

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Dates for the Diary

Sunday 27th. November Ute Muster and Music Festival Meeting

Where: The Pub

From: 3pm

Everyone is welcome to join in to discuss/plan for this event as we really want to make it an annual event for Community fundraising.

If you cannot make to the meeting and have some good ideas - see Sharon at the Shop.

Sunday 4th. December - Cowwarr Cutters Cup Mower Race Day

Where: Cowwarr Recreation Reserve

From: 10am

Come along and join in the fun.

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.

The Group has been busy killing weeds at the Weir at the Wetlands site, but of course all this lovely rain means they just grow and grow and grow.



Notes from the Station November 2011

COWWARR CUTTERS CUP

Members are expected to put in some time on the 4th. December at the Cowwarr Cutters Cup as proceeds will be going to the Cowwarr Rural Fire Brigade – SO KEEP THIS DATE FREE.

TRAINING AND SKILLS MAINTENANCE

Tuesday evenings 8th and 15th we'll be travelling to Heyfield to participate in drafting and boosting activities. And we'll fit in a burn-over drill if we need to – those who've dodged the Sunday opportunities. We have about 20 fire-fighters who have done some skills maintenance, and about twenty who need to attend before they're qualified to front up for an emergency event.

Training Courses– CFA planned courses for District 10 – a very short list indeed.

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
21-Jan	28-Jan	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT: aka Level 2 First Aid	CFA318	TINAMBA	01-Jan

PREPARATIONS FOR SUMMER

Its great to see the slashing work that has been undertaken by adjacent land-holders – especially along the North-South stretch of the Traralgon-Maffra Road. Vicroads will only mow once, and only one slasher width from the road-way (cost-saving by Government), so it falls to the locals to maintain this important fire-break. Our thanks to those who have committed time, equipment and fuel to the task.

BURNING RUBBISH or REDUCING FUEL BUILD-UP

This is the last chance to use fire to prepare for the summer season. So, remember the drill: inform the neighbours; don't light up before the possibility of sea-breeze has passed, register the event with Vicfire (1800 668 511), supervise the event and make sure the fire is out when you've finished. Re-ignition from a past burn is a common cause of wild-fires.

ROSTER FOR NOVEMBER

Your turn to take the tanker for a familiarisation run and to check out a Hydrant.

Check out the new protection sprays and operate the filter back-flush (which now produces better than a dribble!). And check the tyre track sprays: last time I did they were completely fouled up!

Sep	Duty Officer	Anton Vardy	0417 380 329		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
08	Richard Hollonds	0427 489 283	Stacey Shepley	0409 709 361	6
15	Damien Kessner	5148 9375	Robert Clarke	0423 062 590	7
22	Garry Blair	5148 9232	Sean Tovey	5148 9433	8
29	Anton Vardy	5174 2839	Luke Cooper	5148 9386	9

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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