



Glanmire-Walang Brigade Fire Safety NEWSLETTER

A community publication from your Volunteer Fire Brigade
27th July 2019 - Winter Edition

Welcome to your local **Glanmire-Walang Brigade Fire Safety Newsletter**
This newsletter provides our community with important Fire Safety information.

Brigade website <http://glanmirewalangrfs.com.au/>

WORKING TOWARDS A **FIREWISE** COMMUNITY IN CASE OF FIRE CALL 000

Welcome to the Winter Edition of our Community Fire Safety Newsletter. This newsletter includes important information about fire and community safety and upcoming events that we know about at the time of publishing. This newsletter will be mailed to you via Australia Post (Unaddressed Mail).

You can also access a copy on the Brigade Website at <http://glanmirewalangrfs.com.au/>. I hope you enjoy and find this newsletter helpful!

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

As the incoming captain for the Glanmire/Walang RFS Brigade I must acknowledge the contribution made by Brian Bailey during his time in the position. Brian has made significant changes during his time at the helm after taking over the role during a tentative period with the brigade. Improvements have been made to the fire shed and our membership is in a much better position than it was previously (though we are always on the lookout for new members!!).

Whilst things have been relatively quiet over the past few months and the 2018/19 fire season was less intense than other years, the brigade continues to train regularly to make sure that skill levels are maintained and that our members are ready to assist with call outs should they occur. RFS members may be called out to assist with motor vehicle accidents, structural fires or bush/grass fires.

Outside of the fire risk season the local RFS district conducts a number of hazard reductions in the area with volunteers from a number of brigades assisting with these efforts. Our brigade recently assisted with a hazard reduction at Mount Tarana which was a significant activity covering almost 90 hectares.

One very important local activity was the hazard reduction / ecological burn that was completed at the reserve in the Hillview Estate at Napoleon Reef recently. This burn was notable in the specific approach taken to ensure flame heights were contained and the maintenance of unburnt areas. Particular care was taken to protect areas of cultural and ecological sensitivity. The burn was conducted with input from Bathurst Regional Council and the Napoleon Reef Landcare group. This is a good example of the RFS working closely with our community groups to maintain local assets and resources.

Rural Bins removes our rubbish for us free of charge and Beaumont Tiles have supplied tiles for our toilet/wash area. We have now engaged Bloomfield Tiling to complete the works required to lay the tiles.

Bathurst RSL Sub Branch print our newsletters for free and our great "postie" Andrew delivers them. This strong community support that we experience greatly encourages all those members present, who so unselfishly give of their time.

I am looking forward to working with the Glanmire RFS Brigade and the local community.

Rodney Watters
Captain, Glanmire Walang Brigade
22nd July 2019



Fire Control Centre

The Chifley Fire Control Centre at 27 Hampton Park Road Kelso has a singular phone system operation. The contact number is 1300 258 737.

DIARY DATES

Monthly Brigade Business Meeting

These are now held at the Glanmire-Walang RFB Fire Shed on Saturday mornings prior to the monthly training day. Business meetings commence at 8 AM for 45 minutes. All brigade members and residents are welcome to attend.

MEETING DATES ARE:

Saturday 10th August
Saturday 7th September
Saturday 12th October
Saturday 16th November
Saturday TBA December

Brigade Training Days

Immediately after the Business Meetings listed above commencing 08.45. Visitors are welcome to attend.

New Brigade Members Welcome

Whilst we have recently increased the number of active members in the Brigade, anyone who would be willing to assist either by joining and training for firefighting duties, or assisting with other duties (yard maintenance etc), will be made most welcome.

Fire Permits

Whilst the Fire Permit Period has ended, given the continuing dry period, please use extreme caution if you intend undertaking any burns. You are still required to advise the RFS (1300 258 737), and give 24 hours notice to neighbours. It is also requested you notify your Brigade prior to the burn.

Permit Officers are Rodney Watters & Frank Colzato during the Fire Permit season (which normally commences on 1st October each year or earlier depending on the situation).

Corporate Support

We greatly appreciate and sincerely thank the following businesses for their continued professional support. We encourage everyone to return the favour by supporting these businesses when their services are needed.

Mike Thurkettle Electrical 0428 030636
Shelly & Michael Rural Bin Service 0431 721858
Bunnings Bathurst 6333 0200

Bathurst RSL Sub Branch (newsletter printing)
Beaumont Tiles, 291 Stewart Street, Bathurst
Bloomfield Tiling

And our wonderful Postie, Andrew for kindly delivering this newsletter.

STATIC WATER SUPPLY (SWS) - ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH US?

This helps us know where we can obtain water in a fire emergency; maybe your emergency?

BE FIREWISE

The RFS Website at <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/> has very good information on how to be bushfire wise. Please make yourself familiar with this valuable resource. You can also contact the NSW RFS Enquiry Line for assistance on 1-800- volunteers. For more information visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

We continue the important task of collecting planning information from interested residents in case of emergency. This project is ongoing and we need your assistance. If you are interested in having the Brigade visit your property to identify important pre incident information (like power and water supplies and best access, gates that need to be locked etc), please contact the Brigade.

Local Incidents

If you know of a local incident, after you have called Triple Zero (000), could I suggest that you call your Brigade. Save in your contacts list Rodney's phone number 0412-171704 and make him the second call after Triple Zero (000). If Rodney is not available, then call Frank Colzato, our other senior officer. Frank's number is 0410 630856. Triple Zero must always be the first call.

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Annual Support Donations

The Annual General Meeting also resolved to leave the 2019-2020 Annual Support Donation at \$25.00. As always, your support is greatly appreciated and enables us to continue to make improvements to our facilities and equipment, which in turn will help you should the need arise.

The Treasurer, Mrs Shirley Colzato, 38 Valley View Close, Walang 2795.

PLEASE DETACH THIS PORTION AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Name:

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Address:

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Amount:

\$25

Other amount

\$.....

Receipt for Tax?

Yes / No (circle)

OR SIMPLY DIRECT DEPOSIT

**GLANMIRE WALANG RURAL FIRE BRIGADE
WESTPAC BANK**

BSB: 032 001

ACC NO: 172177

REFERENCE: YOUR NAME

PLEASE NOTE: If you are making a direct deposit to the Brigade Account can you please email the details to Shirley at scolza@bigpond.com so she can reconcile the bank statement and also send you a receipt if required for tax.