

# **COWWARR CHRONICLE**

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As the Editor will be away for a few weeks at the end of June this edition is for June & July

## **Dates for the Diary**

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>. July Cowwarr Lancare Meeting**

Where: Supper Room at the Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 7pm

Peter Smart will chair this meeting – everyone welcome and we appreciate ideas from the Community about projects the Group could undertake in the area.

## **Other Important Stuff**

### **Lions Wood and Mill Ends at the Tip and Firewood Raffle.**

The last day in June to collect Mill ends at the tip is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>. June from 2pm to 4pm.

The tip collection will **restart** each Sunday from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>. July 2pm to 4pm.

The current firewood raffle will be drawn and delivered on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. June and the next raffle will run until Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>. July. The last **winner** was Braden Johnston.

If you **URGENTLY** require wood or mill ends between 21<sup>st</sup>. June and 19<sup>th</sup>. July then please contact John Dunne on 5192 4470. We hope this does not disadvantage anyone, but we are unable to man the tip during this period.

Thank-you for supporting the wood raffle, which helps cover sourcing suitable firewood and our ability to deliver free wood to those who cannot afford to buy any.

### **Cuppa for Cancer.**

The Morning Tea held as part of the Longest Morning Teas which are enjoyed all over the country was a great success and raised over \$300 for cancer research. A good time was held by all, thank-you to everyone who participated.

## **News from the Shed – June & July 2009.**

### **Annual General Meeting June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Captain Andrew reported on Brigade Management and fund-raising activities. The Treasurer's Report for March 31<sup>st</sup> reveals a healthy balance above \$23,000, but most of that is reserved as our contribution to the cost of a Slip-on unit for use in the forested foothills. (The grant application is submitted again and our contribution would be about \$19,000.)

Apart from the Donation bin at the shop which has raised a whopping \$610 and staging the Cutters Cup in the first week in December, one other suggestion for funding the Shed upgrade is for the reinstatement of the voluntary levy which the Brigade used to collect in past times. In those days the rate was \$5 per household and \$10 per farm. So, would members of the Community be prepared to voluntarily subscribe to the Cowwarr CFA, and how much would people be prepared to pay. We'd appreciate some responses on this one, if you'd like to contact Captain Andrew on 5148 9339 evenings.

### **Progress on Shed Extensions**

Over the last week, the slab has been turned into a shell, with the fit-out under way. The rainwater tank plumbing installation has to be slotted into the construction, so the tank has been moved to its final position by members over the weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup>. We're still not sure about the toilet plumbing, but a full-height internal wall has appeared. We'll be calling on members to help with the internal cladding and fit-out of the Training area. We'll be expecting to need to spend about \$5,000 on lining, fit-out and floor covering.

### **Roadside Fuel Reduction**

The CFA is finally taking an interest. Once the Brigade has identified roadsides with fuel-load problems, these are to be identified and plans put in place for fuel reduction, with options from grazing and ploughing to burning. So, it's back to the adjacent land-owner to bring each problem stretch of roadside to our attention; we'll prepare the paperwork to send requests to the Municipal Fire Management Plan. They then have to work out who will take responsibility for implementing the plan, then things will start to get interesting... Requests to Brian Burleigh on 5148 9364 in the first instance.

**Register a Burn-off Line 1800 668 511**

**Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667**

Officers:	Captain Andrew Iseppi	5148 9339
Lieutenants:	Anton Vardy	(0417) 380 329
	Brian Burleigh	(0427) 088 066
		5148 9364
Sec/Treas:	Stacey Shepley	(0417) 595 905

*Thank-you for contributing your change to the CFA bin  
at the Shop – every bit helps.*

# OTHER STUFF

## Rail Trail Update

The contractors have all but finished the trail surface from the Rainbow Bridge at Cowwarr to the Cowwarr Heyfield Road, so the surface will be much easier to use.

Unfortunately, we still have the issue of Motor bikes being ridden on the trail. We are now aware of some of the offenders and warnings followed by prosecution is the only course of action to undertake in the future.

Funding for the trail is so hard to get, we don't want the trail ruined by thoughtless people on motor bikes chopping up the track. It would be very helpful if anyone sees illegal activity on the trail to report it to me or the Heyfield Police for action.

We would also like to make trail users aware that there is no access from the Cowwarr Heyfield road to Heyfield yet as we are still pushing for funding to complete the section.

The section from the Cowwarr Heyfield Road to the Thomson River is licensed for grazing so access is not possible in the short term.

Helen Hoppner.

## News from the Pub

Thanks to those who have baked cakes and offered assistance to us while we have the Tasmanian fencing crews staying.

**The current tally is 100 kilometres of fencing completed – a fantastic effort.**

The crews will continue on until the end of July (or weather permitting) so please make the crew welcome to Cowwarr if you come across them in your travels.

## “Houdini” Dogs

After the loss of a much loved dog a few weeks ago, we urge all owners of the “Houdini” breed of dogs to please make sure they cannot get onto the Main Road.

It is very distressing to the owners when a pet is killed and it is also distressing to the neighbour who finds it.

### **Current “Houdini” breeds in Cowwarr:-**

- “Houdini” the Boxer – sitting in the middle of the road one morning at McEwans Lane
- “Houdini” the White Terrier (who should know better) - crossing road at Cricket Street
- “Houdini” the Rottweiler – following an interesting trail across to Draper Street AND back
- 2 “Houdini” Jack Russell style terriers who have no traffic sense when crossing the road

There are also a few “Houdini” cats who will also come to grief if they are not careful.

## Community Representative Group Meeting – Wellington Shire

Two members of CCHA will attend the Community Representative Groups meeting in Sale on 25<sup>th</sup>. June to put any concerns the community has and to get in touch with the others groups operating in Wellington Shire and hear about what they are doing.

If you have anything you want them to raise with Wellington Shire – questions to be asked – things you want done – please contact Helen on 5148 9233 or Judith on 5148 9364 or leave at the Shop.

We will let you know what went on in the next Chronicle.