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Dates for the Diary

Saturday 13th. & Sunday 14th. October Annual SIDS and Kids Packhorse Ride to Walhalla

Where Starts in Toongabbie and follows the Old Coach Road to Walhalla

This is a great weekend for those keen horse riders or, on Sunday a great day out to watch the parade down the main street in Walhalla and take part in the auction afterwards. All money raised goes to the SIDS and Kids Foundation.

Contact Dave Smith on 5148 9344 for information and registration details.

Sunday October 21st. Community Fire Information Session

Where: Cowwarr Weir

From: 10am.

At this session there will be the Municipal Fire Officers from both Wellington and Latrobe Shires, plus CFA personnel who will be able to answer any questions and explain changes in fire legislation.

This is an important meeting and is open to all, not just those living in the Cowwarr Weir area, please try to attend – see News from the Station for more info.

Sunday October 21st. Cowwarr Landcare Group Tree Planting Day

Where: Foxes Road West (enter from Traralgon Maffra Road)

From: 10am.

We have 850 trees to plant to provide a biolinks corridor to Weir Road to the west. All welcome.

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.

More info on this event in November Chronicle



Notes from the Station October 2012

Community Fire Safe Event. 10 Am on Sunday 21st at the Weir.

Your chance to hear the CFA message on fire safety, and have any curly questions answered by CFA and Municipal Fire Officers. Word is that restrictions will commence on 1-December and You have about six weeks to get your place ready for summer. Sausage sizzle to follow: all welcome to share a snag and chew the fat after the event.

Operational Activity.

The strong wind event of September 5th had us called to action – twice. One landowner had chosen a bad day for fuel reduction and another hadn't made sure that their fire was out from some weeks previously!

Calendar of upcoming events: make a booking with Training Officer Ken Walker.

Date	Event
14 October	Group Exercise – All firefighters shy try to attend.
21 October	Community Fire Safe – at the Weir – 10 AM
25 November	CFA Sunday – Community Engagement in Fire Preparedness
2 December	Cutters Cup

Training - CFA Course Listing – reduced to offerings within reasonable travel distance.

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
31-10-12	07-11-12	CFA DRIVER REQUIREMENTS (LEGISLATION)	CFA067	MAFFRA	08-10-12
12-11-12	01-12-12	LOW STRUCTURE A	CFA07501	HEYFIELD	22-10-12
17-11-12	09-12-12	DRIVE VEHICLES UNDER OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS	CFA308	SALE	19-11-12
24-11-12	02-12-12	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	29-10-12
08-12-12	09-12-12	SECTOR COMMANDER REFRESHER	LMR0001	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	12-11-12
11-12-12	12-12-12	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	TRARALGON	20-11-12
16-12-12	16-12-12	STRIKE TEAM LEADER REFRESHER	NWA0046	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	19-11-12

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.

Oct	Duty Officer	Ken Walker	0429 708 556		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
02	Trevor Astbury	5148 9267	Peter Westland	5148 2268	18
09	Dave Smith	5148 9344	Graeme Harrington	0427 489315	19
16	Richard Hollonds	0427 489 283	Luke Cooper	5148 9386	20
23	Garry Blair	5148 9232	Ken Cantwell	5148 9245	21
30	Ken Walker	0429 708 556	Doug Steley	0408 754 250	22

RUBBISH BURNS

Burning opportunities remain 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 its really OUT.

Next management meeting Tuesday October 9th at 8 PM at the Station

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

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

Variety Club Bash 2012

Local sisters Helen Hoppner and Heather Allen have just returned from the 2012 Variety Bash which started in Shepparton, then went to Deniliquin (day 1 when we lost the brake booster) on to Broken Hill (when we did our back brakes) then to Maree, Birdsville, Mount Isa, Richmond, Charters Towers, Airley Beach and finished in Hamilton Island for 4 very relaxing days. Then it was hit the road home which took us almost one week to drive. This year was a very special year for Helen as it was the 20th consecutive Bash for her, and the only woman on the Bash to have achieved this great statistic, and the car raised in excess of \$12,000 this year adding to the Grand total of \$1.3 million raised by the 85 cars and 400 participants. Thanks to all who support what we do for some very special kids in the community and we are now starting to fundraise for the 2013 Vic Bash to Broome. If anyone would like to donate an amount towards our goal next year then remember it is tax deductible. In April next year, the Brats Bash, an annual event run by Variety Victoria will visit Cowwarr - more information on this closer to the event but the community is welcome to come along and see the cars and the kids in action and join in the fun.

Rail Trail News

A final call to anyone who has animals, machinery or anything personally owned left on the rail trail land - it will be removed very promptly as we hope the contractors will move in over October to upgrade the trail from Cowwarr to Glengarry. As this will be the only upgrade to take place in the near future, the Gippsland Plains Rail Trail Committee of Management will be watching closely for damage to the trail surface from illegal users. We would like the trail to stay in good condition for our locals and visitors to enjoy the experience. We are advising all adjacent property owners to stock proof fencing as any wandering stock will be impounded following numerous complaints from local residents. If you are crossing the trail from your property without a legal licence then you are exposing yourself to public liability...please contact me if we can be of assistance re this. Thanks everyone for your cooperation re this matter and we look forward to delivering safe access and a good quality trail surface for all users. Helen Hoppner GPRT COM Chair.



TREE (or shrub) PLANTING WORKING BEE

We've been successful with grant funds to establish a wildlife corridor connecting Fox Road to Mockridge Lane and the Rail Trail.

We have ordered 850 seedlings and tree-guards and prepared the site.

All we need now is members and volunteers to make the day a success. Everyone is invited to join us to knock this over at 10 AM on Sunday 21st (if you're not at the CFA Community meeting). Wear working clothes, strong shoes (damp underfoot), sun and mozzie protection. Be prepared to walk 400 Metres. Parking at the Stockyard 100 Metres South on Mockridge Lane. Toilet facilities non-existent.

Check out breaking news on our website

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



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