

# COWWARR CHRONICLE

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## Dates for the Diary

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>. June – Wellington Shire Meeting in Cowwarr

#### Revised Format

Community Representative Group Meeting

Where: Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 5pm to 6pm

This meeting is to update the Cowwarr Community Plan – everyone is welcome.

Wellington Shire and Community Meeting.

Where: Rear of Pub – **Note change of venue**

From: 7pm – **Note Change of Time**

If you cannot make it and would like a point put to the Council then jot it down, leave at the Shop and one of the CCHA members will raise it at the meeting. Alternatively give Judith a ring on 5148 9364 as it may be something we already have in mind to put to Council.

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>. July - Red, White and Black Ball

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### Rail Trail Update.

And the good news is the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail Committee of Management has received the funds to start upgrading the rail trail from Cowwarr to Glengarry. This is part of an election promise from member for Morwell Russell Northe and will start soon and be finished as weather permits. When this section is completed, including the infrastructure over the Eagle Hawk Creek at Glengarry. then we will start to upgrade two more sections. The Bridge over the Latrobe River will be done followed by two low lying trestle bridges then the track which will connect the trail to Traralgon. This stage of the development of the trail will be completed next year. In the meantime Wellington Shire Council have been actively seeking grants to upgrade from Tinamba to Heyfield and all is on track for that section to be completed next year also. The only piece of the jigsaw which has no funding as yet is the trail from the Cowwarr Heyfield Road to Heyfield including the Thomson River bridge. We are still lobbying for the funds for this section and I will keep you all informed as to any progress. ***The Committee would like to remind anyone who has used rail trail land to store any items that they will need to be removed as soon as possible or the contractor will remove them on our behalf. While machines are in place we will be cleaning up as we go so be aware.***

If you have any comments to make please ring me on 51489214. Thanks and happy rail trailing to those locals who are consistently taking advantage of the trail for their recreational pursuits. Helen Hoppner. GPRT Chairperson



## Notes from the Station June 2012

### Ceremonial Opening

The recently installed kitchenette facility in the fire shed extension will be officially opened with a small ceremony at 10 AM on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June. MLA Mr Russel Northe, who secured grant funding for this project will be guest of honour. Members, supporters and the community welcome to morning tea at the conclusion of the ceremony.

### AGM and Election

Elections were held at the AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> May.

We have a mixture of the old and new on our Brigade Management team. Details below.

Our thanks to outgoing members for their service to the community and a welcome to our new Lieutenants

Who will quickly be taking up the leadership role.

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

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
17-06-12	24-06-12	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT	CFA318	WON WRON	04-06-12
07-07-12	15-07-12	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	11-06-12
15-07-12	22-07-12	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT	CFA318	STRADBROKE	25-06-12
21-07-12	29-07-12	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	25-06-12
03-08-12	19-08-12	FIRELINE LEADERSHIP (L-380)	CFA283	DISTRICT 10	13-07-12
19-08-12	19-08-12	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT REFRESHER	CFA338	CHURCHILL	02-08-12
07-09-12	23-09-12	FIRELINE LEADERSHIP (L-380)	CFA283	DISTRICT 11	17-08-12
21-10-12	21-10-12	CPR UPDATE	CFA21001	BOOLARRA	01-10-12
11-12-12	12-12-12	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	TRARALGON	20-11-12

In addition, we're welcoming several new members to the Brigade with a course of Minimum Skills training through the Winter. 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.

Jun	Duty Officer	Andrew Iseppi	0458 042 565		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
05	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Ann Scott	5148 9079	1
12	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Brian Tyler	0428 399348	2
19	Trevor Astbury	5148 9267	Evan Walker	0410 961300	3
26	<b>Andrew Iseppi</b>	<b>5148 9339</b>	Brian Burleigh	5148 9364	4

### Water Sports.

The suction Hydrant at the weir is causing us problems because we are sucking up gravel from the river bed.

We're hoping that SRW will be draining the Weir, and will take that opportunity to dig out the intake well to leave a decent gap under the intake grill. If they don't drain the Weir, then we'll have to do some under-water sluice-mining to create some clearance. Start wishing for a hot sunny day for this activity...

### Rubbish pile burns at tip – July thru September.

We don't have any details on this activity yet, but it will be an opportunity for Wildfire gear checks, cluster training with neighbouring Brigades, and a practical exercise in keeping the fire contained without getting too close! Be ready to contribute some time to this activity as it will probably spread over several weeks.

New Officer Contacts – from July

		Home	Work	Mobile
<b>Captain</b>	<b>Andrew Iseppi</b>	<b>5148 9339</b>		<b>0458 042 565</b>
<b>1st Lieutenant</b>	<b>Anton Vardy</b>		<b>5142 3371</b>	<b>0417 380 329</b>
<b>2nd Lieutenant</b>	<b>Ken Walker</b>	<b>5148 9000</b>		<b>0429 344 009</b>
<b>3rd Lieutenant</b>	<b>Rob Gibbs</b>			<b>0409 566 320</b>
<b>4th Lieutenant</b>	<b>Veggy</b>			
<b>Comms Officer</b>	<b>Ann Gibbs</b>			<b>0412 085 076</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Brian Burleigh</b>	<b>5148 9364</b>	<b>5135 5387</b>	<b>0412 085 076</b>
<b>EAS Pager</b>	<b>1800 609 511</b>	<b>Pager Fault</b>		<b>1800 604 977</b>
<b>FIRS</b>	<b>1800 628 844</b>	<b>VICFIRE</b>		<b>1800 668 511</b>

## Register a Burn-off 1800 668 511

### 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

Planning is well in hand for Winter planting at the Swing-Bridge Reserve.

In addition, we have plan B to overcome the weed infestation while we scrounge funds for the proposed landscaping project. This will involve fast-growing trees which will produce a canopy and starve the weeds of sunlight. We'll have to take these trees out eventually, after the weeds are reduced.

#### Fox Road West.

The chance to establish a wildlife corridor between the Weir foothills and the forested roadsides around Three Chain Road is an opportunity not to be missed. We'll be supporting the Toongabbie Riders in their effort to establish a path for foot traffic between Mockridge Lane and Weir Road.

#### Whipper Snipper

The group has been successful in gaining funding from the Heyfield Community Bank to purchase this tool for mechanical weed control. The model chosen has an optional metal cutting blade more suited to the giant hemlock and aniseed we have to confront. Thanks to Peter Smart for the legwork and to the Bendigo Bank for their support.

#### 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.



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