

# COWWARR CHRONICLE

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## Dates for the Diary

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>. December - Cowwarr Cutters Cup Mower Race Day

Where: Cowwarr Recreation Reserve

From: 10am

Come along and join in the fun.

### Ute Muster and Music Festival

A small group has met for a couple of meetings to work up a plan to hold Ute and dog events followed by a Music Festival featuring live bands playing country/blues/whatever music.

So far, Harry Hookey and some of his friends are keen plus the Strezelecki Stringbusters and Briagolong Bush Band have all expressed interest.

It is planned that there would be family friendly events during the day plus the Ute and dog events, then the music starting around 3-4pm and going until around 11pm.

The date for the event is Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. October 2012 to be held at the Rec Reserve.

All profits from the event will be shared around Community projects like sporting Clubs, Rainbow Creek Reserve, Hall, School, Rail Trail and others, plus we hope to make this an annual event.

If you are interested and/or have some good ideas please contact Sharon at the shop.

### Cowwarr Landcare Group

Landcare meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the WGCMA depot Main St. Cowwarr. New members are welcome: family / individual membership only \$10 per year. Phone Geraldine Alexander 5192 4319 for further info.

The Group has had some very successful tree planting days at the Weir and on private property plus Peter Smart is working closely with the Cowwarr Primary School collecting seed and propagating plants which may be planted at the Rainbow Creek Reserve or elsewhere as required. The School is keen to have a partnership with Landcare as these activities fit well with their science and math streams and the students learn valuable lessons in teamwork.



## Notes from the Station October 2011

### Training – Time for a COLD SHOWER – Emergency Burn-over drill

The tanker is now fitted with a defensive spray system and reflective insulation in cabin and on rear deck. None of this is much use unless we all know how to use this equipment in an emergency burn-over situation. So, all operational fire-fighters will need to spend a couple of hours learning about the new protection systems on the tanker. We'll be running training courses again on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. And we'll be doing a turn-out gear inspection. Bring yours: if its not up to scratch, we can order an upgrade.

Group Training Activity – Sunday 23rd October leaving Cowwarr at 8:55 AM, to return at about 14:30. And we don't just want our most dedicated five members. Places promised for all starters; RSVP by 16<sup>th</sup> for lunch catering; your chance brush up your skills before the fire season.

Training Courses– CFA planned courses for District 10 – that we might reasonably attend.

Start Date	End Date	Course Name	Course Code	Location	Nominations Close
13-Oct	14-Oct	MANAGE INJURIES AT EMERGENCY INCIDENT	CFA318	MAFFRA	13-Oct
19-Nov	20-Nov	INTRODUCTION TO AIIMS	CFA40401	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	24-Oct
22-Nov	03-Dec	CHECK INSTALLED FIRE SAFETY SYSTEMS	CFA306	TRAINING GROUND WEST SALE	21-Oct

### FIRST-AID LEVEL 2 TRAINING.

We've organized for a full two day course to run on November 5 and 6.

The first ten members to step forward are guaranteed a place. I must have names by Sunday October 16 so don't leave it until the last minute. Course will be held at the flash new Toongabbie Extension.

### BURNING RUBBISH or REDUCING FUEL BUILD-UP

Reminder time. If you're burning anything which might alarm a passing motorist and cause them to dial 000 and report a wildfire, please register your burn with Vicfire. That way, we won't show up and expect morning tea when we find that you have the situation under control! That number 1800 668 511

### Roster for October

Your turn to take the tanker for a familiarisation run and to check out a Hydrant. You might check out the new torch stored in the overhead compartment.

Sep	Duty Officer	Steve Felmingham	0429 344 009		
Date	Driver	Phone	Crew	Phone	Hydrant
05	Simon Mitchell	5148 9384	Peter Westland	5148 2268	18
12	Ray Pollard	5148 9305	Graeme Harrington	5148 9315	19
19	Trevor Astbury	5148 9267	Haley Riley	0428 378 059	20
26	Steve Felmingham	0429 344 009	Ken Cantwell	5148 9245	21

# Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667

# Register a Burn-off 1800 668 511

Officers: Captain Andrew Iseppi 5148 9339

Lieutenants: Anton Vardy 0417 380 329, Paddy O'Brien 0427 088 066,

Steve Felmingham 0429 344 009, and Veggy.

Secretary: Brian Burleigh 5148 9364 Treasurer: Ann Scott 5148 9079

## **CERTIFICATE TRAINING COURSES**

Rob Gibbs has identified a number of certificated training courses that are not only beneficial for CFA Brigade members but would also be useful for anyone connected to a sporting club (footy/horse riding etc.) plus teachers and anyone who may be involved in events.

The courses would be run part time in evening sessions over a number of weeks and would need 25 people per course.

Rob thinks that 2 courses in particular would be good ones to start with.

### **Emergency Medical Service First Response**

This course provides training for those wishing to become an emergency medical responder (EMR). EMRs provide the first response care in line with Australian Resuscitation Council guidelines. They assess any dangers and control these in order to prevent additional injury to a patient.

### **Occupational Health and Safety**

This course trains participants in not only how to assess health and safety issues but also how to redress them plus, covers OHS legislation and regulations and procedures.

For more information and if you are interested please contact Rob on 0459 217 532.



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