

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Dates for the Diary

Sunday 15th. May Cow Making Working Bee

Where: Hardweld 97 Maffra Road Heyfield (Graham Morgan's workshop)

From: 10am

This working bee is to make the cows for the School and town – if you have old bicycle handlebars coiled car springs etc., then leave at the School or Shop.

For more info contact the School or Shop

Millends Dates for May and June

Where: Old Cowwarr Tip, McEwans Lane

Dates: Sunday May, 15th. & 22nd plus June 12th. & 19th.

From: 2pm to 4pm

Sunday 22nd. Cowwarr Public Hall Working Bee

Where: At the Hall

From: 9am

General cleaning to prepare the Hall for the CFA Presentation Lunch – if you only have an hour to spare it would be appreciated. Contact Brian Burleigh on 5148 9364

Cowwarr Landcare Group

Landcare meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the WGCMA depot Main St. Cowwarr. New members are welcome: family / individual membership only \$10 per year. Phone Geraldine Alexander 5192 4319 for further info.



Lunch and Award Presentation. Sunday May 29th at Cowwarr Public Hall.

Invitations have been sent to active brigade members and responses received.

The Heyfield CFA Group brigades are sponsoring this event: five of the nine brigades in the group will be participating in the award presentation. The two course Lunch is at 12:00, Ceremony at 13:30 and afternoon tea to follow.

This is your chance to speak with the new Chief Officer, Euan Ferguson.

Thanks to those volunteers and non-members who have offered to assist with set-up and catering, and with the clean-up afterwards.

Health, Safety and Well-being Survey.

In spite of earlier attempts to let this topic roll through to “the keeper”, they’ve written to us again, asking that we consider making a response to their survey questionnaire. We’re asked to canvass our members and make a summary response on fourteen topics which seem peripheral to fighting fires: Healthwatch program, Heart health & diabetes, Wellbeing, OHS incident reporting, Fatigue, Chemical Safety, Stress, Electrical equipment, Healthy Bones, Basic fitness tips, Cancer and Peer awareness.

Given that we’ve had precious little response to issues like the offer of brigade-funded T-shirts, or possible use of Siren for community alerting, I’m not expecting to be rushed with responses.

Should the brigade or some group of members express an interest, the project is offering face-to-face contact or the offer of sending an information pack.

Training

As well as the CFA run courses listed last month, Brigade levels training is on offer.

Wildfire minimum skills training at Cowwarr on Sunday 15th May at 10 AM. Anyone doing the training or in need of a quick refresher welcome.

Additionally, there will be a full-day Wildfire Minimum Skills training activity at the Gippsland Training Ground, Fulham on Sunday 22-May.

Weekly Run Roster

May	Duty Officer	Anton Vardy	0417 380 329		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
03	Dave Smith	5148 9344	Doug Steley	0408 754 250	14
10	Kim Hoggins	0428 514 566	Stacey Shepley	0409 709 361	15
17	Richard Hollonds	0427 489 283	Denis Reynolds	5148 9336	16
24	Damien Kessner	5148 9375	Gary Scott	5148 9079	17

Brigade Management Team meeting: Wednesday 11th – members welcome.

Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667

Register a Burn-off 1800 668 511

Officers: Captain Andrew Iseppi 5148 9339

Lieutenants: Anton Vardy 0417 380 329, Paddy O'Brien 0427 088 066, Steve Felmingham 0429 344 009, and Veggy.

Secretary: Brian Burleigh 5148 9364 Treasurer: Ann Scott 5148 9079

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Wellington Shire Council Draft Budget

Wellington Shire has a \$35,000 line in their draft budget for the Rainbow Park project in Cowwarr.

Well we all know that doesn't mean that this is a done deal – but we all wait with baited breath!!!!

Hopefully if this budget is passed the Wellington Council will consult with Cowwarr residents about what really we want at Rainbow Creek.

Junk and Jewels Wash-up Report

Well, the Hall did OK raising \$138 on the day, from the Sausage Sizzle and those very keen people who had stalls.

Unfortunately, despite a lot of advertising in the Express and the Heyfield News we did not get the number of people we thought would turn-up.

If you think that a Market/Trash & Treasure type day can be organised during the Footy season – then go for it! The Hall is available – just contact Judith on 5148 9364.

Baillieu Government Budget as reported in the Express 5th. May 2011.

The article in the Express states that the Cowwarr CFA will receive \$25,000 – well good on them – Mr. Northe in fact promised \$5,000 to the Cowwarr Rural Fire Brigade to finish the refurbishment of the Shed and \$25,000 for the Cowwarr Public Hall – so we wait with baited breath to see just if anything happens.

We are not actually holding our breath for anything.



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