

Numeralla Countegany Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

Muster 8 February 2015 -

Kit review, New Equipment & Cat 7 fire hose operation review

Attendees

Numeralla- Countegany Brigade	
Terry Myers	Raife Smith
Regina Roach	Jenny McKnight
Bruce English	Barbara Myers
Chris Rutherford	Apologies
Mark Shubert	Nil

<p>Kit & Kit bag – Everyone should review their own kit for suitability to their needs, safety & required PPE.</p> <p>The attached list of items are suggestions that may not have been considered and are offered based on the experience of a senior fire fighter.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommended to get canvas bag in preference to nylon kit bag as nylon bags can burn easier and often have nylon zippers that can melt/fuse under heat. If possible on canvas bag get zipper covered so it is less exposed and protected. Bright coloured bags can be easier to locate 2. Pelican cases (Pelican is brand) are good for carrying & protecting eye glasses. 3. Camelbak – water backpack – easier than carrying bottle to remain hydrated 4. Helmet with face shield – you can buy good helmets that meet the safety standards that have additional features for carrying a torch and have goggles attached. Helmets with face shields are now issued to new members by RFS. Makes it easier to wear glasses and offers better protection. 5. Smoke Mask – available with replaceable filters. 6. Balaclava – Head covering. 7. Coffee, Tea, Cup of Soup packet, Can of food (eg tuna), you never know when or if you will get food 8. Rope, bungy/octopus strap 9. Torch 10. Gloves plus spare pair – Can get rated gloves which don't get as wet and are easier to get on and off when wet. 11. Spare boot laces, Toilet paper/Tissues 12. Jumper (Wool) 13. Rain jacket 14. Matches or lighter 15. Sun cream 16. Pocket knife
	<p>Having a kit with your gear checked and maintained means that you are ready to go in a hurry. The above kit means that you are ready for day or night activity.</p>

Proposed Hazard Reduction Burn Plan–Tuross Rd	The proposed burn plan for 6 blocks in the Tuross Road area received by the Captain, Terry Myers, was shared with attendees. No dates have been set as yet for action but will be advised in due course. The weather has a major influence in planning this activity.
Recovery tow gear	<p>A simple recovery kit has been purchased. It includes a recovery nylon strap rated for 15000 kilos and two D Shackles.</p> <p>A set of instructions has been laminated and included in the recovery kit bag. The recovery kit will be housed in the Cat 9 when multiple Fire Trucks are in use, or it should be taken in the Fire Truck to be used if a recovery tow is required and only one Truck is to respond.</p>
6 New hand held radios	6 new hand held radios have been aquired for use in the Fire Trucks. There are a further 6 to be aquired to provide the full complement of 3 radios per NCVBFB fleet vehicle.
Blower	A new blower has been acquired and added to the tools available for clearing the fire line or forcing a fire in a direction for back burning purposes.
Cat 7 – fire hose operation review	Cat 7B was taken to the oval and the operation of the fire hose was reviewed and practised.