

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Due to the Ed. and staff being on holiday there will be no Chronicle in August

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 31st. July National Tree Day 2011 at the Weir

On Sunday 31st., as part of National Tree Day, the Cowwarr Landcare Group will be planting trees and shrubs at the Swingbridge Reserve at Cowwarr Weir.

Members of the Community are invited to join us and share in a BBQ afterwards.

Join us at 10am for a cuppa before we start planting. All tools supplied but you need to wear long pants and a strong pair of shoes or boots. Bring your own drinks for the BBQ.

For more information and to aid us in catering contact Peter Smart on 5148 9322

Sunday 31st. July YOUR LAST CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY

The Hall Committee has been contacted by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure about how the \$25,000 allocated to the Hall is to be spent.

The Hall Committee had already earmarked work on the septic system as a priority, though the amount on offer would not cover all the work required to get the system into the 21st. century.

Other members of the community have suggested painting the Hall.

The Committee is open to Community suggestions so, either put your ideas down on paper and leave at the Shop or call Judith Stone on 5148 9364 and leave a message.

The Committee will meet in August to decide on which project/s will be undertaken

Sunday 11th. September Family Farm Day

11 "Cows" have been made to be placed around town – if you are feeling a bit artistic and would like to paint a cow – contact Sharon at the Shop.

For more information about this fun day or if you wish to assist contact Ruth O'Brien on 5148 3375.



Notes from the Station July - August 2011

Station Extension Fit-Out

The Tuesday evening working bees have made steady progress on lining the new extension at the rear of the Station. Winter beat us on 5th July, but we hope to be there on the 12th at 7:30 PM.

Roadside Fuel Reduction

We have avoided this problem for too many years; unless we become more pro-active, we're certain to suffer the consequences. The requirement to integrate into the municipal fire management plans and the unnecessary administrative emboggerance required by the CFA has just been overwhelming.

The CFA have appointed a new Vegetation Management Officer, Chris Lewis, (shared between Wellington and East Gippsland!) to assist Brigades with roadside fuel management.

The responsibility is back to us to take advantage of this assistance to reduce our worst fuel hazards before they do us some damage.

Skills Maintenance and Training Activities

In addition to coercing members to attend training, we're now also required to keep a record of our firefighter refresher training activities; just to confirm that you're prepared for an emergency response. So, we'll be expecting to see each firefighter at least one training activity as the fire season approaches.

Training – CFA planned courses for District 10 – that we might reasonably attend.

Start Date	End Date	e Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
13-Aug	3-Sep	SUPPRESS WILDFIRE	CFA293	CHURCHILL	18-Jul
2-Sep	18-Sep	FIRELINE LEADERSHIP (L-380)	CFA283	REGION 10	8-Aug
15-Sep	30-Oct	OPERATE BA (OPEN CIRCUIT) PLUS SEARCH & RESCUE	NEA0002	TRARALGON	22-Aug
16-Oct	16-Oct	SAFETY ADVISOR ROLE & RESPONSIBILITY	CFA169	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	30-Sep
19-Nov	20-Nov	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	24-Oct
15-Oct	23-Oct	DRIVE VEHICLE UNDER OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS		YARRAM & SALE	19-Sep
13-Oct	30-Oct	PERSONAL PROTECTION at HAZMAT INCIDENT	CFA299	CHURCHILL	19-Sep
8-Jul	17-Jul	CFA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM	CFA283	TRARALGON	20-Jun

In addition, first-aid courses can be organised for a minimum of ten students, but we have to do it ourselves! We may need to liaise with neighbouring brigades to get numbers, dates and venue, then the CFA will fund the instructor.

Courses: Annual CPR Update (3 hours), Manage injuries (refresher) 1 day, (full course 2 days).

Not a squeak of interest in any of the first-aid courses so far!

In addition, Rob Gibbs is offering Minimum Skills training every second Sunday at the Station 10 AM. Next session is on Sunday the 17th at 10 AM.

Donation Bin at Shop

Local support continues to amaze us. Progressive totals from bin donations for May and June amount to \$52.50 and the cumulative total \$1047.75.

Thanks to all contributors and to Gary and Sharon for their hospitality.

Roster for July and August

Your turn to take the tanker for a familiarisation run and to check out a Hydrant. You might check out the new torch stored in the overhead compartment. The old Dolphins are starting to show their age
So we propose to lash out and buy a second unit if the first proves useful. Your feedback appreciated.

Jul	Duty Officer	Brian Burleigh	0428 864 371		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
05	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Denis Reynolds	5148 9336	23
12	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Gary Scott	5148 9079	24
19	Trevor Astbury	5148 9267	Colin Gardner	5148 9349	25
26	Brian Burleigh	5148 9364	Brianna Walker	0407 853 573	26
Aug	Duty Officer	Veggy			
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
02	Dave Smith	5148 9344	Evan Walker	0410 961300	27
09	Kim Hoggins	0428 514 566	Robyn Hoggins	5148 9312	29
16	Richard Hollonds	0427 489 283	David Johnston	5148 9231	30
23	Damien Kessner	5148 9375	Brian Tyler	0428 399 348	31
30	Veggy		Ann Scott	5148 9079	33

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

Cowwarr Landcare Group

Landcare meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the WGCMA depot Main St. Cowwarr. New members are welcome: family / individual membership only \$10 per year. Phone Geraldine Alexander 5192 4319 for further info.



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