

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Cowwarr Fire Brigade

Ultralight Tanker

Ed O'Brien

We are currently preparing the application paper work for a Ultra Light Tanker (ULT) as part of the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program . The Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) provides ongoing funding to assist eligible volunteer emergency services organisations with the acquisition of auxiliary equipment.

The Ultra Light Tanker delivers increased water, enhanced fire suppression capability and ergonomic features. This vehicle is licensed to carry 2 people including the driver. The vehicle has a manual transmission and does not require an endorsed licence to drive. The body and cab chassis conforms with CFA operational safety standards. These appliances are not designed to have personnel operating from the tray area. The ULT's primary role for wildfire is to perform first attack on spot sized/remote/difficult to access types of fires where these fires are safe to approach. It is also designed to perform support for back operations, mopping up and patrolling duties.

CFA is currently developing a prototype ULT vehicle with a 2017Toyota Landcruiser LC70 series workmate 4x4 cab chassis. This is a result of the previous cab chassis no longer being available within Australia. It is anticipated that the prototype unit will be completed by October 2017. Pictures below are of the current ULT series.





Elections

Ann Gibbs

Our new Brigade management team for 2017 -2018 financial year have been elected.

Captain Andrew Iseppi

1st Lieutenant Ricky Bellion

2nd Lieutenant Davis Smith

3rd Lieutenant Ken McAinch

4th Lieutenant Ed O'Brien

Treasurer Secretary Ann Gibbs

Community Safety Brian Burleigh

Thanks to Ops Officer David Allms for supervising the elections

Thanks To Rob Gibbs and Veggy for all their work. Both have decided to step down from their positions

Fireplace Safety

By now most people have started their open fires for the season. Please ensure the flue is clean, the wood is stacked away from the fireplace, the area around the fire is clear and you have a way of extinguishing any embers or logs that might roll out. We don't want to have to come to any house fires this winter.

Community Assistance Grants approved

The recent round of Community Assistance Grants has seen 13 community groups awarded funding to host events and take on projects that will benefit the wider community.

Funding of more than \$60,000 was granted by Wellington Shire Council to help these events and projects come to fruition.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Carolyn Crossley said: "Communities foster new and innovative ways to build strong networks in their towns and Wellington Shire Council will always encourage such creativity to flourish."

"Each application is assessed based on its benefit to the community and its ability to fulfil a community need."

“As always, we had a diverse range of applications from across Wellington,” Mayor Crossley added. The approved applicants recommended for funding to assist in hosting drawcard events in Wellington were; Heyfield Traders & Tourism Association with Heyfield Community Resource Centre, Glenmaggie Mechanic’s Institute, Victorian Animal Aid, Yarram Eisteddfod Society Inc, Sale-Maffra & District Kennel Club and Macalister All Breeds Kennel & Obedience Club Inc, Gormandale Community House and Veronica Maybury Community Recreation Reserve COM.

Community groups to receive funding for projects include; Rotary Club of Sale Central, Heyfield Community Resource Centre, Yarram Basketball Association, Sale Neighbourhood House, Lions Club of Sale and Yarram Community Learning Centre.

The application period for the next round of Community Assistance Grants for projects, events and facilities will open 15 June 2017.

For more information, visit www.wellington.vic.gov.au/communitygrants

Cowwarr Football Netball Club

Sarah Cooper

SOCIAL CALENDAR DATES...

PAST PLAYERS & SUPPORTERS DAY

SAT 17 JUNE

\$20pp inc. entry, drink on arrival, BBQ lunch

See DC via club fb page or 0402 359 801

SPONSORS DAY

SAT 24 JUNE

The clubs valued sponsors are invited to a day at the Warr with lunch and beverages *provided*

COWWARR CUP

SAT 24 JUNE

\$5 entry, nibbles provided

A night of horse racing, gambling and laughter - guaranteed a great night out!

RED WHITE & BLACK BALL

SAT 1 JULY

PREMIER FUNCTION CENTRE

\$65 pp inc. 3 x course meal and entertainment

See Alexandra House via club fb page or at home games

SILVER CIRCLE

SUNDAY 30 JULY

Tickets will be \$75 pp inc. entry in to the draw to win \$5000, beverages, lunch and live entertainment

See Kim McMaster to book your ticket

MERCHANDISE

The club has some new merchandise for sale in the rooms including beanies (adults and children's sizes), hats, hoodies and polos. Club bags and long sleeve shirts can also be ordered and personalised. See Ebony Galea to place a personalised order or a committee member to make a general merchandise purchase. Eftpos facilities available.

THURSDAY MEALS

Meals are available after training on a Thursday for \$10, everyone is welcome. Bar is open. If there is anyone interested in helping out with cooking a Thursday night meal please contact Sarah Cooper on 0448898858.

THIS MONTHS GAMES

Saturday 3rd June away against Yarram

Saturday 10th June League bye

Saturday 17th June Home against Gormandale

Saturday 24th June Home against Rosedale

Saturday 1st July away against Glengarry

Safety starts with “S” and begins with “You”

All motorists are reminded to be aware of reduced speed limits around schools, and both motorists and pedestrians are encouraged to ‘Stop, Look, Listen and Think’ when using or driving around school zones.

The safety of students travelling to and from school, and the protection of our School Crossing Supervisors, is one of the most important issues for our community. There are 43 entrusted School Crossing supervisors employed by Wellington Shire Council, who ensure the safe arrival and departure of children at their schools. There is only one unsupervised crossing within Sale. The Supervisors do a magnificent job controlling the Crossing Zones at the busiest times of the day, however motorists and those dropping off and collecting children also make a huge contribution towards safety around our schools.

Drivers are reminded when approaching school crossings, to drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary, stop safely before the crossing. The driver must also stop at the crossing if a hand-held sign is displayed at the crossing, or a pedestrian is on or entering the crossing. If a driver stops at a children’s crossing for a hand-held stop sign, the driver must not proceed until the holder of the sign no longer displays the sign towards the driver or otherwise indicates that the driver must proceed. If a driver stops at a children’s crossing for a pedestrian, the driver must not proceed until there is no pedestrian on or entering the crossing.

To help keep our kids and Crossing Supervisors stay safe, it is important for drivers to:

- Slow down and take care around schools and pedestrian crossings.
- Meet your child at the school gate (if possible) to avoid your child dashing across the road. If picking your child up from a bus stop, wait on the same side as the bus.
- Obey the school zone speed restrictions. A permanent 40km/h zones between 8:00 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 4:00pm on school days applies.
- When flags are displayed at a crossing, you must stop for all pedestrians who are waiting to cross or have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there are no crossing supervisors.
- ‘No Parking’ signs allow you to stop to drop-off or pick up children if you are not stopped for more than 2 minutes.
- ‘No Stopping’ signs mean you are not permitted to stop at the kerb for any reason, and
- Bus Zones call for extra care as buses will be regularly stopping and children may be trying to cross the road nearby.

For more information about community road safety, please contact Wellington Shire Council Municipal Services on 1300 366 244.

Cowwarr Primary School

The 'Fitt' bit.....

As I have mentioned in the past, Cowwarr Primary is a busy place. A busy place where learning is taking place and children are working to reach their full potential. During the last fortnight our team has been learning what it means to be a team and showing that they know the meaning of 'team' in their actions. There's an old saying, 'Don't just talk the talk, walk the walk!' I like that saying because there is no point talking about team if you are not going to work in real life situations to actually be one.

Recently the students attended the cross country in Sale. The children were excellent as they worked together to run the distance and sat together at lunch, making sure that every member of the team was present and accounted for. A teacher from another school, seeing our children so close and ordered, like a team, commented that at Cowwarr we have something special – **the glue that seems to stick people together to make a strong team**. This explains a lot as even great students like ours can't always jell in a team if they don't have the glue. The glue is made up of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. We have great children and we are very proud of them.

This week has been our best team week so far as we are actually getting it. One student said to me this week that when we cooperate it is fantastic to be at school. Not only are we getting along but we are becoming a great learning team. We are enjoying reading and having fun learning new math and doing research on all different subjects.

Different people have good and bad perceptions of school but anyone who has been a part of a team usually recalls a feeling of acceptance and purpose.

Lets call Cowwarr – Cowwarr Primary team as we all feel accepted and cared for, and not at all like a school.

A special thanks from Mrs Fitt and myself for the special lunch last week. Thanks for welcoming us into the Cowwarr team. I am looking forward to the great things that we will achieve together and watching the children grow and learn to be the best that they can be. Both Julie and I were quite overwhelmed by your kindness. Thanks very much Albie Fitt.

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