

Fire season, Callouts, Change of focus, Annual general meeting, Fundraisers



One of our crews monitoring a backburn at the Narrawa fire in mid-January.

Hello everyone

Fire season

After a long hot summer, we are nearing the end of the fire season. The captain cautions us not to relax too soon, though, despite the recent rain some of us have had. The next few weeks can be busy.

Although not yet confirmed by the Southern Tablelands Bush Fire Management Committee (BFMC), we expect the fire season to end on 31 March. We will notify you on our Facebook page if that changes.

After that date, you will no longer need a permit to light a fire in the open but you must still notify the RFS at least 24 hours before you light up (online form: https://nswrfsprod.service-now.com/guardian_csp?id=guardian_cat_item&sys_id=9e19819bc361f1d04a9cdc31150131ad), and your neighbours (those you share a fenceline with).

The captain requests that you continue to advise him (02) 6100 6252 on the morning of your fire, to save our crews being mobilised unnecessarily to check out smoke sightings. For a refresher on all you need to know about lighting fires in the open, whatever the time of year, see <https://yassriverbfb.org/lighting-fires/>.

Callouts

In recent weeks we have been called out to fires at Cavan, Narrawa and Bevendale. Ten of our members turned out to at least one of these fires: Kim B, Jordan B, Dave B, Shaun F, Dennis H, Peter J, Rick M, Tim P, Troy S, and John S.

Change of focus

As we start to pivot towards the off season and the lessening of operational activities, we turn our focus to other activities: our big annual fundraisers, necessary to raise the funds we

need for equipment and other materials that aren't provided by the RFS, including the shed extension we will need in the future; our social and formal activities; a winter training program of indoor activities; annual maintenance of the fleet: and general maintenance of our shed, equipment and surrounds.

Annual General Meeting

The Executive is focussing on the first big event, our annual general meeting, to be held on Saturday 2 May 2026, preceded by a hot buffet supper.

Andrew is preparing the agenda papers, which will be emailed out to members in the coming weeks.

All residents of the brigade area are invited and welcome, both to the supper and the meeting, although only brigade members can vote.

Respond to the RSVP when you get the meeting notice (members) or invitation (other residents).

Fundraisers

The next few months is our big fund-raising period, with our two big annual fund-raisers, the Yarrh Solstice Bonfire in June and the Field Days in October.

After a three-year-trial the committee has regretfully decided to discontinue the annual Car Boot sale on the basis that the return is not enough to justify the hard work we ask our volunteers to put in to make the day the enjoyable event it has been.

Instead, we have accepted an invitation from the Murrumbateman Markets to help them set up and pack down their second market day (4th Saturday) each month. If we have a few volunteers it takes about half an hour at 8am and 1pm each day. We have a roster and a What's App group to manage it. Annually, the arrangement will return more to our coffers than the Car Boot Sale.

Feel free to add your name to the roster and if you have questions about helping out, email Judy: president@yassriverbfb.org

Regards
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