

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 20th. May Cutters Cup Committee Meeting

Where: The Pub

When: 8pm

A rough list of tasks has been compiled and we need to confirm who is doing what and then everyone can set about doing their thing.

Thursday 28th. May Longest Morning Tea

Where: Supper Room at the Cowwarr Public Hall

When: 10am

All proceeds go to Cancer Research – for more information contact Roselyn Evans on 5148 9416

Other Important Stuff

Rec Reserve Committee – New Cladding for Tennis Club Rooms

Over the weekend a small team of volunteers stripped the old weatherboards off the Club Rooms and replaced them with Colourbond corrugated iron. There will be another working bee in a couple of weeks to finish the job. Looks pretty snazzy.

The Committee has for sale – QUANTITY OF SECONDHAND WEATHERBOARDS.

Various lengths and suitable for “rustic” shed – cubby house – dog kennel etc. Pick over the pile and choose suitable boards. Contact Brian Burleigh on 5148 9364 for more info., and make a donation to help maintain the tennis courts. Any left over by the end of Winter will be burned – which seems a waste – so think about projects around the place where they may be useful.

News from the Shed – May 2009.

End Fire Restrictions with BBQ and MVA training session 28th April

You've missed this event, but here's a summary. Heyfield CFA brought their Trailer mounted Light Tower and their large fan for clearing smoke from buildings. In addition, the local Ambulance was represented by two personnel and the Heyfield police sent a representative. The evening started with a BBQ; there were no left-overs. The Ambos gave a run-thru of their response to a motor vehicle accident and showed where the kit likely to be needed is stowed. The police rep. gave a briefing on traffic management at an MVA and the tasks which the CFA may need to take on. The Heyfield team gave a demonstration of their Light Tower, and also showed off their forced draft fan.

Progress on Shed Extensions

It has been a long break since the tank was delivered back in March, but in the last couple of weeks, deliveries started to arrive. Friday the site was prepared and Monday the slab was poured. The shed will be up in no time, and it'll be our job to fit it out! In addition, we'll need to demolish the storage shelves and re-arrange storage space while the works are in progress. We'll need working bees, so expect to be called on as works progress.

Training Courses

There is a new training calendar for May through December.

Driver Training. There's lots of courses for driver training, now in four parts. There is Medium rigid License Testing, Road Law and rules for CFA tankers, Drive under Operational Conditions and Drive vehicle off-road. New drivers will need to pass all these courses and eventually all existing drivers will have to qualify. The driver training is mostly based at the West Sale Training Ground. Various dates are available; some courses involve 1 night, 4 days. other Courses. There is at least one of the courses most of us need: Hazmat Awareness, A class foam, Crew Leader, Isolated remote Structure, First Aid and refresher courses. Check the Training Calendar at the Shed.

Rubbish Burns

We've been saving this up for a while. But, check the weather and where the smoke will go; let your neighbors know before you smoke them out; if its big, you might like to borrow the slip-on or have the Tanker handy, and if its likely to come to the attention of Vicfire, it is best to register you burn by phoning 1800 668 511.

And watch out for the wildlife which may have taken up residence!

Register a Burn-off Line 1800 668 511

Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667

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OTHER STUFF

Cowwarr – Toongabbie Lions Wood Raffle and Mill Ends

The Wood Raffle is well underway and winners so far have been Peter Shoene and Pat Clarke. Tickets are \$1 and are available at the Pub or the Shop. The next draw will occur on 23rd. May – so get your tickets now.

Lions members are at the old Cowwarr tip site for collection of Mill Ends from 2pm to 4pm each Sunday. If Sundays don't suit then please ring Judith or Brian on 5148 9364 to arrange an alternative time. A 6x4 trailer of mill ends costs \$10. If the weather is really foul ring before going!!!!!!

News from the Pub

Winter Pub hours start on 11th. May and are as follows.

The hotel will shut at 6pm on Sundays and Mondays will be closed as usual.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will open from 4pm.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday will open from noon.

Meals as per usual on Friday nights .. don't forget to book your table early as we have been very busy.

Please ring us for group bookings well before the day as the diary is getting a bit hectic as the year rolls on. Thanks Helen and Terry 5148 9233.

Another mob from Tassie are here to help with fencing properties burnt out in February and with the number of kilometres to be replaced it will be a loooooong job.

Cowwarr Landcare

At the weekend Landcare members erected our new shed at the Weir. We now have a central place to keep our gear which will be a great help as we tackle our first major project at the weir to clean up and prepare the ground for the (if we get the funding) wetlands.

At our AGM on Friday the following Office Bearers were elected, Geraldine Alexander Treas., Robyn Hoggins Sec., Pres., and Vice Pres., Judith Stone and Peter Smart.

Cowwarr Landcare meets on the 1st Wednesday each month at the Cowwarr Public Hall – for more info on our group contact Robyn on 5148 9312

Wellington Shire News - Three Chain Road Area

For some time we have been receiving various comments from residents about the traffic on Three Chain Road, the condition of the road in general and the lack of signage etc.

A number of residents have found lost motorists who have relied on GPS systems which have pointed them down the road instead of staying on the Traralgon Maffra Road. Of considerable concern was the Fells Creek crossing as people who are unaware of its existence especially if it flooding could get into a lot of strife. There has also been an increase of traffic on the old tip road probably as motorists work out they are not on the correct road.

Initial contact with VicRoads proved fruitless (as usual) so in March a detailed letter was sent to Wellington Shire. We received a reply in April.

The road has been recently graded – though this will not hold-up very well with increased traffic.

The Shire will:-

Consider changing the give way signs at the intersection of Neilsens and Three Chain Roads and improve visibility “consistent with resources available”.

Signage at both ends of Three Chain Road will be reviewed so that motorists can turn around when they realise they are on the wrong road.

Signage at the Fells Creek floodway will be upgraded “if necessary”.

We have no definite timelines on any work – it will be a case of checking the road periodically so see if anything has been done and if nothing happens in a few months send off yet another letter.

Cowwarr Playground

The Shire received a \$35,000 State Govt. Grant and in their wisdom decided to spend it on the playground. Those in the area will have noticed extensive works on pathways and general refurbishment of the area. Should look good when finished.

We believe part of the refurb will include trees and seating thus making the area more user friendly – it will NOT include a loo – anyone not local will have to use the disabled toilet at the Hall