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Cowwarr Cutters Cup

Yes! Cowwarr is Mowing

The Cowwarr Community has joined forces with Team Mowtec to create a Family Fun Day around the Ride-on Lawn Mower Races. Through this event, we aim to create the opportunity to raise funds for the community and bring new visitors to the town. Our intent is to make this an annual event.

The day will be under the auspices of the Cowwarr Community & Historical Association Inc., and is affiliated with the Australian Ride On Lawn Mower Racing Association Inc. The event has the support of the Wellington Shire and has public liability insurance.

The Event:

Date: Saturday 11th. March (long weekend) 2006.

Time: 10am – 4.30pm

Venue: Adjacent to the Cowwarr Recreation Reserve.

Entry: Adult \$5, Kids \$2, Under 4 free.

Prizes: Lawn Mower Racing is an amateur sport & does not involve monetary prizes.

A trophy is awarded for 1st. place in all finals plus a ribbon for 2nd & 3rd.

There is also a prize for the Cowwarr Cutters Cup Champion and in kind goods are presented for Novelty and children's events.

Mowers are classified as follows:

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| A Class | Super modified – up to 400cc |
| B Class | Super modified – up to 250cc |
| C Class | Super modified – up to 249cc |
| D Class | Junior race – up to 110cc |
| Standard | no modification to original mower specifications |
| Standard modified | engine only modification allowed. |

Special & Novelty Races and Spot Prizes

The Cowwarr Cutters Cup – a combination of A,B,C, class - handicap

Grudge Race

Cowwarr Locals Standard Race

Police Radar Gun Shootout – fastest track speed

Children's Novelty Games.

Need More Info? Want to enter a Race? Want to Sponsor a Race?

Helen Hoppner (CCHA) Ph: (03) 5148 9233 or email: helenho@net-tech.com.au

Carolyn Crossley Ph: (03) 5148 9321 or email: cowwarr@optusnet.com.au

Check out the fun on www.mowtec.homestead.com

What's New at the Cowwarr Hotel for 2006 - contact 5148 9233.

Contrary to rumours about town, we are not closing the pub and opening a bed and breakfast.

New Chef.

We have employed a chef - David started last week and is keen to add new dishes to the menu. In the near future we will be having **SPECIAL MENU EVENINGS** in the dining room so look out for the advertisements.

Meal Times.

The Dining Room opens on THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY evenings from 6pm to 8pm. Ring for bookings to avoid disappointment. Alternatively you may also book a take away meal. We will open for group bookings any day where there is a minimum of twenty people.

Catering.

If you are thinking about a party or small wedding, please ring and we will Endeavour to meet your needs. Our dining room comfortably seats 36 people and we would be happy to cater for that special function you may have coming up, be it an anniversary, birthday or just a dinner party with friends. The Beer Garden and BBQ area at the back is a great place to meet and eat and will take up to 100 people depending on what seating arrangements you require.

Staff News.

Jane is training up for the dining room and Debbie remains with us to work in the kitchen and dining room. Sam has gone to full time employment and study – all the best Sam. Wendy is back being a full time Mum and Terry and Helen continue to manage and run the pub. In the next few months we will be doing some rearranging to the bar to make the area easier to move about.

Pool and Darts.

We are looking for pool and darts players to play in our pub teams. Pool is on Wednesday evenings at pm for home games and a 7pm meet at the pub for away games. Darts teams play on Tuesday nights at the same times as above. Please ring if you would like to participate in either teams.

Hotel Hours.

MONDAY – Closed unless we have an organised group booking. If you need take away alcohol then please ring and we will serve you under our general licence conditions.
TUESDAY – Open at 2pm
WEDNESDAY – open at 2pm
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY – open from midday
SUNDAY – open at midday until 7pm sharp.

Thank-you for your patronageHelen and Terry

Festival of Roses.

A reminder that the Festival of Roses is holding a meeting:-

At: Community Resource Centre – Heyfield
On: Wednesday 22nd. February 2006.
From: 7:30pm.

EVERYONE is welcome and supper is provided.

The Committee is planning to hold their **tenth** Festival at Heyfield in November and are looking for support from the people of Heyfield and district. We are a volunteer group who via the Festival fundraisers for Community projects.

We would love to have more community spirited people involved – so, come along and join in.

For more information, please contact Gayle Sault Ph/Fax 5148 9382

Thomson Valley Bush Riders – Annual SIDS for KIDS Packhorse Ride Report

In January 2006, the Thomson Valley Bush Riders held their presentation night at Cowwarr Hotel. President Colin Ison presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Karen Passey for the Sids and Kids Appeal.

To raise an amount like this from our annual packhorse ride (held on 8th., 9th. October 2005), was only made possible by the great efforts of Club Members who give complete support to making the ride a success. Plus, the fundraising and Sponsors involved who support the riders and horses.

The ride is gaining in popularity, with over 100 riders and packhorses completing last years' event. Out camp fire and entertainment on Saturday evening at Walhalla is itself a not to be missed event with, plenty of fun, bush poets and country music making for a great night. Some damp weather did not make much impact as everyone was prepared.

We are fortunate that the ride brings together a large group of riders who share a passion for the bush and get enjoyment from being able to ride through some of the most scenic country. The ride is made more meaningful as they are raising money for a worthy cause and get to share experiences and stories with fellow riders.

Colin thanked the Cowwarr – Toongabbie Lions Club for the help they give each year by providing great morning teas, lunches and the evening meal at Walhalla. Not to mention the great breakky on Sunday morning – wonder why? Colin presented a cheque for \$500 and thanks for the Lions help in making the ride a success.

Each year is getting bigger with more riders taking part and we hope this year will be just as much fun . Riders will come from near and far to enjoy a good time in early October 2006 in the Thomson Valley Bush Riders Annual Sids and Kids Packhorse Ride Appeal.

Need more Info? – Want to Enter? – Think you would like to be a Sponsor?

Contact: Pres. Colin Ison on (03) 5191 8230
Sec. Lynda Farley (03) 5192 4470

Pass this information to anyone you think may be interested.

News from the Shed

Strike Team Dates for Summer.

There are still vacancies for an all expenses paid tour of somewhere hot and smoky on and around weeks commencing: 20th. February and 20th. March 2006 – Contact Capt. Andrew Iseppi

Latest on the Current Fire Season

Dust hasn't settled, but that is because bulldozers are still "rehabilitating" fire trails cut strategically between here and Tyers.

While the fire isn't "OUT" it should stay within the current containment lines.

The additional firebreak constructed between the fields, the built-up areas and the forest was an interesting exercise. People living outside the line were acutely aware of the limits of the planned defences and acted accordingly. **Thank-you** to land owners across whose properties the fire break was constructed.

Hopefully all will be quiet until a planned fuel reduction burn in the middle of the Boola forest in Autumn. You will all be alert to the plume – but not alarmed.

A large chunk of the proceeds from the 2005 Festival of Roses is earmarked for the Cowwarr CFA. We will have to decide how to put these generously donated funds to work to best protect the Community

A letter has been sent to Colin Adams the Municipal Emergency Response Officer requesting that Southern Rural Water be directed to reduce fuel loads on channel banks, as the Brigade regards the state of the channels as a fire hazard.

Want to Join the Brigade? – Contact: Capt. Andrew Iseppi or Sec. Mal Stewart or any of the below

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| Andrew Iseppi – Captain | 5148 9339 | Simon Mitchell – 2 nd Lieutenant | 5148 9384 |
| Mal Stewart – Secretary | 5148 9426 | Kim Hoggins – 3 rd . Lieutenant | 5148 9312 |
| Anton Vardy – 1 st Lieutenant | 5192 4105 | Brian Burleigh – 4 th . Lieutenant | 5148 9364 |

Wellington Shire Council Stuff

VicRoads has asked the Shire for more detailed drawings of the planned Streetscape improvements for the Main road through Cowwarr.

Not surprising, considering the amount of work to be done and the need to slot this work into the VicRoads schedule.

The original plan submitted was a “concept” plan and not the final working document. VicRoads also has the traffic analysis data and obviously considers that there should be something done about speeding traffic.

As usual Wellington Shire will put off doing anything for as long as possible and have indicated to CCHA that the detailed plan will “hopefully” be completed by June/July 2006.

CCHA has again written to the Mayor Malcolm Hole, Clr. Darren McCubbin (traffic) and Clr. Beth Ripper to try to get this project moving.

CCHA has been working on this for at least 3 years and consider the total lack of support from Wellington Shire is the usual – “do things in towns with the most votes” syndrome!

Maybe we should consider a Shire boundary change that would put Cowwarr into Latrobe Shire?

Hall News

A bit embarrassing, but the Hall has lost a couple of legs! Would anyone who has hired trestles in the past few months, please check around their place, in case when returning their chairs and trestles a couple of legs got left behind. Could be a new meaning for “legless”. Thank-you.

Riders Club News.

The Traralgon Riders Club based at Toongabbie (behind the Rec. Reserve) will be holding their next Novelty Day on Sunday 19th. March.

A Novelty Day means there are lots of fun events from barrel races to three legged and other events aimed at increasing the confidence and proficiency of young riders.

The events are tailored to suit all age groups – parents are frequently seen leading the pony (with child onboard) across the finishing line and there are many experienced riders on hand to give tips and advice to riders and parents.

Anyone who has a horse/pony and would like to take part in any of the events or just come along and see what goes on then ring Dave or Vicki Smith on 5148 9344 for more information.

Lions News.

Lions all over our District (from the Mornington Peninsula to Mallacoota) are busy with events to raise money for the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre Appeal. The latest off the blocks were Drouin with the Ficifolia Festival, Zone 4 catered for the reopening of the Sale Swing Bridge, Orbost raised funds from the Marlo Wood Chop and Mirboo North (a very new Club) has also donated a significant amount plus many more.

If you are travelling around Gippsland then look out for Lions events supporting the Cancer Care Centre and please support their efforts.

Cowwarr - Toongabbie will be donating the proceeds from the Lawn Mower Race to this appeal and also has some other planned events up our sleeve – stay tuned.

Christ Church News.

Not much is happening on the sale of surplus land front, though now there is a new Bishop maybe he will be more pro-active and get this moving so that vital work on the building can be undertaken.