

# COWWARR CHRONICLE

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**Community Information** Ann Gibbs

## Open Day 2016

We are holding our annual open day Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>. 10am – 12 noon. Come and say hi, grab a sausage and at 11.30 am we will be cutting a cake for our 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

We will also be handing out “red fire trucks” that contain everything you will need to help you prepare your property for summer season.

## **Traralgon-Maffra Road Corner - Looking For a Better Outcome Update.**

Carolyn Crossley

We had another near miss on the corner last week.

You may have noticed that VicRoads has installed new Chevron signs on the corner. Designed to reduce speed.

VicRoads is aiming to have completed the road count and road surveying by mid-October and will bring the results back to the community to discuss further safety measures. Watch the Discover Cowwarr Facebook page for updates.

They have already agreed to review the condition of the Road and have made a commitment to upgrade part of the road East of Cowwarr. Wellington Shire will re-instate the rumble strips on the Toongabbie-Cowwarr Rd and it will also receive its final seal in the warmer weather. It is great that the Cowwarr community is being consulted and listened to.



## **Cowwarr Football Netball Club**

Congratulations to our reserves football team, Runners up in the Grand Final. A very exciting game and they were unlucky not to come away with the win.

Pre-season 2017 starts soon, contact the club or follow their facebook page for all the details

### **2017 Australia Day Award nominations closing**

Only a few weeks to go to nominate for Wellington Shire Council's 2017 Australia Day Awards. Nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday 28 October so get your thinking caps on and nominate a person, group or event you think deserves to be recognised for their outstanding contribution or achievement in our community and is worthy of this prestigious accolade.

Council are inviting nominations for their 2017 Australia Day Awards across four categories:

- *Citizen of the Year* – those 25 years or older on 26 January 2017, who have made a significant contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.
- *Young Citizen of the Year* – those 24 years or younger on 26 January 2017, who have made a significant contribution during the current year and/or given outstanding service to the local community over a number of years.
- *Community Event of the Year* - presented to the person or group who has staged the most outstanding community event during the year.
- *Community Group of the Year* - a group that has made a sustained and significant contribution to the Wellington community.

Wellington Shire Council CEO, David Morcom, says "It's important that we recognise the generosity of our volunteers and congratulate those extraordinary citizens on their contribution to our community.

"By putting in a nomination, we acknowledge the important role that our citizens play in making ours a happier, brighter and more compassionate community."

Council only accepts nominations provided on the official nomination form, which can be collected from our Customer Service Centres in Sale and Yarram, or any Wellington Shire Library branch. You can also download a hard copy or submit your nomination online at [www.wellington.vic.gov.au/events](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/events).

Further information is available from our friendly Customer Service staff on 1300 366 244.

## Cowwarr Art Space

Then we have our long term resident Bill Young for first weekend in Oct until the end of Nov.

Title: New Paintings by William Young

Artist: William (Bill) Young

Image: The gates of dawn, 2016 oil on canvas 61 x 91 cm.

Dates: Oct 7 – Nov 28, 2016

Hrs: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, 11-5pm

Gallery: Cowwarr Art Space, 2730 Traralgon Maffra Rd Cowwarr 3857

Web: [www.cowwarr.com](http://www.cowwarr.com)

Young has lived and worked in Gippsland for over 25 years and is currently an artist-in-residence at the Cowwarr Art Space. He has had a long career as an art lecturer both at University and TAFE levels. His work is in many national collections, most notably: The National Gallery of Victoria, Art Bank, Art Gallery of South Australia, Latrobe Regional Gallery and Gippsland Art Gallery Sale, as well as numerous private collections.



### Would you like to make a difference in your community?

Would you like to be a voice for the youth of Wellington?

Applications for Wellington Shire Youth Council are now open and close on 21 October 2016.

Apply here: [www.wellington.vic.gov.au/youth](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/youth)

Discover the variety of volunteering opportunities in Wellington! -

[www.volunteeringinwellington.com.au](http://www.volunteeringinwellington.com.au) is a new resource which has been developed to help people find volunteering opportunities in the local area. Community groups and clubs can also use the website to advertise their opportunities to become a member, volunteer, or participate in community activities.

Volunteering gives you a chance to meet new people, learn new skills, gain experience, and share your expertise. Get involved with your community today!

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03 5148 9226

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Double beef patty, bacon, onion, cheese, tomato, lettuce chilli flakes & special sauce  
**\$10.00**

**Farmers Pack**  
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Min Chips  
4 Dim Sims  
4 Potato Cakes  
1.25ltr Soft Drink  
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Beef patty, bacon, hash brown, onion, egg, cheese & special sauce all on a fresh baked Heyfield Bakery bread roll  
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Available until 10am EVERYDAY

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Open 5am -7pm Monday - Wednesday  
5am – 8.30pm Thursday – Friday  
6am – 8.30 Saturday  
7am – 8.30 Sunday

### Good News Story - Grant Success For Our Hall!

Carolyn Crossley Secretary Cowwarr Public Hall.

To bring this great community asset back to a usable facility the new Management Committee is undertaking a number of emergency repairs to address long standing issues. Now the weather is warmer and the new committee has some funds we will be doing some shout outs fort some working bee's

Grant:1. You will soon see Rocky's crew installing our new external lights around the Cowwarr Community Hall.

The External Solar LED Security Lighting is funded by the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program. \$2,860. Solar sensor lighting is a cost effective way to make the Hall both welcoming and safe. This is an important component of our project to make the building a safer and a more active facility for the community.

Grant: 2. Wellington Shire Community Facilities Grant, \$4,490. To upgrade the kitchen/Supper Room to optimise the use and sustainability of the facility.

Earlier this year we received \$11,000 from DELWP under the Public Safety on Public Land Grants Program expended on plumbing repairs; replacement of 4 public toilets and septic tank connections, leaking box guttering, addressing drainage issues causing cracking and disruption of the cement render. We are also upgrading the reading/meeting room.

**Vote 1 Re-elect**

**Carolyn Crossley**

Wellington Shire Council

**Northern Ward**

*An experienced, strong voice  
for the a bright future*



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### News from the Station

Full Brigade meeting 7pm Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup> at the station. We want to discuss the purchase of a second fire-fighting vehicle and we need ALL members (operational and non operational) to attend and vote.

Training is being held Tuesday nights leaving from the station at 7pm. Contact Ricky for details. It is a mixture of assisting with controlled burns and training, so lots of things for everyone.

The Brigade management team meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month ( 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7<sup>th</sup> November) 7pm at 11 Railway street. Any brigade member is more than welcome to attend.

District exercise to be held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Please let Ricky or Andrew know if you are available to attend.

If your gear isn't 100% or you're not sure, please get Veggy to check it. We will be putting in orders for replacement PPE to make sure all firefighters have the correct gear for Summer

## **Beat the mozzie bite**

Wellington Shire Council has commenced its Mosquito Control Program early this year due to the heavy spring rains. Lots of water being retained in the program's breeding sites has also contributed to this year's early start.

The coastal areas have already been sprayed and Council is keeping an eye on the breeding sites to determine if and when further spraying is required based on a range of environmental factors.

Wellington Shire Council General Manager Development John Websdale says, "We are seeing a large number of adult mosquitoes present in various locations across the Shire."

"Although Council has a mosquito control program in place, the program only has limited impact on overall mosquito numbers and is designed to reduce, not eliminate mosquitoes. So we do urge residents to also take action on their own properties to help prevent mosquitos from breeding."

"We also strongly encourage people to be vigilant with their own personal protection to avoid being bitten."

Recommended precautions include:

- Applying mosquito repellent to all areas of exposed skin as needed and according to label instructions. Repellents containing DEET or Picaridin are highly recommended and are most effective and long lasting in a lotion form.
- Use an insecticide in sleeping areas, according to instructions.
- Wear light coloured, loose fitting clothes with long sleeves and long trousers. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark coloured clothes and can bite through tight clothes.
- Ensure flyscreens on houses, caravans and annexes are in good condition with no gaps.
- Clean out roof gutters of debris to ensure water does not pool.
- Ensure open containers of water are removed from around the home to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Check your water tanks are screened with wire gauze which is no coarser than 1mm mesh to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs in the tank.
- When camping, take precautions such as using flyscreens on caravans and tents, and by sleeping under mosquito nets.
- Make sure your dinghy or boat is stored overturned with the bung removed.
- Take particular care while fishing, ensuring that you follow personal precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.
- Control mosquitoes that enter your house with a 'knock-down' insecticide aerosol spray.

You'll find lots of helpful information and web links on how to beat the bite on Council's website [www.wellington.vic.gov.au/mozzies](http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/mozzies) or contact the Environmental Health Office on 1300 366 244.

**Please send in anything you would like to see in the Chronicle. Deadline for the November edition is 25<sup>th</sup> October. Email me at**

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