

# COWWARR CHRONICLE

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## Dates for the Diary

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>. February – Community Meeting with Wellington Shire Representative.

Where: Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 8pm

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss what project/s from the Cowwarr Community Plan we wish to spend \$10,000 on that the Shire has allocated to Cowwarr.

The Shire has already allocated \$10,000 for Rainbow Park and work on the trees has commenced.

Some outstanding projects listed in the Community Plan are: street lighting, street furniture/bike racks etc., weed control at town entries and signage.

If you don't have a copy of the Community Plan, it can be downloaded from the Wellington Shire website [www.wellington.vic.gov.au](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au)

CCHA has received a copy of the Wellington Shire Customer Service Charter which can also be discussed at the meeting if we have time and a couple of copies are at the Shop for you to peruse.

Please join us.

### Cowwarr Landcare Group

Cowwarr Landcare Group has recommenced their monthly meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Catchment Management depot in the Main Street.

To join the Group costs only \$10 per family each year, so come along to a meeting and see what they are up to and if you are interested sign on.

The major project for 2012 is the wetlands area at the Cowwarr Weir and the Group will continue weed eradication and tree planting.



## Notes from the Station February 2012

### COMMUNITY SAFETY MESSAGE

There is nothing like a lung-full of fresh bush-fire smoke to gain people's attention to the CFA Community Safety Programmes. So far this summer, we've had to do without this expedient and have been less than successful in getting the Prepare, Act, Survive message out to the local community. The new CFA tactic to spread the word is to engage CFA members to spread the word to your neighbours, especially those who are newly arrived. The Quick Reference Guide is attached to this newsletter for members. Otherwise, if you need to revise your bushfire safety plan, track down your nearest CFA member.

### TEA COSIES? with the Community Safety Message: Prepare, Act, Survive

The brigade has received a stock of nearly brimless cloth hats bearing the above message; obviously intended to be worn as you dispense bushfire advice. But not really suitable for keeping the sun off the honker! They come in two standard sizes (57 & 59), to accommodate most hat sizes; please select one of suitable size from the Station when next you attend. Or you could convert it to a natty tea cosy!

### MEMBER ID CARDS

Another recommendation of the Bushfire Royal Commission is being implemented. The card is intended to provide easy identification for members to pass through traffic management points, roadblocks and the like. The brigade management team with CFA web-site access has been tasked to administer the application process. You may have a recent passport-grade photograph, or better still a .jpg image file on a memory stick! Otherwise, we can arrange to take your photo. Operational members are encouraged to obtain their card. You will be contacted soon.

### TANKER ROSTER

Feb	Duty Officer	Veggy			
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
07	Kim Hoggins	0428 514 566	Robyn Hoggins	5148 9312	19
14	Richard Hollonds	0427 489 283	David Johnston	5148 9231	20
21	Damien Kessner	5148 9375	Brian Tyler	0428 399 348	21
28	<b>Veggy</b>		Peter Smart	5148 9322	22

Thanks to Cowwarr Community

The Brigade thanks all those involved in the Cutters Cup and greatly appreciates your contribution. The proceeds will be directed toward bush-fire mitigation projects.

Torches. Interested members are invited to purchase a helmet torch for \$70. We have a stock. There are different brackets for Wildfire and Structural helmet types.

Officer Meeting. Next meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> at the Station at 20:00

Working Bee at Station. Planned for Tuesday Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. 19:00 Followed by BBQ.

# 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

## **OzDay Breakfast**

Thank-you to all the helpers at the OzDay Breakfast and hope everyone enjoyed themselves – even though we ran out of bacon.

Carolyn Crossley presented the Cowwarr RFB with \$5,000 from the Cutters Cup, below is the total distribution of funds.



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