

Colinton Courier

Newsletter of the Colinton Rural Fire Brigade * No 125* April 2012



Chain-gang on Baroona Road

Committee 2011-2012:

Fire Captain: Graham Povey
Senior Deputy: Nick Goldie
Deputies: Bob Morison, Jeremy Mears, Barry Woolacott
President: Nick Goldie
Secretary: Sandra Lauer
Treasurer: Bob Morison
Training Officer: Jeremy Mears
Equipment Officer: Michael Burton
Community Awareness: Nick Goldie
Fundraising: Sandra Lauer
Permits: Graham Povey
NSW RFS Delegate: Jeremy Mears



All members of the Colinton brigade are urged to attend the

**Annual General Meeting
and
Election of Office Bearers
2012-2013**

**which will be held from 1 pm on
Saturday 12 May
at the
Colinton Fire Station**

The AGM will be followed by a BBQ



Call out:

Nil



Training:

The Colinton Brigade conducts training every month on the second Saturday, at two o'clock, at the Station at Colinton. Everyone is welcome. **If possible, crews are asked to arrive at 1330 (1.30 pm) to check the trucks before training.**

The Junior brigade is in action, once a month on the second Thursday of the month. Contact Michael Burton (0407 003 392) for details.

Training (2):

Mick Holton, L&D officer from the Monaro team, has updated the way that training courses are now being filled. Courses will now be run based on expressions of interest (EOI) from RFS volunteers.

To lodge a training EOI, contact Jeremy (Colinton RFB training officer) or Sandra (Colinton RFB secretary).

Jeremy: 6100 1100 or 0405 730 575
or jeremy@jeremymearsdesign.com
Sandra: 6100 1100 or 0418 626 077
or sandra.lauer@bewebbed.com.au

Feel free to contact Jeremy or Sandra to discuss. See: <http://monarorfs.org.au>. ↪

Training (3):

A *Basic Firefighter* (BF) course was held at Colinton on Thursday 22 March, Saturday 24 March, and Sunday 25 March.

As well as members from several neighboring brigades, Colinton members Paul, Sue, Mick, and Rowan took part, making a total of sixteen doing the very intensive course. Colinton members Graham, Jeremy, Nick and Kim were instructors, under the leadership of Cooma-Monaro L&D Officer Mick Holton, (and thanks to Jeanette for two excellent picnic-style lunches.)

The course included the usual Safety Induction on Thursday evening, followed on Saturday and Sunday by segments including fire science, bushfire behaviour and fire fighting, pumps and pumping, equipment, knots and ladders, vehicle maintenance, and finally a practical session with hand tools and drip torch in scrubby country on Baroona Road.

As 'guest instructor', Sandra joined the group on Sunday and gave a concise overview of fire brigade use of websites and the 'social media'. ↪

Voting rights:

Membership definitions and voting rights can become vexed issues. In 2007 a



Kim and Sue on Baroona Road

standard model constitution was circulated to all NSW brigades, with options for local variations. The Colinton brigade adopted the new constitution at the AGM that year.

The standard RFS constitution does not recognize "active" members as such, but there is a clear definition in Section 6.5, which states that probationary and junior members may not vote at meetings (including the AGM), and that election of "field officers" ie Captain and Deputies can only be by the votes of "ordinary members" who are financial, who are available for fire calls, and who "regularly participate in the Brigade's activities." This in turn is defined as turning up at least four times in the preceding year to activities including training, HR burns, incidents, or meetings.

It is important that the field officers have the confidence of members with whom they will be working in the field.

Any ordinary member who is financial can take part and vote at meetings, including the AGM. 



Graham and Chris – the way to Mt Roberts

Captains' Meeting: a field trip

On *Monday 2 April*, the end-of-season Captains' Meeting was replaced by a field trip. Seven vehicles including Colinton *Seven Alpha* (Graham, Jeremy, Nick) explored the river fords at Bredbo, and the spectacular Bumbalong and Clear Range Fire Trails. These were new to some but familiar (for decades) to Sparky, Graham and other multi-generational locals. 



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Sparky on the Clear Range Trail



Mick bowls a hose

Membership:

Membership: please pay by cash at training, or cheque to The Treasurer, Colinton Rural Fire Brigade, 88 Weemala Lane, Michelago NSW 2620.

Membership fees: \$15.00 for adults, \$5.00 for juniors. Donations are always welcome. Please provide a return address so a receipt can be mailed to you. 



Paul, spotless in yellow



Essential numbers

Emergency 000

**Fire:
Cooma Monaro Fire Control
(24 hrs)
1 300 722 164
02-6455 0455**

**Fire:
Captain and Permit Officer:
Graham Povey
02-6454 4150
0419 406 908**



Michelago Mayfair
Sunday 6th May 2012
Michelago Village Oval
1000-1600
RFS demonstrations

