

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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There will be no Chronicle in August as the Editor and Staff will be on holiday.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 13th. July 2012 Municipal Elections Information Session

Where: Wellington Room – Shire Office Foster Street Sale

From: 12 noon

This session will be run by the Municipal Association of Victoria and the Victorian Electoral Commission and is aimed at Community members who have an interest in Local Government and/or persons who are thinking about running for office at the next Council elections in October 2012.

See poster at the Shop for more details or go to www.standforcouncil.com.au

RAINBOW PARK CLEAN-UP

A big **big thank-you** to the enthusiastic crew that turned out on the 1st. July to clean up the stuff left by the last flood event.

Although there is still some work to be done, the main area around the new picnic tables etc., has been cleared and an amount of wood burnt. Keep an eye out at the Shop as Sharon will put out the noticeboard if there is to be another Working Bee – maybe in Spring!

As there was some significant bank erosion the Catchment Management Authority may also have some work to do and the Shire will have to fix up the path which suffered from road run-off and flood.

The Cowwarr Primary School children have planted a lot of trees and native grasses as part of National Tree Day. As the ground is pretty soft at the moment hopefully these plants will get a good start.

The Weir is still closed to vehicle traffic as the bridge on the north side was again damaged in the flood, but pedestrian traffic is possible and SRW has cleaned up all the logs etc., from the log trap and surrounds.



Notes from the Station July/August 2012

Ceremonial Opening Sunday 17th June.

Members and VIP guest Russell Northe attended the brief opening ceremony and photo opportunity. There was even a baby to brighten proceedings. Thanks, Ann.

Training - Ambulance Spectacular

Kelley from Ambulance Victoria who is temporarily based in Heyfield gave us an introduction to the facilities available in the Ambulance. That's a million dollar plus fit-out of the vehicle! Most of those attending would now be game to retrieve any requested item to assist a one-up ambulance officer at an incident. In case you missed it, a similar exposition will be given at Heyfield on Tuesday 10th at 19:30.

Training - CFA Course Listing – reduced to offerings within reasonable travel distance.

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
03-08-12	19-08-12	FIRELINE LEADERSHIP (L-380)	CFA283	DISTRICT 10	13-07-12
06-08-12	25-08-12	ADVANCED PUMPING ENDORSEMENT	END ADV PUMP	MORWELL	18-07-12
19-08-12	19-08-12	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT REFRESHER	CFA338	CHURCHILL	02-08-12
25-08-12	16-09-12	DRIVE VEHICLES UNDER OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS	CFA308	SALE	30-07-12
07-09-12	23-09-12	FIRELINE LEADERSHIP (L-380)	CFA283	DISTRICT 11	17-08-12
16-10-12	23-10-12	CFA DRIVER REQUIREMENTS (LEGISLATION)	CFA067	MORWELL	24-09-12
21-10-12	21-10-12	CPR UPDATE	CFA21001	BOOLARRA	01-10-12
31-10-12	07-11-12	CFA DRIVER REQUIREMENTS (LEGISLATION)	CFA067	MAFFRA	08-10-12
12-11-12	01-12-12	LOW STRUCTURE A	CFA07501	HEYFIELD	22-10-12
17-11-12	09-12-12	DRIVE VEHICLES UNDER OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS	CFA308	SALE	19-11-12
24-11-12	02-12-12	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	29-10-12
08-12-12	09-12-12	SECTOR COMMANDER REFRESHER	LMR0001	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	12-11-12
11-12-12	12-12-12	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	TRARALGON	20-11-12
16-12-12	16-12-12	STRIKE TEAM LEADER REFRESHER	NWA0046	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	19-11-12
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In addition, we're welcoming several new members to the Brigade with a course of Minimum Skills training through the Winter on Sundays at 10AM. Why not get yourself to the shed for a refresher session on minimum skills; we all have a bit of rust which needs to be addressed before the next fire season.

TANKER ROSTER

This rostered activity is designed to keep you familiar with Tanker operations, and to provide a check on the workability of our 38 Hydrants. So, coordinate a suitable time with your partner, and take the tanker for a 30 Km warm-up.

Jul	Duty Officer	Veggy			
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
03	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Denis Reynolds	5148 9336	5
10	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Gary Scott	5148 9079	6
17	Trevor Astbury	5148 9267	Ann Scott	5148 9079	7
24	Dave Smith	5148 9344	Brianna Walker	0407 853 573	8
31	Veggy		Evan Walker	0410 961 300	9

Rubbish pile burn at tip – July 7 and 8.

We have this monster pile of green waste to deal with. Weather being suitable, the plan is to light up at 12 noon on Saturday and monitor the progress, keeping the fire contained within the tip-site. Well, that's the plan. Neighbouring brigades notified and invited to participate. Great chance to check that your turn-out gear is up to scratch.

Next Shed working bee: 9 AM on Sunday 22nd July.

Officer Contacts

		Home	Work	Mobile
Captain	Andrew Iseppi	5148 9339		0458 042 565
1st Lieutenant	Anton Vardy		5142 3371	0417 380 329
2nd Lieutenant	Ken Walker	5148 9000		0429 344 009
3rd Lieutenant	Rob Gibbs			0409 566 320
4th Lieutenant	Veggy			
Comms Officer	Ann Gibbs			0412 085 076
Secretary	Brian Burleigh	5148 9364	5135 5387	0428 864 371

Register a Burn-off 1800 668 511

USE IT OR LOSE IT

The Library Bus

The Library Bus is underutilised in Cowwarr at the moment and residents may not be aware that the Shire can with a stroke of a pen cancel it coming here.

Your rates pay for this service as do the Ratepayers of Loch Sport, Golden Beach, Glenmaggie etc., so **WHERE THE BLOODY HELL ARE YOU?**

The Library Service is free to Ratepayers and provides:-

- Obviously Books – for all ages
- Magazines
- DVDs
- Large Print Books
- Free Internet

and lots more.

We have had this Service for a very long time and in the past it has been supported by the bulk of the Cowwarr Community and the Cowwarr Primary School.

Suddenly in the past couple of years patronage has fallen away even though, through programs like the Premier's Reading Challenge and other Literacy programs the books etc., are just not walking out the door.

So, come on Cowwarr – get reading and keep this wonderful resource in our Community – after all reading won't make you go blind!

Cowwarr Landcare Group
Report from our April Meeting

Our logo: the Gippsland Water Dragon
AKA Physignathus lesueurii howitti
You might see this chap sunbathing down by the creek

National Tree Day at the Weir - Cowwarr Landcare

On Sunday the 29th of July, as part of National Tree Day Cowwarr Landcare group will be planting trees and shrubs at The Swingbridge Reserve Cowwarr Weir. Members of the Community are invited to join us and share in a picnic lunch provided by a local catering firm afterwards. Last year we planted 1000 plants on National Tree Day and most are growing very well. Much time has been spent by our Landcare members in preparing the site for the plantings.

Join us at 10 a.m. with a cuppa before we start the planting . All tools supplied. You need to wear long pants and a strong pair of shoes or boots. Entry to The Swing bridge Reserve is from the turn about circle at the bottom of Weir road not the main entrance to the Weir.

For more information and to aid us in catering contact Peter Smart on 51 489322.

Meetings

I know you'd all prefer to be out planting seedlings, but someone has to organize things. Our meetings are bi-monthly during Winter on the First Wednesday at the Catchment Management Depot Cowwarr at 7 PM.

Prospective members welcome: time for tea and a chat after the meeting.

Wellington Shire Walking & Cycling Strategy.

Wellington Shire is working on developing walking and cycling routes that connect key community destinations and providing opportunities for community members to participate in walking and cycling.

The Shire has hard copies of the Draft Plan available at Libraries, Service Centres etc., or it can be downloaded from www.wellington.vic.gov.au.

You can contact Selena Gillham the Physical Activity Strategy Office by email on selena.gillham@wellington.vic.gov.au or for further info contact her on 5142 3375

Submissions on the Draft Plan close on 8th. August 2012.



Supported by Wellington Shire Council