

# COWWARR CHRONICLE

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## Dates for the Diary

### National Tree Day

There are two events to celebrate National Tree Day in Cowwarr this year

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup>. Cowwarr Primary School

Where            Rainbow Park

From            Time to be advised – check Shop Window

**AND**

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>. Cowwarr Landcare Group

Where:            Swing Bridge Reserve – Cowwarr Weir

From:            10am

Everyone is welcome to both events – if you plan on attending the Landcare event then please wear strong shoes and bring gloves.

Dare say there will be a cuppa, BBQ or something on offer at both events – keep an eye out for more info at the Shop

### Light Fingers

There seems to be a light fingered person/s operating in and around Cowwarr at the moment. This seems to be a cyclical event in small towns and the Police are aware of the situation.

Just make sure that easily portable items like power tools and chainsaws etc., are secure and if you need to leave the car in the driveway or out in the street, then don't leave any enticing goodies inside it and make sure it is locked.



## Notes from the Station for July 2013

**Social Activity.** Ann Gibbs is planning a table at the Sale Firemans Masquerade Ball. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 7:30 PM \$25.00 plus byo food & drinkies. Contact Ann on 0412 085 076.

**Planned Burning** – Article by Jason Leigh lifted from CFA web pages

CFA and VFBV are conducting a study into the barriers faced by brigades getting involved in planned burning, and the support they need to become more involved.

The study will begin with an optional brigade survey and the results will be used to inform CFA’s Vegetation Management Program, which works to reduce the red tape associated with planned burning. Vegetation Management Team Leader Owen Gooding says that planned burning is an often under-reported and unrecognised as part of Victoria’s overall burn effort.

“CFA brigades have a long and strong history of involvement with planned burning to protect their communities. It’s recognised as an essential activity to reduce bushfire intensity, firefighting requirements and the impact on life and property,” Owen said.

“There’s now increasing government and community expectations about planned burning in Victoria generally, not just on public land, and we need to make sure CFA’s programs are providing the right support for our brigades. The aim is to identify options to improve the support provided to volunteer brigades and the knowledge will inform the Vegetation Management Program Plan for 2013 – 2015.” The brigade survey will be open until Saturday 3 August, followed by further workshops, focus groups, analysis of legislation, risk, and equipment, training and system requirements.

“We’re running a survey for brigades already involved in planned burning as well as one for those with little or no involvement, and will be working with VFBV to encourage as many brigades as possible to participate. The more participants and brigades represented the better,” Owen said.

“We’re looking for a good grassroots understanding of the various issues involved for brigades participating in planned burns, which might include volunteer availability, access to training, skills maintenance opportunities, and equipment and resourcing requirements.”

**Links to participate in the survey:** (web hyperlinks are a bit clunky in hard-copy!)

- [For brigades with little or no involvement](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRIGADES-NOINVOLVEMENT)  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRIGADES-NOINVOLVEMENT
- [For brigades already involved](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Brigades-Involved)  
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Brigades-Involved
- If you have further questions or would prefer a hard copy of the survey contact your brigade secretary, vegetation management officer or VFBV district council representative.

### CFA Training Calendar

Start	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
13-Jul	28-Jul	OPERATE BA (OPEN CIRCUIT)	NEA0002	TRARALGON	6-Jul
20-Jul	21-Jul	MANAGE INJURIES AT	CFA318	HEYFIELD	1-Jul
25-Jul	25-Jul	CPR UPDATE	CFA21001	TOONGABBIE	15-Jul
30-Jul	30-Jul	CPR UPDATE	CFA21001	SWIFT'S CREEK	1-Jul
4-Aug	21-Aug	MANAGE INJURIES AT	CFA318	FERNBANK	8-Jul
13-Aug	13-Aug	CPR UPDATE	CFA21001	LINDENOW	15-Jul
13-Oct	13-Oct	MANAGE INJURIES AT	CFA338	BOOLARRA	23-Sep
21-Oct	21-Oct	CPR UPDATE	CFA21001	CHURCHILL	21-Oct

### TRAINING

Ken Walker has passed on that CFA will run at least one Driver Vehicles under Operational Conditions course before Summer, but its not on the course list yet.

Booking to Ken for the 25-July CPR update at Toongabbie by 7<sup>th</sup> 0429 708 556 please.

Heyfield (or is it Thomson?) Group is talking about First Aid refresher Course and a Chainsaw Course (now which should you do first?).

Bookings have already closed for Intro to AIIMS (Fire Management) course at Maffra on 6-July.  
Still no word on the developing course for Toongabbie Local Command Facility.

Structural Gear Measure-up Opportunity – for those who have passed the Low Structure Course.  
This will be on 10<sup>th</sup> July at Traralgon Fire Station (Fort Knox) from 16:00 until 21:00 probably except for boots which have to be requisitioned from District Office in Sale.

Roster

July	Duty Officer	Brian Burleigh	0428 864 371		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
03	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Denis Reynolds	5148 9336	18
10	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Gary Scott	5148 9079	19
17	Trevor Astbury	5148 9267	Evan Walker	0410 961 300	20
24	Dave Smith	5148 9344	David Johnston	5148 9231	21
31	<b>Brian Burleigh</b>	<b>5148 9364</b>	Brian Tyler	0428 399 348	22

**Officer Contacts**

		Home	Work	Mobile
Captain	<b>Andrew Iseppi</b>	<b>5148 9339</b>		<b>0458 042 565</b>
1st Lieutenant	<b>Anton Vardy</b>		<b>5142 3371</b>	<b>0417 380 329</b>
2nd Lieutenant	<b>Ken Walker</b>	<b>5148 9000</b>		<b>0429 708 556</b>
3rd Lieutenant	<b>Rob Gibbs</b>			<b>0409 566 320</b>
4th Lieutenant	<b>Veggy</b>			
Comms Officer	<b>Ann Gibbs</b>			<b>0412 085 076</b>
Secretary	<b>Brian Burleigh</b>	<b>5148 9364</b>	<b>5135 5387</b>	<b>0428 864 371</b>
EAS Pager	<b>1800 609 511</b>	<b>Pager Fault</b>		<b>1800 604 977</b>
FIRS	<b>1800 628 844</b>	<b>Vicfire*</b>		<b>1800 668 511</b>

**REGISTER A BURN- OFF 1800 668 511**

**Cowwarr Landcare News**

National Tree Day coming up on Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup>. Working bee at Swing Bridge Reserve at Cowwarr Weir – just follow the signs. Start at 10 AM and be ready for a BBQ lunch at about noon. Members, supporters and willing workers welcome.  
Wear solid shoes, trousers etc. as the ground is uneven and we have some wombat holes to avoid.  
Event supported by Planet Ark.

At our meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we discussed the possibility of increasing our support for the Fox’s Road project. As a separate Landcare group is now being formed to manage that project, our group will offer support to the environment-related aspects of the development.

For further information contact president Brian Burleigh on 5148 9364.

## Cowwarr Primary School Report

### **Jump Rope for Heart**

What a super afternoon was had by the students of Cowwarr Primary School on June 20 as they jumped rope for two hours in support of the National Heart Foundation.

The Cowwarr students are to be commended on their participation in the Jump Off and their efforts to raise money for the Heart Foundation, and would like to say a big thank you to the parents and friends who joined them on the day.

### **Flights of Fantasy**

Friday June 28 saw the official unveiling of the Flights of Fantasy project at the Cowwarr Rail Trail. The Flights of Fantasy project, initiated by previous principal, Rod Clarke, was funded by the Artist in Schools program, an initiative of the Victorian Government. Parents, family, friends and community members joined the children as they unveiled their designs. Led by Stratford artist, Gavin Roberts and coordinated by teacher, Gayle Coleman, the Cowwarr students spent the term planning and constructing their flight designs. A literacy component of the program involved the children creating poetry based on their design that was proudly read out during the opening.

Please enjoy the children's designs as you walk or ride the Cowwarr Rail Trail, and take time to read the children's poetry that is now on permanent display on the Rainbow Creek Bridge.

### **Flying Eagle**

When I look up, what do I see?  
Big blue eyes, staring at me.  
I hear a noise down by the creek.  
It's an eagle, yelling out "hawk!"  
It takes off as I follow.  
Then it glides like a swallow.  
As fast as lightning,  
it zooms through the air.  
*Nathan Cachia, Year 5*

### **Giant Blue Dragons**

Giant blue dragons,  
flying gracefully in the yellow air,  
showing how beautiful  
they are in the air.  
The sky drifts down to night  
and the dragons cry.  
I feel sad for them while I sigh.  
Day comes and night goes.  
The dragons get up  
and show the world  
their love for everyone.  
*Grace O'Brien, Year 3*

### **The Flying Falcon**

The flying falcon with feathery wings  
Flies fast through the fields  
With feet that look like forks  
Frightening the foxes in Farnham woods  
Feeding on fish, frogs and fruit  
Flipping and flapping with friends is fun.  
*Ben Harrison, Year 3*



Cr Carolyn Crossley and Artist in Residence Gavin Roberts after the Grand Opening.

# DOGGY DOO DISPOSAL DEPOT – 4D

4D is open for business on the Rail Trail.

4D is easy to operate – just 3 steps.



- STEP 1. Remove a special Doggy Bag from the Letterbox Dispenser – please close lid.
- STEP 2. When Rover/Fluffy drops his/her load place your hand in the bag pick up the poo and fold bag over poo – tie a knot if you like.
- STEP 3. Either place the bag in the compost bin at 4D or if you are not headed that way then the bag may be placed in the bins at Shop or Pub or you can take it home and place into your rubbish bin.

Either way you have:-

NOT added another plastic bag to landfill

**AND**

NOT caused pollution of Rainbow Creek

CCHA and Rail Trail Committee Members will monitor Doggy Bag supplies and apply lime to compost bin as required.

A big thank-you to all who participated in this project – we hope it is a success and can be installed at other sites on the Rail Trail – your call Cowwarr.