

COWWARR CHRONICLE

Proudly supported by Cowwarr Fire Brigade

Vol 16/09

September 2016



Community Information Ann Gibbs

Fortunately, it has been a quiet month for the brigade, but there have been lots of things going on behind the scenes getting ready for 2016-2017 fire season.

I have attended two community engagement activities and have lots of information to share. As this newsletter only comes out monthly I will be posting updates on our Facebook page, and important information will also be displayed on the notice board near the shop.

- There is a name change, no longer is there a fire season, it is now called summer season (to better reflect that fires happen all year round)
- The forecast for summer is an average season early on, with a higher than average chance of major fire in our area late in the summer (February – March)
- Now is the time to prepare your properties, if you require help with burning your green waste pile, please contact Captain Andrew so we can come and give you a hand
- There is also help available with back-burning larger areas including those that are close to DELWP land, contact me (Ann Gibbs 51489366) and I can get the right people to help.
- On black Saturday over 680 Big Red Trucks were called out to the major fires, but over 2000 homes were lost, it is not possible to have a big red truck at every house in a major event, so your fire plan needs to assume that we won't be at your home

Rainbow Creek pasture raised eggs Jess and Dylan Hinchcliffe

Rainbow Creek Pasture Raised Eggs had to close their roadside stall down due to continuing theft. Luckily the Cowwarr General Store is very community driven and has offered to have the eggs available in their store. So when you purchase Rainbow Creek Pasture Raised Eggs from the Cowwarr Shop, you are not only supporting your local farmers, you are now also supporting our local store, it doesn't get much better than that in a small country town does it? Jess Thanks Jess & Dylan

Cowwarr Football Netball Club

The season is drawing to a close. Congratulations to our reserves football team who are playing the preliminary final this Saturday at Rosedale, from 12 noon.

Also congratulations to our A and D grade netballers who made finals and were unlucky not to progress.

The league best and fairest was held recently, congratulations to the following players

Daniel Websdale (Danger) thirds team of the year
Georgia Dent 8th Under 17 netball league best and fairest
Eboney Hodgett Netball team of the year
Amy Coffey 3rd D Grade Netball, league best and fairest
Patrick Tainsh Football team of the year
Brad McBride Football team of the year
Tommy Chippa Pattle 3rd Reserves Football best and fairest
Kevin Hood 4th Reserves football best and fairest

Cowwarr Landcare Group Peter Smart

NATIONAL TREE DAY 2016 AT COWWARR

National Tree Day was successfully celebrated by Cowwarr Landcare Group with two plantings. On Friday the 29th of July 5 members, and 2 Bunning's staff, joined the students and teachers from Cowwarr Primary School in planting 120 plants at the Railtrail, Cowwarr. The students worked enthusiastically. They had grown all the plants from seed they collected, sown into pots and then pricked out into tubes. Students were later given thankyou certificates at a School. With Landcare members' assistance students will continue to grow indigenous plants for other plantings. On Sunday the 31st of July 13 Landcare members and 9 volunteers (including 3 children) planted 500 plants at the Swing Bridge Reserve, Cowwarr Weir. It was a fine sunny day. Lunch was enjoyed afterwards. Brain Burleigh barbequed sausages and chicken drumettes and other Landcare members provided salads, sandwiches, savory slices and cakes.

We would like to thank the volunteers for their effort and hope they enjoyed the day. Thankyou also to Energy Australia for the donation funds to buy the plants and tree guards and Latrobe Catchment Landcare Network for use of their planting trailer.

Cowwarr Landcare group will continue to do weed control and plant more indigenous plants at the Swing bridge reserve. We hope in the future to obtain funding to enlarge the water area and to put in pathways.

Anybody interested in joining our Group can contact our secretary Brian Burleigh on Ph 51 489364. We meet the 1st Wednesday of every month, 7.00pm at the W.G.C.M. depo at Cowwarr.

Cowwarr Hard Rubbish

Cowwarr Hard Rubbish will be collected from Monday 19th September

Traralgon Maffra Road Corner - Looking For a Better Outcome.

Carolyn Crossley

Since the tragic accident that resulted in a death on the corner, there have been a number of discussions by email, phone and face to face with various members of the community and officers from VicRoads.

The issue has been taken up by Scott Lawrence, Regional Director, VicRoads Eastern Victoria and he is very much aware of the communities' concerns not just of the recent accident but for all the previous incidents and near misses and fear of accidents to come. They will come back to the community after the review.

What is VicRoads doing:

1. counting the number and type of vehicles using the road at the corner
2. surveying the road including; camber, surface, width and shoulder
3. reviewing the appropriate signage to combat speed
4. assessing the most appropriate type of safety guards
5. assessing the visibility to intersection
6. assessing the need to strategically remove hazards ie. trees

Further community input, ideas and information welcome via; Discover Cowwarr Facebook.

Cowwarr General Store

Angela and Anthony are proud new parents of a baby (cow) daughter. She is going to provide a welcome to everyone. The Cow needs a name so they are running a competition, enter at the shop.

STOP PRESS!!!!!!

The Cowwarr General Store now has JUNK MAIL! Get your catalogue fix weekly

Did you know that the store has Gas bottles available, Fresh bread and milk?

Fuel is currently \$1.16 per litre

Open 5am -7pm Monday - Wednesday

5am – 8.30pm Thursday – Friday

6am – 8.30 Saturday

7am – 8.30 Sunday



News from the Station

Training is being held Tuesday nights leaving from the station at 7pm. Contact Ricky for details

The Brigade management team meetings are the 1st Monday of the month (6th September, 3rd October) 7pm at 11 Railway street. Any brigade member is more than welcome to attend.

The next full brigade meeting will be in November (Date TBC) at the station

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

Wellington Shire Council 2016 Elections are nearly upon us! Carolyn Crossley

The Victorian Electoral Commission changed the voting system of Wellington Shire Council to a ward system made up of 3 councillors in 3 wards; Central, Coastal and Northern. Cowwarr is in the Northern Ward.

Wellington Shire Council has a postal election in October.:

If you are enrolled to vote with Wellington Shire Council on Friday 26th August 2016 you will be sent a ballot pack from 4–6 October. Voting is compulsory. Voting closes 6.00 pm. Friday 21st October. You will need to have your vote in the mail the day before on Friday 21st October 2016.

Link to more information <https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/ElectoralBoundaries/WellingtonProfile.html>

Your Council, Your Vote, Your Candidate Carolyn Crossley for the Northern Ward.

Happy to chat: 0409828226, email carolyn@cowwarr.com or

<https://www.facebook.com/carolyn.crossley>

You are hearing it first! I have decided to nominate for a second term. I have enjoyed and felt honored to serving my community on the Wellington Shire Council. I believe I can build on the knowledge and experience I gained in the role of Mayor and Deputy Mayor and I wish to continue to be a strong voice for the smaller townships and farming communities. It is important to build on our strengths and position ourselves for the challenges of the future.

Written and authorised by Carolyn Crossley, 2730 Traralgon-Maffra Rd Cowwarr VIC 3857.

2017 Australia Day Award nominations now open Paula Hopson

It's that time of year again where Wellington Shire Council is looking for nominations for their Australia Day Awards for 2017.

Council are inviting nominations across four categories:

- *Citizen of the Year* – those persons 25 years or older 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 persons 24 years or younger 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 Shire community.

Winners of this year's awards were Citizen of the Year, Andrew Bedggood; Young Citizen of the Year, Sarah Jeffery; Community Event of the Year, 100 years of ANZAC – Stratford: Saluting our Heritage, and Community Group of the Year, Lake Glenmaggie Community Representative Group.

Mayor Cr Darren McCubbin, says "It is highly important that we congratulate those extraordinary citizens and recognise the generosity of our volunteers on their contribution to our community.

"You can nominate any person, group or event for our 2017 awards that has made a significant contribution to Wellington Shire. By nominating you are acknowledging the important role that our

citizens play in making our Shire a happy, bright, enjoyable and thriving place to live, work, play and visit.”

If you know a person, group or event that deserves to be recognised for their outstanding contribution or achievement in our community, please nominate them for a 2017 Australia Day Award.

Council only accepts nominations provided on official nomination forms. These can be collected from Customer Service Centres in Sale and Yarram or at any Wellington Shire Library branch including the Mobile Library.

You can also download a hard copy form or submit your nomination online at

<http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/Enjoying-Wellington/Events/Australia-Day-Awards>. Closing date for nominations is Friday, 28 October 2016.

If you require further information, please contact Wellington Shire Council Customer Service staff on 1300 366 244.

Cowwarr Sister Town? Ed O'Brien

Could Cowwarr have a Sister Town in Western Australia? Cowaramup is located on the road to Margaret River. They have really taken the cow theme to heart, even with their own branding.



Cowwarr Art Space Carolyn Crossley

Hi we still have the Dopa-kinesia, photography show until the 26th of Sept.

Please come and join Pezaloom with the assistance of Kim Anderson in the role of support artist and curator, is a series of experimental self-portraits intended to challenge the many myths and misconceptions surrounding Parkinson's Disease. The title – an amalgamation of “dopamine” and “hypokinesia” – relates to one of the major symptoms of the disease, namely the failure of certain cells in the brain to manufacture dopamine, a substance that allows for smooth, coordinated function of the body's muscles and movement. Pezaloom has immersed his entire body in approximately 160 kilograms of petroleum jelly to represent the heaviness, slowness and restriction of movement he experiences.

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

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.

Please send in anything you would like to see in the Chronicle. Deadline for the September edition is 25th September. Email me at cowwarr.chronicle@gmail.com Ann Gibbs.

Remember without your news the chronicle can't survive.

If you would like the chronicle emailed directly to your inbox, email cowwarr.chronicle@gmail.com



Chronicle is Supported by Wellington Shire Council

