

# Cowwarr Chronicle

Cowwarr Fire Brigade

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## *Cowwarr Reserves Committee Update: Community Sausage Sizzle at the Hall – Monday 25 November*



You might have noticed something different in the Cowwarr CBD... The crisp new paint job tops off ongoing efforts by the Cowwarr Rec Reserves Committee to reactivate the Cowwarr Hall and improve its facilities.

### **Come Celebrate:**

On Monday 25 November at 6:30pm we are having a community sausage sizzle at the Hall to show off the new facilities and thank the contributors, Officer for DELWP will attend to acknowledge long community service. of some long-serving past Committee members, and seek your ideas on future events and activities at the Hall and surrounding rec reserve.

### **Become Involved:**

Over the next couple of weeks the Committee wants to hear your ideas for events and activities you would like to see at the Hall so that we can refine them together on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be blackboards at the pub and post office, and an online survey on the Discover Cowwarr and Cowwarr Public Hall facebook pages. Please jot down your ideas whether they are fleeting thoughts or fully formed, big or small, ordinary or audacious. At the sausage sizzle, we will whittle them down to a workable plan that will inform the direction of the Committee and future funding applications.

## *Important Dates*

25<sup>th</sup> November  
Community Sausage  
Sizzle Cowwarr Hall  
6.30pm

26<sup>th</sup> January Australia  
day breakfast

## *St Brigid's Bulletin*

Spring forcefully demonstrates the point of all the gardening activity that has taken place around the church and the presbytery. The death of winter has given way to the return of life. Life that is ongoing.

November is another ending for it is the last month of the church year. This ending is marked by the feast of Christ the King. The culmination of the rejection, suffering and death of Jesus at Easter becomes apparent when we celebrate his kingship as the Lord of All Creation. We, of course, are part of this creation and we are reminded of this at the start of the month. The feasts of All Saints and All Souls remind us of our personal ending. Visits to the cemeteries at Toongabbie and Heyfield place us as part of a continuity of particular persons that has brought us to now. St Brigid's provides a fitting place to reflect on this personal reality.

### *Prepare your property for fire with No Free Green Waste month*

Wellington Shire Council is urging residents to prepare their properties for the coming bushfire season, with No Fee Green Waste disposal at all landfills and transfer stations for the month of November. Traditionally, Council offers No Fee Green Waste for the Melbourne Cup weekend with extended hours at all facilities.

However, this year it was decided to provide this offer for the month of November, during normal operating hours, to allow residents more time to prepare for the coming fire season.

Last season, Wellington had its best response ever from residents cleaning up their properties.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Alan Hall said he hoped that trend would continue this year.

"We had fantastic results last year, with only 12 properties throughout the whole shire requiring compulsory clean-ups," he said.

"That was the best result we have ever had for a pre-fire season clean-up.

"I do hope residents take advantage of the No Fee Green Waste offer we have this year, for the whole month of November.

"Council is providing even more opportunities to get prepared for the fire season."

If a property is identified to pose a potential fire risk to life or property, Council will issue the owner with a Fire Prevention Notice with instructions to clean up.

Serious penalties of \$1,652 can apply for failure to comply with these notices.

For further information about preparing your property for fire and the fire prevention process, see the Wellington Shire website at [www.wellington.vic.gov.au/fire](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/fire) and for information about the no fee green waste weekend see [www.wellington.vic.gov.au/greenwaste](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/greenwaste)

## *Council urges caution after increase in dog attacks*

Wellington Shire Council is urging pet owners to secure their animals after experiencing a 43% increase in dog attacks during the past year.

The attacks calculated include serious, non-serious and dog rush incidents. While the majority of the attacks were against other dogs or livestock, Council received 17 reports of incidents where dogs have attacked people.

In the past two months, Council has prosecuted seven serious dog attack matters in the Sale Magistrate's Court, resulting in penalties ranging from a 12 month Good Behaviour Bond to a \$1377 fine.

Children under the age of five are particularly vulnerable to dog attacks, especially at home.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Alan Hall said man's best friend must be adequately restrained when out walking and contained when unsupervised.

"Research from Agriculture Victoria shows that 80% of dog attack and menace incidents occur in public places as a result of animals not being adequately confined," he said.

"These incidents therefore often take place on the footpath or road bordering the property.

"Recent dog attack incidents in Wellington certainly back up this research.

"Council officers investigate all dog attack reports and where appropriate, take action through the Magistrate's Court."

What to do if you are approached by an aggressive dog:

- Stand still, don't run.
- Keep your hands by your side.
- Stay quiet; try not to make any noise.
- Avoid eye contact with the dog; look at the ground
- Once the dog has lost interest, slowly back away.

How to approach dogs safely:

- Always get permission from the owner to pat the dog.
- Approach the dog from an angle, rather than directly from the front.
- Slowly extend the back of your hand with the fingers curled under and allow the dog to sniff.
- Stroke the dog on the side of the chest, the shoulders or under the chin (not on the top of the head).
- Don't continue to pat the dog if it backs away or doesn't sniff your hand.

(Source: [www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/dogs](http://www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/dogs))

# Community Sausage Sizzle at the Cowwarr Hall

**Monday 25 November at 6.30pm**

View the Hall improvements

Recognition of service awards

Refine ideas for **future** activities & events

Gold coin donation to contribute to catering costs

## *Cowwarr Fire Brigade*

Fire Restrictions are now in force. There is no burning off without a permit. The penalties are large and there is no warnings given

Our brigade members have been training on our new ultralight tanker. It is due to go "on line" this week, so expect to see it out for fire calls



## Cowwarr Classified

Cowwarr Post Office  
Monday – Friday 9am -5pm  
51489226

Cowwarr Primary School  
51489271  
Principal Mr Albie Fitt

Heyfield Transfer Station Rifle Range road Heyfield  
Tuesday & Sunday 11am – 5pm  
Thursday & Saturday 1pm – 5pm

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