

COWWARR CHRONICLE

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Dates for the Diary

Saturday 19th. & Sunday 20th. October Thomson Valley Bush Riders SIDS and Kids Trail Ride.

For many years the Riders held a Packhorse ride to Walhalla and raised many thousands of dollars for SIDS research and support services. Unfortunately increases in camping fees etc., are making the ride unaffordable so the Riders have devised a wonderful weekend of rides through the hills around Toongabbie and Cowwarr.

See the flyer on the **Back Page** and give Mick or Bec a ring if you are interested or need further info.

Kiribati – the crowded beaches became a bit stressful after a while.





Notes from the Station for October 2013

Rubbish Burns

Thursday may have produced 5.2 mls of rain with all the wind, but evaporation for the two days was 7.2 mls, and we end up dryer than before the rain! So we need to be thinking seriously about getting rid of the green-waste which has been piling up for through the Winter. If your pile is too large for comfort or too close to something you don't wish to burn, call Captain Andrew. We may be able to assist. And always register your burn! And inform the neighbours, too.

Community Engagement – Farm Day on Sunday 15th September

It was just warm enough to make a good soaking a pleasant experience, as many of our aspiring students took the opportunity to improve their aim with the hose! A great opportunity to introduce the brigade to parents and school community without the pressure of imminent wildfire.

Dates for the Calendar

CFA Sunday and Community Day Sunday 24th November

Structural PPE fitting opportunity. Sale Fire Station 8-Oct. 1600-2100

CFA Training Calendar

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
1-Oct	31-Oct	THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA OPERATION - STRUCTURAL	CFA18601	DISTRICT 10	1-Oct
13-Oct	13-Oct	APPLY FIRST AID - 1 DAY	EXTFA001	BOOLARRA	23-Sep
19-Oct	20-Oct	Level 2 First Aid		TYERS	2-Oct
19-Oct	20-Oct	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	TRARALGON	30-Sep
21-Oct	21-Oct	PERFORM CPR ONLY	EXTFA003	CHURCHILL	30-Sep
27-Oct	27-Oct	CLASS A FOAM	CFA001	YARRAM	23-Sep
1-Nov	30-Nov	ATMOSPHERIC MONITORING	CFA230	MORWELL	1-Oct
4-Nov	14-Dec	OPERATE BA (OPEN CIRCUIT) PLUS SEARCH & RESCUE	NEA0002	HEYFIELD	7-Oct
13-Nov	15-Dec	LOW STRUCTURE A	CFA07501	MAFFRA	14-Oct
23-Nov	24-Nov	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	MORWELL	28-Oct
24-Nov	24-Nov	STRIKE TEAM LEADER	CFA011	CHURCHILL	21-Oct
24-Nov	24-Nov	STRIKE TEAM LEADER REFRESHER	NWA0046	DISTRICT 11	21-Oct
9-Dec	12-Dec	DRIVE OFF ROAD	CFA28402	DISTRICT 10	4-Nov

Brigade and Group Activities.

Structural BA refresher – 7PM on Friday October 4 at Cowwarr Hall. Contact Rob on 0409566320

Speak to Training Officer Ken Walker, if he doesn't speak to you first about continuing your training.

In addition, we have the group training exercise on October 20th and we'd like to be sending a crew who could use some refresher training. The brigade will be actively training on Tuesday evenings as we approach summer.

Roster

October	Duty Officer	Ken Walker	0429 708 556		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
01	Manaia O'Donnell	0488 102 222	Ann Gibbs	0412 085 076	31
08	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Shelby Morgan	0427 713 327	33
15	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Edward O'Brien	5148 3375	34
22	Dave Smith	5148 9344	Neil Wilson	0487 824 713	35
29	Ken Walker	0429 708 556	Denis Reynolds	5148 9336	36

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**

Cowwarr Landcare News - October 2013

Spring and we can watch our seedlings, and the grass and weeds grow...literally.

Swing Bridge Reserve.

Despite a huge effort to reduce the weeds before our winter planting, they're back with a vengeance and we'll have our hands full just keeping them under control. Then there's the Wombat(s). He just disapproves of our landscape modifications, and we're thinking of asking him to find a more suitable home. And the visiting kangaroos are helping with grass control, if not with Rocky's fences, as they commute through his paddocks on the way to our better pastures.

Rainbow Park

The collapse of the Fishing Club has left us with no local group looking after Rainbow Park. Landcare is reluctant to take on the role as we have more than enough on our plate, but we're prepared to show up for working bees.

Group meets on the First Wednesday of most months at WGCMA depot office. 7 PM

We have to make executive decisions about our Christmas break-up as well as all the routine things to keep the group functioning and our projects on track. Interested residents are welcome to join us.

For more information, contact President Brian Burleigh on 0428 864371.

CFA Major Fundraiser.

Cowwarr is now without a major fundraiser for our local brigade due to the Ride on Mower Racing Association refusing to give Cowwarr a date in their 2013 calendar.

There is a move to form a Gippsland chapter but this is only in its planning stage and may not go ahead.

Thus we need to think of an event which will raise a few thou \$ each year for the brigade.

There have been a few tentative ideas like concerts and movie nights or some sort of fishing competition or "Carpathon" event.

All ideas welcome – contact Carolyn Crossley at the Artspace or Brian Burleigh 5148 9364