

# Cowwarr Chronicle

Cowwarr Fire Brigade

January 2019

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## Australia Day 2019

Join us at the Cowwarr hall for a flag raising ceremony at 0800, followed by a community breakfast. Proudly supported by Cowwarr Fire Brigade



## Important Dates

Australia day  
Breakfast Saturday  
26<sup>th</sup> January 8am  
Cowwarr Hall

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>  
January students  
first day of school  
Cowwarr Primary

## *Agencies to report fire trespassers to police*

The bushfire south east of Rosedale is now under control, but many local roads and tracks in the direct vicinity of the fire are still closed to the public.

It is important that everyone abides by these road closures, for their own safety and the safety of those still working to secure the area.

The bushfire has burnt 12,178 hectares of bush which includes the Holey Plains State Park and HVP Plantations.

As a result, the ground in this area is unstable, there are burnt-out trees that are in danger of falling and causing injury, hot-spots are still being extinguished and the area is not safe for the public. This is the reason why the roads remain signposted that they are closed.

Anyone found to be ignoring the road closure signs and walking, driving vehicles or riding motorbikes in this area will have their details recorded and reported to the police.

Wellington has plenty of areas to enjoy the natural environment that are easily accessible and perfect for exploring. We ask that you continue to enjoy these places but avoid the fire-affected areas until they have been declared safe by fire authorities.

All forest and plantation access tracks are closed as well as the following:

- Taylors Lane (north of Gormandale-Stradbroke Road)
- Mitchells Road (at Willung Road)
- Ronalds Road (at Willung Road)
- Merton Vale Road (north of Taylors Road)
- Buxtons Road
- Baldwins Road
- Talbot Road
- East Boundary Road
- Rosedale-Stradbroke Road is closed with a traffic management point at the Rosedale Speedway

## *St Brigid's Bulletin*

The garden around the presbytery continues to expand and to flourish. Carmel is still in the hands of the surgeons but is occasionally able to be out and about.

At St Brigid's the Christmas season has ended and we have started ordinary time. There are a number of important celebrations in February. One of particular interest to the people of Cowwarr is the feast of St Brigid on 1st February. St Brigid is an Irish saint who was a contemporary of St Patrick. She is often shown with a bishop's crozier as she founded a number of religious communities. The community established at Kildare (under the oak) has been a significant part of Irish memory. Irishmen Denis and Patrick (Patrick by way of Canada) O'Brien were mates who worked together on the Jordon Valley gold fields. Subsequently they were among the early settlers at Cowwarr. Denis made an important contributor towards construction of St Brigid's church in the 1870s. St Brigid's parish subsequently became a centre for the district and in 1916 the parish included the churches at Glengarry, Glenmaggie, Heyfield, Seaton, Walhalla, Jericho and Red Jacket (Jericho and Red Jacket were in the goldfields). Today St Brigid's continues to serve those who want to spend time with God as they journey through the life that God has given them.

## *Council partnership to provide water to farmers*

Wellington Shire Council is partnering with local water authorities and water carters to deliver household water to drought affected families.

Council was successful in an application for \$1 million from the Commonwealth's Drought Communities Program, which is targeted at drought affected communities.

Part of this funding will be used to cart potable water to farming households who rely on rainwater for their household water supply.

In addition to the free cartage, Gippsland Water and South Gippsland Water have also come on board to provide the household water to those farmers at a reduced cost.

Council is writing to primary producers about the scheme, which will enable them to receive up to two deliveries of household water and only pay a reduced rate for the water. Cartage will be free.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Alan Hall said local farmers had told Council that paying for water cartage for household consumption was yet another financial burden of the drought.

"The actual cartage of the water is the most expensive component of a water delivery," Cr Hall said.

"This scheme, funded through the Commonwealth, will cover the total cost of cartage for two deliveries of water.

"Council is also thrilled that Wellington's local water authorities, Gippsland Water and South Gippsland Water, have also acknowledged the dire situation this drought has caused and have agreed to heavily subsidise the cost of the water being delivered.

"This is a fantastic example of multiple levels of government working together for the needs of our communities."

The Drought Communities Program supports local community infrastructure and other drought relief projects for communities impacted by drought. There are specific guidelines for the funding, which means infrastructure and projects must:

- Provide employment for people whose work opportunities have been impacted by drought
- Stimulate local community spending
- Use local resources, businesses and suppliers
- Provide a long-lasting benefit to communities and the agricultural industries on which they depend.

Council is also working on other infrastructure and projects that will provide indirect support to the wider business community.

Primary producers interested in taking advantage of the offer are asked to contact their local Wellington shire-based water carting contractor (listed below)

To find out more about the scheme, contact Mark Coleman, Business Development Officer 0437 841 104.

## *Tips for beating the heat this summer*

During extreme heat it is easy to become dehydrated or for your body to overheat. If this happens, you may develop heat cramps, heat exhaustion or even heatstroke. Heatstroke is a medical emergency which can result in permanent damage to your vital organs, or even death, if not treated immediately. Extreme heat can also make existing medical conditions worse.

If you don't already know your neighbours this is a good time to introduce yourself and find out whether they might need a little help in case of heatwave, fire or flood.

Wellington Shire Council is advising residents to become familiar with ways to stay healthy this summer as the weather heats up.

For further information about how to prepare and stay well during hot weather, visit [www.wellington.vic.gov.au/heatwave](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/heatwave)



*Cowwarr fire Brigade*

We have already had a busy start to the year, crews turning out to multiple jobs. At one point we have three different teams of firefighters out in three places! A day crew at the Rosedale fires, A night crew at the Rosedale fires and a crew attending a local fire

There have been multiple suspicious fires lit in Gippsland this summer. If you witness anyone acting suspiciously please let police know ASAP. If you have information regarding suspects or cases you can also report to Crime stoppers 1800333000

Have you seen our new Total Fire ban sign?



## Sale & District Cancer Support Group

The meeting of the above group will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 from 1.30pm to 3.00pm in the Conference Room, Community Services Building, 49 Palmerston Street, Sale.

Our Guest speaker for February will be Kerrie Easton, a member of CGH Community Liaison Group. Kerrie will be speaking at the Gippsland Regional Cancer Services Forum at LRH in March.

This invitation is extended to people who have, or have had, Cancer. Carers, Family or Friends are also invited to attend.

The Group's aim is to enable a safe, confidential and friendly place where people can give and receive emotional and practical support from others with a similar lived experience.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019 by phoning (03) 51 438 800.

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

For more information contact Group Member, Charlie James on 0403 015 229



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Thursday & Saturday 1pm – 5pm

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