



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 Spring 2020 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

What a difference a season makes! Significant spring rains have brought much relief to many landholders and has brightened up the countryside with plenty of lush green pastures. Whilst we continue to enjoy the regular rain, we must also be alert to the potential risk of grass fires later in the season. Grass fires can be started quite easily through slashing, hot car exhausts or carelessly discarded cigarette butts. Additional caution will be required from December/January onwards as conditions heat up and long grass dries out.

Our Get Ready Day held in September was a great success with many residents turning up for a chat and to ask questions about preparations for the upcoming fire season. It was good to see some new residents drop in and say hello as well.

We have been fortunate that things have been quiet since the end of the 2019/20 bush fire season. Whilst the brigade has attended several motor vehicle accidents on the Great Western Highway, there have been no recent call outs to any fire related incidents. Brigade members have been busy though in completing many improvements to station facilities and the fire tankers. These have been made possible with donations received from community members and businesses. In addition to the many local community and business donations, the Glanmire Brigade has received a significant grant from the Rural Fire Services Association (RFS) which came from the very large donations to the RFS trust fund late last year and early this year.

Rodney Watters
Captain
Glanmire/Walang Brigade

Farm Fire Units

Collaborative working between the RFS brigade and local farmers and property owners is vital to ensure a quick and efficient response to any incident that may occur. Many property owners are already well set up with on farm firefighting units and established communications channels.

The NSW RFS and NSW Farmers are working on an operational guide to assist with the integration of activities between property owners and RFS operations when incidents occur in rural areas and farmlands. An important aspect of this is communications between RFS appliances and property owners with firefighting units. *It is proposed that RFS brigades set aside UHF Channel 5 for this purpose.* If the property owners are monitoring UHF Channel 5 then incoming RFS appliances will be able to establish contact and coordinate a response.

As a follow up it is important that we have feedback from local property owners and would welcome the opportunity to sit down and discuss how this will work. Just drop us a line and we can make the time to look at some of the details.

Glanmire Brigade Training Day – “All hands to the pump”



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 held at the Glanmire-Walang Fire Shed on the first Saturday of each month. Business meetings commence at 8 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.

Cancellation of Christmas Party

Unfortunately, due to the ongoing risks associated with the Covid-19 pandemic it has been necessary to cancel this year's brigade Christmas Party. Lengthy consideration was given to this at a recent general meeting and the conclusion reached that it is best to be held over and plan for things to be better and brighter in 2021.

Fire Permits

The official bush fire danger period commenced on 1 October 2020. Property owners that wish to burn off now need a permit which can be obtained from one of the permit officers with the Glanmire Brigade. Note that when a permit is issued, notice is still required to be given to adjoining property owners and the local RFS Fire Control Centre at least 24 hours before commencing any fire activity. 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 Piper 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.