

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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As of today The Fire Danger Period has been declared
This means that we can no longer burn rubbish without a permit
To get a permit you will need to go to CFA Regional Office in Sale
If you have any queries contact any Officer from Cowwarr RFB as listed on
the next page.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 24th. Bushfire Workshop

Where: Supper Room at the Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 7:30pm

A CFA rep will be on hand to answer questions and provide info – see News from the Shed for more details.

Everyone welcome

Thursday 3rd. December – Cowwarr Primary School Musical

Where: Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 7pm

Even if you do not have children at the Cowwarr PS – don't miss out on this event, it is always a wonderful experience – Oh and please bring a plate for supper.

Saturday 5th. December – Cowwarr Cutters Cup Lawnmower Race Meeting.

Where: Rec Reserve and Iseppi land

From: 10m

Please support this event and if you are not inclined to attend then make sure you have a ticket in the Raffle of goodies – including a fabulous hamper from Murray – Goulburn.

Tickets are available from the Shop or Pub or on the Day at the Ice Cream tent.

News from the Shed November 2009

CUTTERS CUP Saturday 5th December

Organizing meetings have been held and preparations are in full swing. As an additional attraction, an Ute muster will be held on the Oval in conjunction with the Mower mayhem. Lots of volunteers will be needed to help with the set up in the days before the event. And we'll need to have enough members to handle all the event tasks as well as more to send the tanker out on a job. Maybe it'll rain before Race day... We'll be in touch to fit you in to the roster.

Fire Restrictions!

Fire restrictions commenced Monday 23rd. We survived the heatwave, once again because everybody is being careful with fire. Thanks! Also, its good to see four metre mowed fire-breaks appearing at the edge of paddocks.

Station Working Bee

Ten volunteers turned up to clean up the Station. The contents have all been shifted, and now the floor is squeaky clean and we have space for our summer configuration. Should the Tanker be required elsewhere, we'll again have the use of Brutus armed with slip-on unit.

Strike Team Roster

Cowwarr tanker is grouped with Stratford again this year, and designated strike team 1006.

Our duty weeks commence 7th December , 25th January, 15th March and 3rd May. Its best if we can send a crew so that someone will feel responsible for the equipment on the tanker.

Fire Plan Workshop

Need some help with your family bush-fire plan. Rachael Allan from CFA will conduct this workshop in the Public Hall supper Room on Tuesday 24th November. 7:30 PM

Primary School

Parents were invited to a fire-awareness afternoon at the School. Guest Speaker John Henshaw will make a presentation, followed by a test of the School's Wildfire emergency plan.

We turned out the tanker to suppress an imaginary spot fire in the adjacent church paddock.
Thanks to those who assisted.

Training.

Brian Tyler has volunteered to arrange training sessions on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 PM from the Station. Contact him on (0429) 399 348, or just turn up to join in the training scenario he has prepared.

Season Briefing

Wednesday 25th at the Little Theatre, Traralgon at 19:00 hours.

The administrative arrangements that have changed since last summer will be presented.

Of particular note are changes to reduce radio traffic on Dispatch Channel 4. Vicfire only wish to be informed if the tanker becomes unavailable.

Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667

Officers:	Captain Andrew Iseppi	5148 9339
Lieutenants:	Anton Vardy	(0417) 380 329
	Brian Burleigh	5148 9364
Sec/Treas:	Stacey Shepley	(0457) 000 334
	Paddy O'Brien	(0427) 088 066

OTHER STUFF

Cowwarr doesn't get a lot of great press – so just in case anyone missed the Gippy Times letter about the Pirate Treasure Hunt Day organised by the Cowwarr Primary School Parents Club here it is!!

“CONGRATS COWWARR

From Cath Duck Wurruk:

I would like to congratulate the Cowwarr community for the fantastic Family Pirate Treasure Hunt day the Cowwarr Primary School on Sunday October 11.

Having dressed ourselves as pirates we headed to the school for our list (of) scavenger items and questions we needed to answer by completing a circuit of the township.

The level of participation was brilliant with most of the families/teams dressing the part in their pirate costumes and looking absolutely fantastic.

Having seen a flyer promoting the day and not being residents of Cowwarr we thought we would be “on our own” against the locals, but found the community to be unbiased and exceedingly helpful, from the locals participating in their normal weekend routine to the other teams we were competing against, giving out hints as well as answers.

Even the littlies were covered with their own competition for the under eights, with scavenger cards to collect being strategically placed around town.

Although the bigger kids were aiming at collecting the treasure chests that were scattered around the town which entitled the holder to an instant prize.

A sausage sizzle and entertainment to finish off.

Not only was the weather beautiful (for the most part of the day) but so too the town itself.

The kids had an unreal day of fun and my son has already marked it on the calendar for next year, along with a list of his friends we need to invite.

A big thanks to Cowwarr for an excellent day and a heads up for anyone looking for a great fun family day out next year.”

Looks like Cowwarr PS and the whole community will really have to get behind this event and make it even better next year

Letters to Santa

The Cowwarr – Toongabbie Lions Club will again run the Letters to Santa Program.

Special Post Boxes will be installed at the Cowwarr and Toongabbie General Stores on the 27th November.

All letters are answered and would ALL parents, and other adults PLEASE PLEASE make sure that the full name of the child is somewhere on the letter – thank-you!!