

# COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Wishing everyone a great 2012

## Dates for the Diary

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 and we have Clr. Beth Ripper coming along.

Please join us.

### Fire Restriction Period

As per the notice board at the Shop the Fire Restriction Period officially started on Boxing Day. This means you may not light a fire or, allow a fire to continue to burn without a permit.

A permit may be applied for from the Shire Municipal Fire Prevention Officer at Wellington or Latrobe Shire offices. CFA District 10 has advised that both Shires will be co-operative if you had some fire prevention burn or rubbish burn planned but were unable to carry out that plan due to the damp weather we have had during December.

Get in quick as when it really starts to dry-out then the Shires will be reluctant to issue permits.

Please make sure that you:-

Contact your neighbours about your planned burn

Ring Vicfire on 1800 668 511 to register your burn – have your permit details handy

If you need help contact a Cowwarr RFB Officer



## Notes from the Station January 2012

### 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 as the fire season intensifies. You'll need your skates on for the Tinamba First Aid Course (I haven't checked whether they have vacancies). There are other course dates not listed here for neighbouring districts if you are prepared to travel further.

We'll also have Brigade training sessions on Tuesday evenings, and participate in Cluster training activities.

### CFA Courses for District 10

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
21-Jan	28-Jan	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT: aka Level 2 First Aid	CFA318	TINAMBA	01-Jan
23-Jan	30-Jan	CFA DRIVING POLICY & LEGISLATION	CFA406	CHURCHILL	07-Jan
25-Jan	25-Dec	CLASS A FOAM	CFA001	CHURCHILL	30-Jan
11-Feb	12-Feb	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT	CFA318	TRARALGON	25-Jan
25-Feb	25-Feb	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT REFRESHER	CFA338	MAFFRA	12-Feb
01-Mar	25-Mar	SUPPRESS WILDFIRE	CFA293	CHURCHILL	07-Feb
07-Mar	14-Mar	HAZMAT AWARENESS	CFA076	MAFFRA	14-Feb
28-Mar	29-Apr	BREATHING APPARATUS (OPEN CIRCUIT)		MAFFRA	05-Mar
17-Apr	03-Jun	RESPOND TO URBAN FIRE	CFA298	MAFFRA	19-Mar
05-May	05-May	CPR UPDATE	CFA21001	YARRAM	20-Apr
19-May	20-May	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	YARRAM	23-Apr
21-May	24-May	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	30-Apr
31-May	23-Jun	CREW LEADERSHIP	CFA06501	YARRAM	27-Apr
07-Jul	15-Jul	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	11-Jun
21-Jul	29-Jul	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	25-Jun

### PERSONAL PROTECTION KIT

I have some PPE gear which was ordered for members during the Spring, but I cannot recall exactly for whom each article is. If you are expecting replacement gear, then see me any Tuesday evening at the Station.

### ROSTER FOR JANUARY

Your turn to take the tanker for a familiarisation run and to check out the nominated 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!

If you can make it Tuesday evening, there may be a training activity available.

Dec	Duty Officer	Brian Burleigh	5148 9364		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
03	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Denis Reynolds	5148 9336	14
10	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Gary Scott	5148 9079	15
17	Trevor Astbury	5148 9267	Ann Scott	5148 9079	16
24	Dave Smith	5148 9384	Brianna Walker	0407 853 573	17
31	Brian Burleigh	5148 9364	Evan Walker	0410 961300	18

## **New Year's Eve Call Out**

In spite of it being past 23:00 on Saturday night, nine members presented a serious show of force when called to an illegal bonfire at Thomson Drive. The important message from this event is neighbourliness.

If you're planning some impressive pyrotechnic display, just let the neighbours know in advance; otherwise they'll quite rightly assume that something is amiss and will call in the fire. As for the resident not knowing that the fire restriction period had started; the implication of believing that don't bear thinking about!

# 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

## **COWS**

Good to see that the calf has been reunited with its' mother – the Stock Squad were right on the ball. Now is the time to get started on the next batch of Cowwarr Cows.

If you have or can scrounge any of the items listed below then either leave them at the Shop or call Judith on 5148 9364 and arrange for them to be picked up.

44 Gallon drums

20 litre metal drums

Springs – car or motorbike

Old bike handlebars

Any unwanted paint in usable condition.

## **Cutters Cup Thank-you.**

A very big **big big Thank-you** to everyone who helped make the Cutters Cup such a success this year.

Sharon Cooper would especially like to thank Karen, Ray, Sue & Chris and Trev, Sam & Nellie who all helped with the food – your help was most appreciated.

As usual the wind came up just about lunch time and managed to extinguish the BBQ flame and then when the jumping castle got going the power to the ice cream freezer and bain marie became problematical – but them's the breaks.



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