



Tawonga and District Community Association Inc.

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Committee meets 5.00pm
first Friday of February, May,
August and November at the
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Congratulations and
welcome to our newest
Tawonga resident Billy
Svarc, another son for
Ben and Olivia Svarc!



Project Officers Report for Pioneer Park New Shelter

After a bit of digging, levelling, a bit more digging and some divining by Dave Sauervein, a bit of digging by Richie Kruser, a lot of digging by Quentin and a lot of looking and chasing up power supply points by Ben Svarc, the shelter footprint was constructed. Thanks to Dave, Quentin, Richie and Ben for all their work..

Last Monday, David from ALL4 Outdoor (Melbourne) with some help from Michael Maddison (thanks Maddo) had the shelter unloaded and built in just three days. Great job fellas.

Hidden away in the back of the fire shed, Trevor Johnstone and Paul got to work on the seat and the tables giving them the OH&S inspection and extra oiling. They look fantastic – thanks Johnno and Paul. On Monday 1st July Brendan Mahony will start work on the floor of the shelter and the access path. Given the weather, the cement will probably take a couple of weeks to dry fully.

Following on will be the installation of the new water bubbler (a snazzy looking bubbler, water bottle filler and a dog watering bowl). Our sincere thanks to AGL for supplying the funds to purchase the bubbler.

After that the BBQ will be re-installed, lights in the shelter connected and the shelter furniture bought over to its new home.

The Alpine Shire will be removing the Berberis bushes (the prickly ones!) along the post and rail fence and at the same time, the fence will be given a sanding and a new coat of lacquer.

Concurrently with the work on the fence, the small outdoor picnic table will be given a make-over with a new wooden table top and wooden seats in lieu of the old faded plastic tops.

And lastly, if we have enough money, we will install two new rubbish bins – a recycle and a separate waste bin.

New Owners for Mountain Creek Motel



After many years of service to the tourism of the valley, Jacques and Heather from Mountain Creek Motel have sold and moved on, we wish them well.

We now welcome the new owners husband and wife team, Geeto and Jasoin Malhotra and their two children to Tawonga.

We hope that the winter season is a busy and rewarding one for them.

A Tribute to long term residents

Eric Higginson, Tawonga's oldest resident at 99 years and heading for 100, and his wife Evelyn are off to live in a nursing home in Shepparton.

Eric and Ev have lived in the valley all their lives and it is with more than a tinge of sadness that we say goodbye.

We wish them good health & happiness in their new home.



Obituaries



It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Ken Mills, a lover of the Bogong High Plains and a SEC employee for 37years, aged 91years.

Our condolences to Margaret and family.

Local CFA News (courtesy of Melissa Wiffen)

WELCOME to Winter.. our volunteers continue to be active, out and about in our community.

We must start with the exciting news and announce that our AGL Hydro Community Support Fund Grant Application was SUCCESSFUL. We will finally have safety lighting at our equipment shed making it safer for our members attending call outs after hours. We certainly thank AGL for supporting our Brigade and our community.



Blast from the past

We are sure you are all aware that the Fuel Reduction Burns were successfully completed in our area this year. It was a bit hard not to notice with all the smoke!! It was great to see everyone working together to keep our community safe.



Recent fuel reduction burn

Thanks to Forest Fire Management Victoria, our local DEWLP members and both Mt Beauty and Tawonga Brigades for a job well done.

Our Bunnings BBQ Crew have been busy, having attended 2 BBQs in May. Well done team!! Its worth noting that one of those BBQ's was a request at 3pm on the Friday to fill in for another group on the Saturday. Super effort from our team!!



The BBQ crew Sue, Mel, Gary, Harold, Sue & Harry

Did you know that we run an awesome weekly Saturday night raffle at the Settlers Tavern? Next time you call in for dinner on a Saturday evening make sure you keep your eyes peeled for our dedicated members, Scotty and Smithy who are there selling the tickets each week. A big THANK YOU to them both and the Settlers Tavern for your continued support.

We wish to thank the Tawonga Tennis Club committee for their donation to our brigade on the sad closing of the club. Lots of members have enjoyed a hit on the courts over the years, even if for some it was just a hit and giggle, so thank you!!

We are happy to report that with your donations to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal this year, Tawonga contributed \$3169.77 towards the Mt Beauty total. Did you know that our vehicles and volunteers cover the area from Running Creek to the Bright turn off and everywhere in between including all of Mountain Creek!! A fabulous effort for such a small brigade!

After a sad loss within our Tawonga CFA Family, our troops rallied around and organized a wood cutting event to help this winter. Our team turned up with utes, trailers, chainsaws and splitters and set to work. A wonderful example of why we love this community!

Many call outs have been attended since the last newsletter, alarms at the Hospital, burn offs during the fire danger period and also requests to assist with burn offs on local properties.

For those keen to learn more about our brigade, the station is busy every Saturday morning with our volunteers checking radios and equipment. You can call in and say Hi over a coffee or come along to our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the station.

The Bush Dance on Saturday was a great fun event for the small number of people who attended and for those who didn't make it were still able to participate - thanks to Trish Ryder for live streaming the event. The future of the bush dances will be discussed at the next meeting as it is not possible to keep holding events unless they are going to make a profit or at least, break even.

Winter is here...

Did you know that each year people die in house fires and CFA Brigades respond to between 1000 and 2000 house fires annually.



Did you know that the risk of fire during Winter is higher than through the rest of the year.

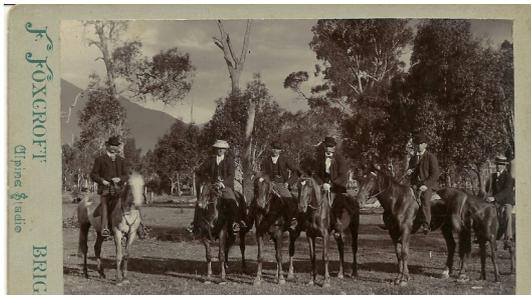
A recent CFA survey showed that 43% of installed smoke alarms don't work. Is your smoke alarm more than 10 years old? Replace it if it is.

If your smoke alarm has a replaceable battery that battery needs changing each year.

Pioneer Park Photo Gallery



A Journey down Memory Lane ... let us know if you recognise any of these faces!



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