

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Dates for the Diary

Sunday 18th. December Community Carols

Where: St. Joseph's

From: 6:30pm

Everyone is welcome to join in and enjoy the evening with Megan Stewart and Robyn Edmtaier.

Please bring a plate for supper.

Wednesday 21st. December – Last Pick-up for Letters to Santa

Where: Cowwarr General Store

Would Parents and other responsible adults please make sure that a name is somewhere on the letter or envelope.

Thursday 26th. January 2012 – Australia Day Breakfast.

Where: Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 8am

And YES there will be a cooked breakfast AND LOLLY SCRAMBLE plus hopefully the Cowwarr Primary School Leadership Team will launch the flag.

Everyone is welcome to this free event put on by CCHA, even if you have to put up with a Wellington Shire Councillor talking for a MAX of 5 minutes.

Can't be that bad can it?



Notes from the Station December 2011

STRIKE TEAM ROSTER

Our Strike Team designation this year is 1003; our turn for duty comes up every seventh week. We'll be joining up with Seaton, Glengarry, Boisdale and Traralgon East. Our duty weeks are 5-Dec, 23-Jan, 12-Mar and 30-Apr. Things will get interesting if we're committed elsewhere and a fire breaks out here. This summer, our pre-planning will focus on grass-fire events, with one-day events being most likely. On extreme fire-danger days, the duty strike team may be assembled probably in time for lunch, and disband after fire-danger has peaked. If dispatched to a fire, we hope you will be relieved overnight and certainly no later than 7 AM on the following morning. Your being available is going to require flexibility on the part of your employer and family so give the matter some thought.

We'll be contacting each of our fire-fighters to ascertain your availability.

TRAINING AND SKILLS MAINTENANCE

We've still missed a few firefighters from our many skills maintenance sessions; we hope to give another chance to run through this drill before our first Emergency turn-out.

PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMER

Both Vicroads and Wellington and Latrobe Shire contractors have excelled themselves and implemented a scorched-earth approach to the Traralgon-Maffra Road-side. It's a reminder to the adjacent owners to prepare their property by mowing or ploughing the boundary lines. Fire still burns through mowed grass, but much less intensely. The depth of the mowed area apparently depends on how inconvenient it would be to have to re-build your fences.

ROSTER FOR DECEMBER

Your turn to take the tanker for a familiarisation run and to check out a Hydrant.

Check out the new protection sprays and operate the filter back-flush (which now produces better than a dribble!). And check the tyre track sprays: last time I did they were completely fouled up!

| Dec | Duty Officer | Andrew Iseppi | 5148 9339 | | |
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| Date | Driver | Phone | Crew | Phone | Hydrant |
| 06 | Ken Walker | 5148 9000 | Peter Smart | 5148 9322 | 10 |
| 13 | Brian Burleigh | 5148 9397 | Denis Reynolds | 5148 9336 | 11 |
| 20 | Simon Mitchell | 5148 9384 | Gary Scott | 5148 9079 | 12 |
| 27 | Andrew Iseppi | 5148 9339 | Colin Gardner | 5148 9349 | 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 CUTTERS CUP 2011 – A GREAT EVENT, THE BEST EVER.

The weather gods were kind, the hay was bailed, the track was made and the public turned out in big numbers to support the event.

32 Australian Ride-on Lawn Mower Racing Association Inc., mowers registered and about 800+ adults & children attended plus about 100 volunteers.

The Race results

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| Cowwarr Cutters Cup | Gavin Barry from Berrigan (Nth West Vic) |
| A Class 400cc | Gavin Barry from Berrigan |
| B Class 250cc | Darren White from Bairnsdale |
| C Class 200cc | Rhys Bailey from Westburn (near Warburton) |
| D Class 110cc | (Juniors) Jayden White age 7 from Bairnsdale |

Funds Raised

Over \$6,000 profit was made by the Cutters Cup Organising Committee
Add a further \$3000 - \$4000 injected into our Community via the Cowwarr Football/Netball Club and the Cutters Cup Food Stall and general spending at the Pub and around town

The Cowwarr Cutters Cup over the eight years that it has been run, has raised the grand total of \$30,000 for the Cowwarr Rural Fire Brigade and our Community.

Check out the facebook site for more images at <http://www.facebook.com/CuttersCup>.

This is Cowwarr Rural Fire Brigade Captain Andrew Iseppi – a first time racer

