

# COWWARR CHRONICLE

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## Dates for the Diary

### Committees of Management Elections

#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>. March Cowwarr Recreation Reserve

Where: Football Club Rooms  
From: 7:30pm

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>. March Cowwarr Public Hall

Where: Cowwarr Public Hall  
From: 7:30pm

These meetings are a requirement for all Crown Land Reserves and happen every 3 years. Nomination Forms will be available at each of the meetings plus any specific information about the Reserve. From 3 to 5 people can be elected for each Committee of Management. Everyone is welcome – it is all a pretty painless operation really - so please put your hand up if you have a bit of time to spare and help look after these Community assets.



Cowwarr Football Netball Club are looking for netballers. All ages welcome from 13 and up. Trainings are Monday nights at Football Club 6:15pm and Wednesday nights in Traralgon (Breed Street Courts) 5pm for 17's and under and 6pm for seniors. All players welcome. Please text Sam Whitty 0408 346 681 or Ebony Ferguson 0402 268 297 for more details. Thanks



## Notes From the Station - March 2013

### Summer is not over until Fire Restrictions are formally lifted

While, locally we have finally been blessed with abundant rainfall, the CFA Restrictions remain in place until the whole district cannot dry out again before Winter. Those with a need to use fire will just have to put those jobs off until then, or else get the necessary permit.

### Our Facebook Page

Ephemeral and sometimes useful stuff from our fire-fighters. Just search for Cowwarr CFA and become our “friend”.

### Training.

After a flurry of membership applications were dispatched to District Office (that’s four for February), and with additional new members from other Brigades, Mr. Gibbs Wildfire Firefighter course kicked off on Wednesday Feb 27 with a Chapter on Safety. He’s tough, he threatens to fail anyone who misses more than two weekly sessions – the number of which he has increased to 8, and then there is an exam and practical test to follow. Weekly sessions at 7 PM on Wednesday evenings. Remaining topics are: Fire Science, Bushfire Behaviour, Bushfire Development, Hand Tools, Hose and Fittings, Bushfire Extinguishing media, Pump Operation, Radio Communication, Preparing for response to Bushfire, Proceeding to the fire, Combating the fire. Just how this is fitted into seven weeks is a mystery; otherwise if you need to brush up on any of these segments, you could sit in on the session.

Brigade will continue with Tuesday evening refresher training. Still no CFA course timetable for District 10, but some have been scheduled for District 11.

### Roster – Weekly Maintenance Run

Mar	Duty Officer	Veggy			
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
05	Steve Felmingham	0429 344009	Doug Steley	0408 754 250	1
12	Kim Hoggins	0428 514 566	Stacey Iseppi	0409 709 361	2
19	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Robert Clarke	0423 062 590	3
26	<b>Veggy</b>		Ann Gibbs	0412 085 076	4

Just blow the cobwebs off the tanker and disturb whatever is living in the nominated hydrant – always presume that a “Joe Blake” has moved in! And because we are using the tanker on Tuesday evenings, pick another time suitable to both nominated volunteers.

### Claims on CFA.

Region has sent a stock of forms on which members are invited to report any: Volunteer out of pocket expenses, Loss or damage to Volunteer personal vehicle, equipment, property, apparel or personal effects. There are more forms to report Brigade Purchases directly related to the fire and for CFA or brigade owned equipment loss, theft or damage. I’m sure that any claims will be raised promptly so that the full cost of the events can be tallied.

### Officer Contacts

		Home	Work	Mobile
Captain	<b>Andrew Iseppi</b>	<b>5148 9339</b>		<b>0458 042 565</b>
1st Lieutenant	<b>Anton Vardy</b>		<b>5142 3371</b>	<b>0417 380 329</b>
2nd Lieutenant	<b>Ken Walker</b>	<b>5148 9000</b>		<b>0429 708 556</b>
3rd Lieutenant	<b>Rob Gibbs</b>			<b>0409 566 320</b>
4th Lieutenant	<b>Veggy</b>			
Comms Officer	<b>Ann Gibbs</b>			<b>0412 085 076</b>
Secretary	<b>Brian Burleigh</b>	<b>5148 9364</b>	<b>5135 5387</b>	<b>0428 864 371</b>
EAS Pager	<b>1800 609 511</b>	<b>Pager Fault</b>		<b>1800 604 977</b>
FIRS	<b>1800 628 844</b>	<b>Vicfire*</b>		<b>1800 668 511</b>

# BUSHFIRE INFO LINE 1800 240 667



## **Cowwarr Landcare Group**

Our logo: the Gippsland Water Dragon

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Catch all our news by following the hyperlink.

<http://westgippsland.landcarevic.net.au/cowwarr>

## **COWWARR LANDCARE NETWORK**

### **BBQ at the Weir.**

BBQ at the Weir 6:30 PM – we'll plan anything to attract rain – in which case an alternate venue will be required.

Members and supporters invited. Bring a salad or dessert to share and RSVP to Roslyn (51489416) by March 3rd.

And we can finish up with tea/coffee, and BYO liquid refreshment.

### **Swing Bridge Reserve.**

We've had the significant rain, so now its time to hit the weeds – mostly blackberry and periwinkle with a sprinkling of fat-hen, mustard weed, spurge and thorn-apple.

And we have a planting out working bee to organise!

### **Open Swing Bridge Reserve to the public?**

While we still need to check out the technicalities of public liability, then create some tracks and install gates, fall the hazardous trees... etc., we also need to consider whether the area needs to be supervised – thought bubble at this stage, but we'd like to make a decision soon.

Meeting schedule for 2013. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, except for June, August & January.



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