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Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 7th. October Cowwarr Lancare Meeting

Where: Supper Room at the Cowwarr Public Hall

From: 7pm

After a very constructive meeting about plans for the wetland project at the Cowwarr Weir there will be further updates at the meeting

Everyone welcome

10 – 11th. October Annual SIDS and KIDS Toongabbie to Walhalla Packhorse Ride

ADVANCE NOTICE

See next page for more details

Local Footy and Netball Results

The Cowwarr 3rds had a great season in 2009 making it to the Preliminary Final in the N.G.F.L

Former Cowwarr Primary School pupils performed well with Lockie Johnston winning the Cowwarr and N.G.F.L. Best and Fairest awards. Corbin Busse kicked a swag of goals throughout the season.

A couple more ex Cowwarr PS students also had a great year. Luke Cooper won Cowwarr's Best and Fairest and was runner up in the League, plus Chris Stasinowsky kicked 49 goals and took many spectacular marks.

Vinnie Johnston won the Cowwarr Reserves Best and Fairest with Grant Wright Runner up.

The girls also fared well in the Netball. Sophie Johnston won the under 17's Best and Fairest in the Cowwarr Reserves with Grace Johnston Runner up. The Johnston girls cleaned up again with Amielia winning the C Grade Best and Fairest.

Braden Johnston won Glengarry's Under 12 Best and Fairest whilst Braxton Busse won the Under 14's.

We might have a small school in our town but there is plenty of talent coming out of the Cowwarr Primary School.

GO SAINTS !!!

Cowwarr Football Club Presentation Night will be held on Friday 2nd. October at the Traralgon Tennis Club, Franklin Street Traralgon, all are welcome.

News from the Shed September 2009

CUTTERS CUP 6th December

Planning is underway for this year's event, and already things are not going to plan. It is getting a bit late to cultivate the track, so we will have to make do with mowing. Also, since hay bales will probably be in short supply, and alternative needs to be constructed. A supply of tyres has been obtained, but these need to be joined in pairs with a set of three ties for each pair. To this end a working bee date has been set for Sunday 27th September, so you can enjoy post grand-final recovery while you work. Lets say 10:30 AM to get started at the Station.

STATION UPGRADE.

More on the much requested toilet. We've discovered a hitch; while we have the tank and water-pump, by some oversight, these are not yet connected to the cistern and hand-basin. Efforts to resolve the issue with the CFA Asset Manager have not yet borne fruit, so we may have to fix it ourselves. Do we have a plumber who can cobble together a poly-pipe to the new-style grey plastic Water pipe?

Also, we need to get the place ship-shape before Sunday the 4th of October, when there will be a training activity which will involve Cowwarr Station as a Control Point.

Veggy has taken on the task of drawing a plan for the internal fit-out of the Station. The current plan is for an office, tea/coffee bar and a training room. Much pondering about a storage loft and the need for a false ceiling. If you have any suggestions, make them known to Veggy before he finishes the plan and starts ordering materials! Then we will need many willing hands for the construction phase. We'll keep you posted.

Rubbish Pile Burns, wild winds and Fire Restrictions

Sorry about smoking the town out when we burned the long grass on the river bank. The North wind arrived sooner than we expected. However, we learned that the sub-soil is bone-dry as buried logs continued to burn for the week! And that grass-fire smoke doesn't get very hot, so doesn't lift much before it cools then drifts through the town. There could be some very smoky washing.

The weather is already very tricky with strong winds limiting the opportunities for controlled burning. Expect Fire Restrictions to be implemented sooner; probably mid October unless the season becomes very soggy.

Training.

There is apparently a Group Training Exercise scheduled for Sunday October 4th. This will use Cowwarr Station as Control Point, and will be followed by a BBQ lunch, so we will need to establish and manage a staging area as well as provide the catering. We're thinking of using the Hall, doing BBQ snags and rissoles and salads. A bunch of volunteers will again be required.

Dispatch Channel 204

Those of you who don't monitor the CFA radio live in blissful ignorance of this arcane piece of Radio network, which has expanded to cover most of Gippsland. The Channel gets busy very quickly, and the best we can do is get off to a Fireground Channel as quickly as possible. However, since our Crew Leader may need to report back to Vicfire, we've decided to acquire a mobile phone to add to the communication arsenal. Since this will cost about \$400, we'll be putting the proposed expenditure to a General Meeting when next we have the opportunity.

Pamela Makeover.

The Trailer has received its pre-season check; rubber matting has been inserted under the tank.

The fuel supply has been refreshed and the system given a thorough check-out. In addition, a magnetic stick-on flashing amber lamp has been purchased so that the towing vehicle can stick the lamp on the roof (and turn it on) to conform to CFA fire-ground standard.

Register a Burn-off Line 1800 668 511

Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667

Officers:	Captain Andrew Iseppi	5148 9339
Lieutenants:	Anton Vardy	(0417) 380 329
	Brian Burleigh	(0427) 088 066
		5148 9364
Sec/Treas:	Stacey Shepley	(0417) 595 905

OTHER STUFF

SIDS AND KIDS PACKHORSE RIDE

The Thomson Valley Riders Club is again running their annual Packhorse ride from Toongabbie to Walhalla on the 10th. to 11th. of October to raise money for SIDS and KIDS.

Unfortunately there is still a distressing number of children who die from SIDS and it is very important to continue the research and education on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The Club has supported this charity for many years and this is their big fundraiser.

Not everyone will want to ride all the way from Toongabbie to Walhalla. so there are various sections which you can trial as a starter to doing the full ride.

Toongabbie to Lookout Point – With Morning Tea

Lunch at Bruntons Bridge – Sandwiches etc.

Then the full ride to Walhalla with Dinner and if you want to camp over on the 10th. there is breakfast on the 11th. and the great parade down the main street plus an auction of some very interesting stuff.

The Cowwarr-Toongabbie Lions Club as part of our service commitments provide the labour to transport and cook/prepare all the food served over the weekend.

If you don't want to ride then, why not pack a picnic and drive up to Walhalla on Sunday the 11th. and enjoy the parade and have a great day in Walhalla.

The ride is NOT free as all riders are required to pay insurance and food costs. Please contact Chantelle Crosby on 5148 3226 and she will be able to forward the necessary information.

SHOCK – HORROR – WE HAVE HAD A COMPLAINT!!!!!!

Apparently a motorist visiting town had their car hit by a wayward Wheelie Bin on one of the very windy days we have experienced over the last few weeks.

The Ed., cannot confirm exactly where this happened, but said motorist was a bit shocked when the bin in question banged into the side of the car.

Maybe in a spirit of Community solidarity, if you know your neighbour is at work or away on garbage collection day, it might be a good idea to at least move empty bins somewhere near their property boundary, so if it is windy the bin won't blow onto the road.

Second thought – maybe this is something the Kids can do for some pocket money – strange as it may seem the Ed., doesn't really like people banging on the front door and complaining – wonder why????