

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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November & December 2012

Dates for the Diary

Sunday 25th. November CFA Community Information Day.

See CFA Notes from the Station for more info.

Saturday 1st. December Fire Danger Period Commences.

See CFA Notes from the Station for more info.

Sunday December 2nd. Cowwarr Cutters Cup.

Yes the major fundraiser for the Cowwarr Rural Fire Brigade is on again. If you wish to have a stall or can assist in some capacity on the day then please ring Carolyn Crossley on 5148 9321 or see Sharon at the Shop.

There are posters at the Shop so, if you can put one up at work or distribute around the surrounding areas then please pick some up and support this very important Community CFA Fundraiser.

Wednesday 12th. December Cowwarr Primary School Concert.

Where: Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 7pm.

Saturday 15th. December Bill Chambers, Harry Hookey and Band Concert

Where: Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 7pm.

Cost: \$20 Family Ticket

Friday 21st. December LAST Pick-up for Letters to Santa

See Page 3 for more details

Register a Burn-off **1800 668 511**



Notes from the Station November and December 2012

Preparation for Summer Fire Season

RUBBISH BURNS – will need a Permit as of Saturday 1 December when Fire Restrictions commence. Apply for a permit with the Municipal Fire Officer at Wellington Shire or CFA District Office in Sale. Permits are NOT automatically issued as conditions apply.

Burning opportunities are now vanishingly scarce, so make this a priority; register your burn with Vicfire, engage our assistance if you're in doubt, and make sure the burn is supervised until it is really OUT.

Generally, the town area is looking pretty good; everyone has been working hard on preparing their blocks and the reserve lands for summer. Rainfall for the month to 17th is 24 mls by my gauge with little prospect of significant falls before month-end, so the choice of date for the introduction of fire restrictions looks like a wise guess!

Flying the Flag!s

CFA Sunday November 25th all day at the Station. Meet the team, tour the shed, check out our equipment, ask any questions, collect information about bushfire preparation, join our BBQ at lunchtime.

Siren for Community Alert

Notwithstanding that half the village cannot hear our siren on a windy day, Cowwarr has put itself forward to join a trial of the use of our Siren for Community Alerts. So, first two minutes – to attract firefighters who don't have a pager. Another three minutes – emergency situation – find out what's up and enact your Emergency Plan. Just remember that this great plan won't work if the power is off!

CUTTERS CUP Sunday 2 December

After much quiet organizing by Carolyn and Sharon, the media blitz to advertise our event hits the roadsides and everywhere else this week. At 336 hours in advance, the GFS forecast says the day will be more than a bit tricky with strong northerlies before an expected cool change and precipitation. So we'll need all our members and firefighters to turn up and support the day – and be ready for a sudden change of plan should the need arise.

TANKER ROSTER

This rostered activity is designed to keep you familiar with Tanker operations, and to provide a check on the workability of our 38 Hydrants. So, coordinate a suitable time with your partner, and take the tanker for a 30 Km warm-up. We're asking you to choose a time other than Tuesday evening, as we're using the tanker for training activities.

Nov	Duty Officer	Anton Vardy	0417 380 329		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
06	Steve Felmingham	0429 344009	Stacey Iseppi	0409 709 361	23
13	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Robert Clarke	0423 062 590	24
20	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Ann Gibbs	0412 085 076	25
27	Anton Vardy	0417 380 329	Mick Pierce	0427 738607	26
Dec	Duty Officer	Andrew Iseppi	0458 042 565		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
04	Trevor Astbury	5148 9267	Denis Reynolds	5148 9336	27
11	Dave Smith	5148 9344	Gary Scott	5148 9079	28
18	Richard Hollonds	0427 489 283	Ann Scott	5148 9079	29
25	Andrew Iseppi	5148 9339	Brianna Walker	0407 853 573	30

Christmas BBQ Wednesday 19th December

Next management meeting replaced by Christmas BBQ Wednesday December 19th at 7 PM at the Station.

All welcome! BYO liquid refreshments.

Officer Contacts

		Home	Work	Mobile
Captain	Andrew Iseppi	5148 9339		0458 042 565
1st Lieutenant	Anton Vardy		5142 3371	0417 380 329
2nd Lieutenant	Ken Walker	5148 9000		0429 708 556
3rd Lieutenant	Rob Gibbs			0409 566 320
4th Lieutenant	Veggy			
Comms Officer	Ann Gibbs			0412 085 076
Secretary	Brian Burleigh	5148 9364	5135 5387	0428 864 371
EAS Pager	1800 609 511	Pager Fault		1800 604 977
FIRS	1800 628 844	Vicfire*		1800 668 511

ALUMINIUM CANS FOR THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

During the “Festive Season” please try to save all those tinnies and aluminium cans at various BBQs and other functions and deposit them in the big RFDS bin next to the Shop.

Give Hugh Stagg and his merry band something to do and support the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Letters to Santa.

The Special Santa Mail Boxes will again be at the Toongabbie and Cowwarr General Stores as at the end of November.

Would parents etc., please make sure that the name and address of the child is CLEARLY legible somewhere on the letter or envelope – thus saving Mrs. Claus much frazzlement.

The last pick-up date for letters is Friday 21st. December – anything after that date may not receive a reply.

WELLINGTON DRAFT MUNICIPAL FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Wellington Shire has published the Draft Fire Management Plan on their website www.wellington.vic.gov.au for your information and feedback. Please take some time to go through it and comment if you feel something is missing.

A lot of the Plan is a bit formulaic but the attachments (part 7) are certainly worth a read.

If you don't have internet access and would like to read the plan then please contact Brian or Judith on 5148 9364 and we can either print out what you are interested in or perhaps leave a copy at the Shop.



COWWARR LANCARE GROUP

Wildlife corridor connection.

We held a successful planting working bee on Sunday 21st October at Fox's Road. We're halfway to joining up with the trees at Mockridge Lane. Our thanks to all who participated.

Landcare Display at the Cutters Cup

We'll have the Landcare Trailer out at the Cutters Cup. We'll also have our Native vegetation kit for new land-owners, Stickers of our new Logo, and a hand-out about the new Myrtle Rust fungus disease. At this stage we need people who can recognise an outbreak. So, come along and check out our display.

Meeting Out

We've had our last scheduled meeting, but rather than recess, we will still have first Sunday working bees at Swing Bridge Reserve as we encourage our new plantings to out-grow the weeds and wombats.

Our first meeting for 2013 is scheduled for 6th February.

Check out breaking news on our website

<http://westgippsland.landcarevic.net.au/cowwarr>



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