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More Important dates for your Diary.

Thursday 22nd. February 2007.

Gippsland Bushfire Recovery (Built Environment) Group Meeting

This Group is moving around the bushfire affected towns and is meeting in Cowwarr to discuss and issues with the community.

This Group deals with bridges, road signs, water supply, tree removal, building assessments and general clean up issues.

There will be an informal gathering that will be attended by Depts. of Infrastructure, Human Services and Representatives from Wellington and Latrobe Shires, water utilities, phone companies and VicRoads.

Where: Cowwarr Hotel

Time: 1pm

A soup and sandwich lunch is available – RSVP to Pub on 5148 9233

This is an ideal opportunity to discuss any infrastructure issues with the relative authority.

Friday 23rd. February 2007.

Heyfield Lions Club “Community Recovery Event”

Come along and enjoy an evening of fun, food, music and frivolity for all the family.

Entry: Gold coin donation – gates open at 5pm

Where: Cowwarr Football Grounds

Free: BBQ and soft drinks

BYO: Seat and alcohol (NO GLASS PLEASE)

Jumping Castle and balloons, five bands including “Soul Contention” will be performing plus \$1,500 worth of raffle prizes to be won during the event.

Gerard Callinan (ABC Radio) will MC the event and all money raised will go to those in our community.

Sunday 18th. March 2007.

Special Church Service at Christ Church.

An ecumenical Church Service at Christ Church Cowwarr will be held to support those who lost homes and property in the recent bushfires and to give thanks to the CFA for their wonderful volunteer efforts.

Time: 10am - to be followed by Morning Tea at St. Joseph's Hall (across the road)

This is an open invitation to families and friends. Parishioners from Heyfield and Tinamba will attend to support our service, so please make every effort to make this a great community event.

Collection from the plate will be shared between the Bushfire Appeal, CFA and the restoration of the church.

Please ring Parish Representatives – Helen on 5148 9233 or Brian on 5148 9364 for more information.

Other News

Bushfire Relief Fundraising Report.

CCHA in conjunction with Cowwarr – Toongabbie and Wellington – Latrobe Lions Clubs have raised just over \$16,000 for this Appeal. We are pleased that the first round of distributions have been sent to each of the 10 families who lost their homes to use as they see fit.

A further donation was made to Southern Ash Wildlife Shelter run on a voluntary basis by Coleen Wood who is coping with any number of injured koalas and other wildlife.

Donations were received from Blackburn to Toorak, Locally and people all over Australia who had either experienced a bushfire, or simply saw the media images and felt they just had to help somehow.

Thank-you everyone. Anyone still experiencing difficulties with replacing burnt sheds/fences etc., please keep in touch with Lions members as we may be able to help.

Cutters Cup Update

Thank-you to David Graham for the loan of the tent – much appreciated by all.

The Committee will be holding a wash-up meeting later this month and hope to have a final sum to hand over to the CFA. Will keep you posted.

CFA News from the Shed for February 2007

Rain! Enough to quell the forest fire danger (not that there's many trees left).

While there's not much grass, it's all dead and can dry out in a day, so the fire danger period continues.

For the CFA, its time to clean out the Shed which has been looking more like a doss house lately.

The proposal for a light tanker more suited to the foothills and Weir Estate is being developed.

Meanwhile, we await the much delayed arrival of our new second-hand tanker and the retirement of the old Hino after only 22 years of service.

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