

# Cowwarr Community & Historical Association Inc.

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### Christ Church Update

Following the next Christ Church Cowwarr service, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. February 2004, there will be an AGM to elect 2 representatives to the Heyfield Parish.

As our services are ecumenical, we cordially invite you to attend and participate in the meeting.

This is also an opportunity to discuss baptism with our new Minister Keith South. Those wishing to be baptised can do so at our March 14<sup>th</sup>. service.

As we will be starting the refurbishment of our lovely historic church, your support at future church services and working bee's would be most appreciated.

Electricity - Bill O'Brien is in charge of this project and reports on progress.

The TXU inspector will visit the church with Bill on his next visit to discuss their requirements and finalise connection points, the position of the meter and fuse boxes etc. The old fuse box would be simply retained as an historical item.

As there is no electricity connected to the building, there is no reason why we (the Community) cannot remove the old cables/ducts etc. Bill has some scaffolding (and can borrow more), the more we can do ourselves the more money we will save.

We need to also have a working bee to measure the church so that Bill has the cable lengths required to do the job. Most cable contractors have half reels, odd lots etc., leftover from other jobs and Bill thinks we can get these cheaply or, hopefully free. He has also sourced a company which sells secondhand tested cable.

Working Bee dates will be published at the Shop.

Please contact **Helen Hoppner on 5148 9233** if you need further information on these matters.

### Town Plan.

Helen had some discussions with Cr. John Jago at the Australia Day Breakfast about the Town Plan.

The best way forward seems to be Helen to liase with Wellington Shire Town Plan coordinator to get a basic plan drafted. Then with a common platform to start from we can then have a Community meeting to flesh it out and add the things we want to improve the town.

Funding is available via the Shire for Govt. grants for small towns – contact Helen as above for more information.



## **Rail Trail**

The Rail Trail is open from Glengarry to Rainbow Creek and a number of people have been seen using sections.

If you require any information on the trail contact Helen.

## **Town House Numbering**

If you are very old you may remember the submission this community sent to the Shire eons ago requesting a standard house/block numbering system for emergency services etc.

At the time we were fobbed off with the explanation that a new Rural Property Numbering System was in the pipeline. Well, this numbering system has been completed BUT, strange to say they have ignored the small rural towns. This puts us right back where we started with at least 2 houses/blocks in the same street having the same Lot number!

Do you want our plan to be resubmitted?

It basically meant that the town started at the Traralgon end of town at what is now the Rail Trail and ended at Noel Murphy's or perhaps Meadowlea. Thus the Main Street would be numbered odds and evens.

All the side streets (Railway, Cricket, Church and Park) would be numbered from the Main Street odd and evens.

Then the cross streets would be numbered odds and evens from Railway Street.

We have a copy of the original submission and if there is enough enthusiasm then we will dig it out, make any changes needed and resubmit the whole thing.

Could be something to add to the Town Plan.

## **Heritage Trail**

Those of you who were around at the Cowwarr Primary School 125<sup>th</sup>. will remember the Lions History Trail which proved very popular. There are Community Grants available so that communities can have small signs attached to their property and a booklet/map and notice board can be set up telling the history of each place if known. This does not mean that hords of people can come onto your property.

Maybe this could also be a Town Plan idea or just something all the community groups can get together and do something ourselves.