



Colinton Courier

Newsletter of the Colinton Rural Fire Brigade
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No more sore shoulders!

Colinton gets its first electric hose winder

We recently installed a new electric hose reel winder on fire truck 7 Charlie.

Charlie was chosen as it has the longest hose, almost 60 metres.

We are very grateful for the generosity of the staff of the Lanyon Pharmacy for organizing a barbecue for us at the Lanyon Shopping Centre, the proceeds from which enabled the purchase of this winder



Photo by Tony Robinson

New members

Colinton Brigade welcomes new members

Colinton Brigade is delighted to welcome new members Arion Vanian and David Keena.

We also welcome Seth Lazar who has transferred to our Brigade from the ACT.

Welcome all.

Congratulations to Gavin and Candice Lambert, Scott Carter and Emma Vanian who passed their Bush Firefighter BF14 course in August.

Well done!

BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD

**Permits required from
1 OCTOBER 2020**

The Bush Fire Danger Period runs from 1 October to 31 March.

The permit issuing officer may add additional conditions as necessary, but standard conditions are:

- The permit is to be carried out by the permit holder, or another person at all times at the site of the fire;
- The fire must be supervised at all times;
- Notifications must be given to the Cooma Fire Control Centre, and adjoining neighbours at least 24 hours prior to the fire being lit; and
- The permit may be varied, cancelled or suspended depending on weather conditions.

Cooma Fire Control Centre:
Monday - Friday, 9am to 4pm
6455 0455

Designated Permit Officers:
Captain, Graham Povey
0419 406 908
Senior Deputy Captain,
Michael Burton 0407 003 392

Annual General Meeting

Committee Elections

A very successful AGM was held in the Bredbo Hall on Friday, 4 September 2020. We are pleased to announce the various committee and field appointments as follows

Field officers:

Captain: Graham Povey
Senior Deputy Captain:
 Michael Burton

Deputy Captains:

Bob Morison
 Shawn Richards
 Karl Higgins
 Tony Campbell
 Kim Templeton

Executive positions:

President: Tony Robinson,
Secretary: Michael Burton,
Treasurer: Carolyn Burton

Four ordinary members:

Shawn Richards
 Gill Robinson
 Tanya Higgins
 Bob Morison

Ex Officio:

Captain: Graham Povey
Senior Deputy Captain:
 Michael Burton

Non-executive positions:

Safety officers: all field officers

Fire permit officers:

Graham Povey
 Michael Burton

Call out officers:

Tanya Higgins
 Gill Robinson
 Carolyn Burton

Welfare officers:

Gill Robinson
 Tanya Higgins



Back: row (left to right): Kim Templeton, Tony Campbell, Bob Morison, Karl Higgins, Shawn Richards, Michael Burton, Graham Povey, Tony Robinson
 Front row (left to right): Carolyn Burton, Gill Robinson, Tanya Higgins
 Photo by Gary Morris

Subscriptions for 2020/2021 will remain at \$20 per member

This is to be paid within thirty days after the AGM (by 5 October 2020)
 Payments should be paid into the Colinton Rural Fire Service Account
 BSB 062 523, Account number 2800 5412

Training

Second Saturday of the month at 2:00pm

Training has resumed on the second Saturday of each month, 2:00pm at the Colinton Fire Shed.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NSW RFS has provided the following information regarding safe practices:

Meetings, training and events may continue, provided COVIDSafe practices are in place and adhered to.

COVIDSafe practices mean:

If you are feeling unwell, you are not to attend a NSW RFS activity or location.

If you're unwell, stay home and get tested.

Consider whether the event can be held remotely to limit face-to-face interaction, especially if there's likely to be large groups or people who may be at higher risk of serious infection from COVID-19.

If the activity or event is being held face-to-face, ensure appropriate physical distancing.

Limit the number of attendees in accordance with the capacity limits (number of people per square metre in an indoor area.)

For activities such as crews attending planned events, hazard reductions and incidents, limits to the number of crew per vehicle apply.

GET READY

Colinton Community Property Visits

We are offering all members of our community a visit to their property throughout September and October to discuss preparedness for the fire season.

Contact Gill Robinson to arrange a visit

E: tandgrobenson@bigpond.com

P: 0400 356 645

Call to action

Call-outs

Following the devastating fire season last summer, there were numerous call-outs and out-of-area deployments. Too many to list here! A big thank you to all who attended fires and to those who supported the Brigade in other ways at that time.

2020 Call-outs

March, April and May – Nil

June – MVA Monaro Highway / Bumbalong Road intersection

July – Nil

August – MVA Ingelara Hill. Two vehicles. Injuries but no fatalities.

September – Grass fire. Paddock behind Colinton fire shed. Started by a vehicle.

Thank You

Belconnen High School

When the devastating Clear Range Fire tore through the Bumbalong Valley and crossed the Monaro Highway on Saturday 1 February 2020, four primary residences were lost to the flames.

In response to this devastation, the students and staff of Belconnen High School went fund raising.

Their wonderful efforts led to the purchase of gift hampers for the homeowners.

These hampers were delivered by Colinton Brigade Captain, Graham Povey, Senior Deputy Captain Michael Burton and members Carolyn Burton and Gill Robinson.



Top row - Left picture: Annika Safe, Stephen Littlehales and children
 Right picture: Steve Bowen collects a hamper for himself and wife Diane
 Bottom row - Left picture: Tony Weston and Nina Clarke
 Right picture: Karen and Mick Gallagher
 Photos by Gill Robinson and Carolyn Burton

Location and Contacts

Colinton Brigade

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 4754 Monaro Highway
 Colinton NSW 2626

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 Captain, Graham Povey – 0419 406 908
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In the event of an emergency call 000

