail Trail. What was satisfying for the children, in addition to the special treat provided by Mr Smart at the conclusion of the tree planting, was that the trees have been grown by our students at the school as part of the fortnightly gardening program. Rail Trail committee member, Mrs Helen Hoppner, praised the children for their planting efforts and for their ongoing contribution to the development of the Cowwarr section of the Rail Trail. Flights of Fantasy designs and poetry, now tree planting.



Gippsland Plains Rail Trail.

A big thank you to all from the Cowwarr Primary School who did a fantastic job with the “Flights of Fantasy” which are now installed from the Main Road to the Rainbow Creek Bridge in Cowwarr. Lots of very positive comments coming in from Rail Trail Users, and when the weather warms up, the solar lights on the poles will be more prominent and the kids who created the project will be amazed at just how great the area looks not only during the day but at night too. Well done to all concerned. The area in question behind the properties in Railway Street has been very well used by the public but we are now concerned about the illegal traffic along this stretch. All properties along Railway Street have a legal front access to their homes. There are NO legal access points behind these houses so we would respectfully ask residents not to drive on the trail behind your homes. It has taken many years to get the funds to build this trail and it won't last any time with motorised vehicles ripping it up. We have had many complaints about illegal use of the trail including trucks, motor bikes, cars and wandering stock and the time has now come for the Committee of Management to take action when we receive community complaints. The trail can only be used for walking, cycling and horse riding to the side of the trail, so please be good citizens and refrain from using the trail as a road. From time to time you will see management vehicles doing maintenance and weed control in vehicles so don't be alarmed. If you see an illegal vehicle on the trail please don't hesitate to call me and I will take whatever action is appropriate.

Thank you to Landcare and the Primary School for the recent tree planting on the station grounds..its starting to look fabulous for all your good work. Keeping wandering stock from trampling the plants is an issue so please report straying animals as we will have them impounded rather than lose the great work the community has put into the project. We also had a windfall recently with volunteers from Conservation Volunteers assisting the Rail Trail Committee to clean up the Cowwarr Station site and remove poplar suckers at Tinamba. You will also see the new Rail Trail display board near the main road which gives trail users an idea about what services are in town including the toilets at the Hall. The toilets are getting used much more frequently so a wonderful volunteer in town has offered to clean the toilets twice a week so thank you to Pat for the work you do with not only the toilet, but the hall gardens as well..what great community spirit we have in our small town.

In the next month we will be erecting chicanes on either side of the main road at Cowwarr where the trail crosses to allow safe passage for trail users. It will also serve to limit vehicle use down to the Rainbow Creek bridge. As I write this information, we are finalising the paperwork for the Glengarry to Traralgon section including the bridges which we hope will be ready for use in 6 months time...stay tuned for more information on the trail...connecting to Heyfield is being worked on,

Thanks Helen Hoppner GPRT COM 51489214.



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