

# Cowwarr Chronicle

Cowwarr Fire Brigade

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## Cowwarr Fire Brigade

Its time again to apply for a grant to get our second fire fighting appliance. The brigade has chosen to apply for an ultralight tanker,



We believe that it will help the community, by increasing our ability to get into small areas, over bridges and down narrow tracks and driveways. It will also help our ability to turn out, as currently we can only have 6 members turn out on the tanker.

To help us with our application we are hoping local people and businesses can write letters of support. It would be much appreciated if you could write a short email or letter saying you support our application for an ultralight tanker. Letters can be addressed to Cowwarr Fire Brigade and either left at the shop or emailed to [ann.gibbs96@gmail.com](mailto:ann.gibbs96@gmail.com)

## Cowwarr Football Netball Club

26<sup>th</sup> May Home vs  
Churchill

2<sup>nd</sup> June away vs Yarram

16<sup>th</sup> June away against  
Gormandale

23<sup>rd</sup> June home against  
Rosedale

## Cowwarr Fire Brigade

Brigade Elections to be held at the fire station on the 12th June 7pm at the station

Nominations forms and position descriptions are available at the station

# VESEP

## Ultra-Light Tanker Toyota LandCruiser Provisional Only



### Overview

The Ultra-Light Tanker delivers increased water, enhanced fire suppression capability and ergonomic features. This vehicle is licensed to carry 2 people including the driver. The vehicle has a manual transmission and does not require an endorsed licence to drive. The body and cab chassis conform to CFA operational safety standards. These appliances are not designed to have personnel operating from the tray area. The ULT's primary role for wildfire is to perform first attack on spot sized / remote / difficult-to-access types of fires where these fires are safe to approach. It is also designed to perform support for back operations, mopping up and patrolling duties.

### Cab Chassis – Toyota LandCruiser

Toyota LandCruiser 70 series Workmate 4x4 MY2018 cab chassis. The Toyota LandCruiser is an upgraded 3.95 tonne GVM cab chassis with air-conditioning, aftermarket wide alloy wheels, all-terrain tyres and 110 litre fuel tank. The vehicle includes reversing camera, reversing alarm, map light, 2 x fire blankets, 2 x drink bottle holders, CFA map book holder, siren and emergency light controller, portable radio charger and CFA radio speakers.

### Body Features

- Full aluminium construction, diesel engine pump, locker and pump panel lights to switch on with parking lights.
- Full LED lighting including emergency lights, colour coded valve handles and angled pump control panel.
- 550 litre water capacity, diesel pump, live hose reel with 30mx19mm Neider light weight hose and Spray-Flo branch, 2 x 38mm deliveries, TFT Quadrafog selectable flow nozzle with foam aspirator attachment, Quenchmaster foam system, LED work lights, 6m permanently connected suction hose.
- Supply and installation of radio, lights and sirens
- Supply and fitment of decals
- Chainsaw & ancillary equipment

### Provision of tools and equipment

4 lockers, 2 x rake hoes, shovel, 2 x drip torches, tool box, emergency Class "A" foam kit, first aid kit, collapsible knapsack, aluminium service hydrant, 4.5kg AB dry chemical extinguisher, Hazmat guidebook.



### Indicative Costs

Cab Chassis Costs Funding By Brigade & VESEP	\$64,500
<b>Funding Break up</b>	
Brigade Contribution	\$21,500
Grant Contribution	\$118,500
<b>Total Project Costs</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>

Indicative prices as at April 2018 (excludes GST)  
Cost escalation to point of build in 2018/19 up to 10% increase

## *St Brigid's Bulletin*

The Heyfield/Cowwarr Garden Club have taken note of the developments taking place at St Brigid's presbytery. Clearly there is keen interest in watching things grow.

This interest in growth is reflected in the celebrations at St Brigid's. The Easter season ended on Ascension Thursday when Jesus returned to his Father. This was followed by Pentecost when we celebrated the start of the Church: the harvest resulting from the seeds planted at Easter time. Indeed Pentecost itself grew out of the Jewish feast of weeks during which their harvest was celebrated. Actually, much of our worship grew out of the Jewish religion. For example, when Moses was leading the Israelites out of Egypt to the Promised Land, he built a tabernacle to remind the people that God was present among them. So it is that the tabernacle at St Brigid's reminds us of God's presence in our midst.



*Cowwarr Football Netball Club*

*Cowwarr Recreation Reserve, State Government VIC*

*Wellington Shire, AFL Victoria*

Congratulations to all the teams involved in the redevelopment of the Cowwarr Football Netball Club change rooms. The new rooms are bigger, cleaner and brighter.



## *Council urges residents not to burn-off in residential areas*

Wellington Shire Council is reminding the community that burning off in residential areas is illegal without a permit.

Since the lifting of the fire danger period, Council has received a number of complaints about fires being lit in residential areas.

Lighting of outdoor fires in residential areas is generally prohibited unless the fire is contained and is used for the purposes of warmth or cooking.

The burning of offensive materials, such as rubber, plastic, dangerous goods or substances, paint, and food scraps is not permitted at any time.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Carolyn Crossley said burning off in residential areas was not only inconsiderate to those living around you, but it can also be detrimental to health.

“If you’ve ever taken your washing off the line and realised that your clean washing smells smoky, or you or someone you know is allergic to smoke, you’ll understand why it’s not ok to light outdoor fires in towns,” Cr Crossley said

“There are circumstances when owners or occupiers of residential areas can apply for a burn permit.

“You will need to demonstrate that there is no alternative to burning, the burn can be done safely, and that smoke is unlikely to impact on your neighbours.”

Cr Crossley said people living in residential areas should look at alternatives to burning.

“If you live in town, green waste can be mulched and used on your garden, or made in to compost,” she said.

“You can dispose of your green waste at our local waste facilities for a small fee, or there are several private companies who offer green waste pick-up.

“It’s well worth finding alternatives, because if you are caught burning off in a residential area the fine is \$200 and in some cases you may be prosecuted.”

To apply for a permit to burn, or to clarify whether you need a permit, contact Wellington Shire Council on 1300 366 244.

Further information about fire restrictions and regulations can be found at the CFA website at [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

## *New Bike Ed trailer to get the Wellington wheels in motion*

Wellington Shire Council today launched its new Bike Ed trailer, which will be used by local school children.

The Bike Ed program is funded by VicRoads and assists children aged nine to 13 develop the skills they need to ride safely on roads and paths.

The Wellington Bike Ed trailer was funded by a Traffic Accident Commission grant.

Bicycle Network Victoria also funded \$5,000 towards purchasing bicycles for the trailer.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Carolyn Crossley said the Bike Ed program was administered by individual schools, but supported by Council as part of its promotion of active travel and road safety.

“Wellington is committed to providing opportunity for active travel, as per our Walking and Cycling Strategic Plan,” she said.

“Wellington has also hosted the Great Victorian Bike Ride on a number of occasions, most recently 2017 where our small towns were showcased to a wider bicycle-loving audience.

“This is a fantastic project that saw multiple agencies come together, along with local business who helped out with the cost of bicycles and signage, to create this great resource for local children to improve their skills and road safety.”

## *Cowwarr Chronicle*

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