

November 2016

Training TONIGHT, Christmas party, and more

Apologies everyone, foiled by my internet connection again. I thought I posted the email below on Sunday but it didn't go.

This month's training is (now) tonight, **Tuesday, 8 November**, 6.30pm at the shed. BBQ after. Training will be a table-top exercise.

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Callouts

No callouts since the last email.

Christmas party

This year's party is on Saturday 10 December, 5pm at fire shed. You will be receiving an invitation in your post box. It is also reproduced below with full details. All residents of our brigade area are welcome, so please invite new neighbours to come along. Bring yourselves, your children, a plate (savoury or dessert) and drinks if you want more than soft drinks or tea/coffee. Please RSVP to this email.

Field Days results

The field days were a near-record success, with about \$4000 coming back to our brigade as a result of the marvellous efforts of our close to 50 volunteers for the weekend. Kane and I put together an article on our field days' efforts which was published in the 2 November edition of the Yass Tribune, and also online at:

<http://www.yasstribune.com.au/story/4261514/als-kitchen-a-legacy/?cs=1302>

Sutton brigade organiser Marty B wrote a great poem about our bush canteen while he was waiting for the volunteers' party to start, also in that edition of the Trib, and online:

<http://www.yasstribune.com.au/story/4260642/letters-to-the-editor/?cs=2058>

Easy steps to prepare your property for the fire season

A well prepared home has the greatest chance of survival, even if you are not there to protect it. There are some simple steps you can take to help prepare for the bush fire season:

- Trim overhanging branches.
- Mow your grass and have a cleared area around your home.
- Remove materials that can burn from around your home.
- Clear and remove leaves and debris from your gutters and around your home.
- Prepare a sturdy hose that reaches all around your home.
- Discuss with your family what you will do if a fire happens near you.
- Familiarise yourself with the bush fire alert levels.

- Keep information like websites and emergency details handy.
- Make a bush fire survival plan and discuss it with your family. Get the easy guide to making your bush fire survival plan at www.myfireplan.com.au.

There is an increased threat this year from grass fires. There are a number of ways to prepare your property, family, crops and livestock:

- Keep grass short – mow it, graze it or slash it.
- Maintain your machinery.
- Know where you can move your animals to safety.
- Check and maintain firefighting equipment such as pumps and hoses.
- Make sure a fire truck can access the most important parts of your property – think about gates or obstructions.

[Visit the NSW RFS website for more details about planning and preparing.](#)