



Glanmire-Walang Brigade Fire Safety NEWSLETTER

A community publication from your Volunteer Fire Brigade
21st October 2019 - Spring 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 Spring 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 is 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

The official start of the Bush Fire Danger Period was brought forward to 1st September this year in anticipation of high risk weather forecasts and increasing fire activity. This has proved to be the case with a number of brigade call outs over the past few weeks. Since the last newsletter, the Glanmire Brigade has been called out to:

- A motor vehicle accident on the Great Western Highway;
- The Lisdale (Lithgow) forest fire;
- A local machinery fire at Napoleon's Reef; &
- The recent Walang forest fire.

Walang Fire

All of these with particular note to the Walang forest fire serve as a timely reminder to be ever alert and prepared in the case of a threat from fire activity. The Walang forest fire was a multiple brigade turn out and Glanmire sent two fire tankers on the Sunday night. Glanmire crews spent a long night after being called out at 8pm on the Sunday and did not make it back to home base until 8am the following morning. The fire activity was only a little over one kilometre from the eastern boundary of Napoleon Reef and clearly visible from Walang, Napoleon Reef, Glanmire and through to Bathurst. I would like to publicly thank the efforts of our crew members and the assistance of all other brigade members that provided support.

New Shed Water Tank

As at the time of preparing this newsletter, a new 22,500 litre water tank has been installed at the Glanmire Fire shed. Pipe work to connect the tank will be completed in the near future.

This has been funded by community contributions both financially through donations and in kind with the provision of labour to assist with the works. Hotham's Sand Soil and Gravel has contributed four cubic metres of fill material for the tank base and we thank them for their kind donation. A local community member assisted with the machinery to relocate large boulders to provide access to the tank site. The addition of this new tank will assist in making the brigade more self-sufficient and take pressure of needing access to the council provided bore in the Hill View Estate.

Rodney Watters
Captain, Glanmire Walang Brigade
18th October 2019



New Water Tank



WalangFire

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 2nd November 2019

Saturday 14th December 2019

Saturday 11th January 2020

Brigade Training Days

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

Brigade Christmas Party

The Brigade Christmas Party is to be held on Friday 6 December commencing at 6.30pm. Santa usually arrives at about 8.00pm. It is always a happy and fun event and a good chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

New Brigade Members Welcome

We are always on the lookout for anyone who would be willing to assist either by joining and training for firefighting duties or assisting with other duties (yard maintenance, vehicle maintenance etc). The RFS provides excellent training for new members and ongoing training in leadership, team management and other technical skills.

Fire Permits

Now that we are in the Bush Fire Danger period, a permit is required if property owners wish to undertake any burning on their property. If you require a permit, please contact one of the permit officers as noted below. Please also be aware that extreme caution is required if you intend undertaking any burns. You are also 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. Please see the last page for contact details.

Corporate Support

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

Hotham's Sand Soil & Gravel	63323111
Mike Thurkettle Electrical	0428 030636
Shelly & Michael Rural Bin Service	0431 721858
Bunnings Bathurst	63330200
Beaumont Tiles Bathurst	63337699
GS Bloomfield Tiling	63343031
Bathurst RSL Sub Branch (newsletter printing)	
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.

Triple Zero (000) must always be first, but we can proceed locally if we know of an issue.

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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.