

Cowwarr Chronicle

Cowwarr Fire Brigade

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Cowwarr fire brigade would like everyone to know that Fire restrictions are still in place. It does not look like Fire restrictions will be lifted soon, (at least not until we get some decent rain) so please make sure you check fire danger ratings each day and check for restrictions over the Easter period.

Did you know that if you are thinking of having a fire for warmth or cooking there are criteria you need to meet. You must have a 3-meter area all around (including up) without any fuel sources. You must have someone available, capable and with enough extinguishing agents to put out the fire. The fire needs to be in an approved non – flammable fireplace or trench, no more than 1 meter in size, and no fires if the wind is more than 10km per hour

We were busy on the weekend turning out to different call outs around us. Fortunately everything was controlled quickly.

It is also time for brigade elections, June 12th 7pm at the station. All positions are up for re-election. We need to have a quorum of brigade member to make it a legal election.

CFA is running a women's training day at Heyfield on the 22nd April. 9-45am to 2pm It is designed for female members and those that are wondering what it would be like to "get into yellow". Topics include fire extinguisher training, public speaking, Leadership, Wildfire firefighting, driver training and BA. No experience is needed and you don't even have to a CFA member to come along. Please call Ann 0412085076 or you can contact Louise at district 10 on 0407642660

Heyfield Lumberjacks B n S ball,

Heyfield Lumberjack B n S is back in 14th April 2018, tickets are available , email lumberjack@hotmail.com call 0427609641 or follow their Facebook page

School Holiday Program

Heyfield resource centre if offering a school holiday program, including cooking days and a day trip to Licola Wilderness park. Please contact them directly to book your school aged children in

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I am hoping to do a bit of a feature of some of the amazing people we have in Cowwarr.

If you would like to nominate (or dob in) an unsung hero in Cowwarr please let me know. Send me a photo if you have one. I would like to promote our local sporting talent, artist talent and volunteers

St Brigid's Bulletin

Development at St Brigid's presbytery is ongoing. Joe Pittari provided some grape cuttings and there are now distinct signs of a future vineyard. Fr. Ken and Carmel have obtained wine making equipment. Watch this space – benedictine? chartreuse?

The closing days of Lent and Easter celebrations will provide the focus for celebrations at St Brigid's during March. Good Friday commemorates Jesus' crucifixion; and so our personal salvation. Certainly, crucifixion was not a unique event in Roman times. For example, two others were crucified with a Jesus. On the other hand, resurrections were very rare. Jesus did raise a number of people from the dead; but none of these forecast their own resurrection. Jesus did so. And as St Paul recognized, 'If Christ be not raised, then our preaching is useless and your believing is useless' (1 Cor 15:14). 'It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb' (John 20:1). And FOUND IT EMPTY. This momentous event will be celebrated at St Brigid's at 5 am on Sunday 1st April. After mass there will be breakfast in St Joseph's hall.

Farmers urged to recycle silage wrap

Wellington Shire Council is pleased to inform farmers that we will again provide an environmentally friendly way to dispose of your silage wrap this year.

Last year, with assistance from local farmers, we collected more than 10 tonnes of silage wrap for recycling.

Recycling silage wrap not only helps farmers to reduce their agricultural waste it also promotes the 'clean, green' image of the farming industry in our local area.

When farmers are feeding out silage, it is important that they separate the silage wrap from the net wrap. The wrap can be recycled, but net wrap or baling twine cannot. Silage wrap and pit covers need to be shaken free of loose materials and packed into Bulka bags.

The benefits of recycling silage wrap include minimising contamination in the environment by not burying or burning the disused wrap, and it eliminates risk of stock eating silage wrap, which leads to digestion problems.

Recycling silage wrap is better than it going into landfill, burning silage wrap releases harmful chemicals into the atmosphere, and it is illegal to bury it.

The recycled silage wrap is sent to Melbourne for reprocessing in to items such as building and fencing materials, floor matting and black builder's plastic.

Farmers can pick up second-hand Bulka bags for free from Sale Depot, Finegan Crt, Sale. The silage wrap collection will be at held at Kilmany and Yarram transfer stations from Monday 16th July to Monday 13 August, from 8am-5pm.

Council is offering a subsidised fee for disposal, at \$11 per Bulka bag.

For further information, contact Council's Sustainability Projects Officer on 1300 366 244.



Cowwarr Primary – A Small School with A Big Heart



A word from the Principal

On Monday Cowwarr Primary showed what being a team is all about as we won the 'Sale Rural Cluster' swimming sports. Winning wasn't our goal but testing whether a 'Team' understanding can work outside of our school was our focus for that day. The children were asked if they wanted to swim. If they felt uncomfortable or unsure they could cheer and support instead. With that, all of the senior children decided to swim. One child even had his parents take him to the pool the Sunday before to sharpen his strokes, as he wanted to do well for the team.

On sports day teachers and parents turned up. Most of our swimmer's parents were there. One child had Grandmother, older sister and friend all cheering and supporting. We truly felt like a team!

Everyday we talk about being a team, our parents, our teachers and our children are all important to our team functioning well. Everyone has a part to play and we are 'ALL' equal.

As we observed the swimming, our swimmers put in everything. Many came away with ribbons and the school was celebrating how each individual had done their best for the team. My feeling as school Principal, was a sense of pride at how the team that I too am a part of, performed.

At the end when the winning schools were announced we waited with the expectation that our school name would be called long before number one. We were really surprised when we got past third and just before we were named winners, one child commented that we must have missed hearing our name called out earlier!

But no, we had won, and that made our team feel really special. There was little talk of individual performance as we jumped and celebrated together, but mostly talk of team, our team, the Cowwarr team.

Winning of course, was great for our little school but realising that when we work as a team we can achieve great things, was more important.

Being with Cowwarr at those sports will be a memory that I will cherish.

It's special to feel a part of a team. Its good to be needed, to feel safe and feel that you count. I want to thank my team. Last year 11 now 22, becoming bigger and better.

Albie Fitt (Principal Cowwarr Primary School)



Residential Fire Safety Education Sessions for community groups

There are more than 4,500 house fires in Victoria every year. These incidents result in property damage, injuries and sometimes death. On average up to 20 Victorians are killed in preventable house fires each year. Leading causes of house fires include leaving cooking unattended, faulty electrical wiring and appliances and heating related fires.

Would you like a CFA member to attend one of your community groups, sports groups or activities groups to provide a free education session with imperative residential fire safety information to your groups?

Reduce the Risk is a CFA community education program designed to:

- Increase awareness of the common causes of fires in the home
- Increase understanding of the ways of preventing and dealing with fire emergencies
- Encourage people to become better prepared to deal with a house fire

Who is the program for?

Reduce the Risk is designed for delivery to groups of up to 25 adults. While the one hour session could be delivered to just about anyone it is usually delivered to community groups or clubs at their premises.

How does it work?

Reduce the Risk sessions begin with a general discussion of house fires, including how house fires start as well as participants sharing personal experiences of house fire. Participants then take part in an activity to consider the fire risks that may occur in different rooms of the house and steps they can take to minimise these fire risks. Key session components include:

General discussion of house fires

Development of home fire escape plan

Change a smoke alarm battery and test

Fire blanket and fire extinguisher demonstration

To book a session or to discuss please contact CFA Community Education Coordinator

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Cowwarr Fire brigade would be happy to host one of these training nights. If you would like us to arrange one please let Ann know 0412085076

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For Any Article submissions or ideas please contact Cowwarr.chronicle@gmail.com. Articles needs to be in by 10th of the month to ensure publication. I can also be contacted 51489366 Ann Gibbs

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