



Glanmire-Walang Brigade Fire Safety NEWSLETTER

A community publication from your Volunteer Fire Brigade
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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 Information and 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 access a copy on the Brigade Website at <http://glanmirewalangrfs.com.au/>. We hope you enjoy and find this newsletter helpful.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

To say that we are living in challenging times is clearly an understatement following a catastrophic summer with bush fires, closely followed by storms and floods and now the pressures associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. Notwithstanding the challenges, all brigades in your local district, including the Glanmire Brigade, are still operating and attending incidents as required.

Last summer was extremely demanding to say the least. The team from the Glanmire Brigade spent many continuous days on the fire ground including the Gosper's Mountain fire, Palmers Oaky and many other local incidents. We had team members deployed throughout the state including the northern regions in November and to the south coast in January. Fortunately, everyone emerged physically unscathed though they were certainly looking forward to a break at the end of it all. As Captain, I must use this opportunity to extend my thanks to all our brigade members for the outstanding effort and for working at times under extreme pressure on the fire ground. Thank you.

The community support over the past bush fire period has been heartening. Significant donations have been received both monetarily and in kind. The Napoleon Reef, Walang & Glanmire Residents Association provided substantial support during the peak of the summer bush fire period in the form of assistance with shift change overs, restocking tankers, and maintenance. Seemly simple things like having the roller doors on the fire shed open when you get back after a 14 hours shift made the world of difference.

If any community members are thinking about how to prepare for the upcoming fire season, the brigade will be having an open day on Saturday 19th September in line with the NSW RFS **Get Ready Weekend**. See the notice on the next page.

The official start of the Bush Fire Danger Period for 2020 for our management zone has not been announced as at the time of the publishing of this newsletter. Last year it was brought forward from the 1st October to 1st September in anticipation of high risk weather forecasts and increasing fire activity. I encourage all community members to keep an eye out for media releases in case the date is brought forward again. Once the **Bush Fire Danger Period** commences, it will be necessary to obtain a permit before conducting any burning activity on your property.

Rodney Watters
Captain, Glanmire Walang Brigade
August 2020

Gospers Mountain Fire – Glen Davis



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 Fire Shed on the first Saturday of each month. Business meetings commence at 8:00 AM for 45 minutes. All brigade members and residents are welcome to attend.

Brigade Training Days

Immediately after the Business Meetings listed above commencing 08:45.

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.

Get Ready Weekend

The NSW RFS *Get Ready Weekend* this year is being held over the weekend of 19th & 20th September and the Glanmire Brigade will be having an open day on the Saturday 19th September. The fire shed in Walang Drive will be open from 08:30 AM to 12:30 PM so feel free to drop in, have a chat and maybe discuss any matters relating to your preparations for the upcoming fire season. We will have information packs available and some sausage sandwiches as well.

Fire Permits

Whilst we are not currently in a bush fire danger period, it is imperative that property owners notify the RFS and their neighbours of any intended burns. Notice must be provided at least 24 hours before commencing any fire activity. Please also be aware that extreme caution is required if you intend undertaking any burns. The contact number for the local RFS fire control centre is: 1300 258 737. It is also requested you notify your Brigade prior to the burn.

Permit Officers for the Glanmire Brigade 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.

Mike Thurkettle Electrical	0428 030 636
Shelly & Michael Rural Bin Service	0431 721 858
Bunnings Bathurst	6333 0200
Beaumont Tiles Bathurst	6333 7699
GS Bloomfield Tiling	6334 3031
Jack Duggan's Irish Pub	6331 2712
Tradelink	6330 7800
T.C.W.S.	6331 9622
Aura Artistic Images	0412 318 178
McDowell's Herbal	6331 3937
Bathurst RSL Sub Branch (newsletter printing)	
Andrew the postie 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 Watters phone number 0412 171 704 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 630 856.

Triple Zero must always be the first call.

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Annual Support Donations

The Annual General Meeting of the brigade resolved to set the annual support donation at \$30.00. 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, Napoleon Reef 2795.

PLEASE DETACH THIS PORTION AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Name:

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Address:

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Amount: \$30 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.