

NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE - Cooma-Monaro District
NUMERALLA – COUNTYGANY VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE
P.O. Box 146, Cooma, NSW, 2630

Suggestion - keep the Brigade contact details on your fridge in case needed



	NEWSLETTER	6/11/2016	
Captain	Terry Myers	Numeralla Village	6453 3358
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Deputies	Allison Myers	Numeralla Village	6453 3358
	Bruce English	Numeralla Village	6453 3317
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President	Regina Roach	Numeralla Village	6453 3214
Secretary	Chris Rutherford	Wards Road	6453 3354
Treasurer	Adela Roach	Numeralla Village	6453 3214
Permit Officers	Terry Myers, Peter Vahos, Geoff Ferguson		6453 3278 (Geoff)
Training Officer	Bruce English		
Call Out Officers	Barbara Myers, Belinda Vahos		
Equipment Officer	Peter Vahos		

Reporting that Fire - Please ensure that you **report all fires to 000** (triple zero). This ensures that the fire is reported and appropriate notification to the Brigade takes place.

Official Fire Season

The fire season commenced 1 October 2016. A Fire permit is required during the Bush Fire danger period. Any fires now require a **permit** through until April 2017. After some rain the grass is long, the fire danger is real, so please be vigilant and report any smoke you see by dialing 000.

NSW Parliament passed penalties of **up to \$132,000 and/or seven years gaol** for people who deliberately and recklessly ignore Total Fire Ban declarations.

Volunteers & Training Opportunities

Your Brigade is made of volunteers from your community. New members are always welcome. Firefighting is only one RFS volunteer activity. There are a number of support roles that also make a valuable contribution. If you are interested in contributing some time and skill, please contact the Secretary at ncbfrfs@gmail.com for more information.

A variety of training programs are offered including Basic Firefighter, Chainsaw, and Rural Fire Driving and more. If you are interested in attending any skill training, please contact the Brigade via the email address – ncbfrfs@gmail.com

Brigade Musters – Every 2nd Sunday of the Month

The Brigade holds Musters that normally commence at 15.00. Musters can involve training exercises, equipment review & maintenance, fire trail familiarization & updates. Practice & familiarization are keys to fire incident preparation. Keep an eye on the notice board in the village, and/or our web site for any updates and reminders.

Shed Update Approval given and funds given the go ahead for a new Station!

NCVBFB applied for RFFF funding for a new Shed. This application was supported by Monaro RFS and the Service Agreement Liaison Committee. The RFFF funding comes from a combination of funds from the State Government, Insurance Levies and Local Government. The Brigade's offer to assist with the funding to offset our local Council costs was accepted and the transfer of these funds given Ministerial approval. A Development Application is now with Local Government for approval. If all continues to go to plan, a new Shed/Station will be built this financial year. The purpose of the new building is to create more storage capacity, improve the garaging of the Brigade's fleet and cater for the needs of the Community for the next 30 years.

Request for Donations for the 2016/17 Fire Season

The Brigade has ongoing running costs that are not met by the Rural Fire Service or the Shire. For this reason we request a small donation each year from the residents and landholders to help keep us equipped and operational. During 2015/2016 we have purchased recovery gear, UHF radios and a FLIR.

This year we are requesting a donation of \$25 from residents and \$35 from non-resident landholders.

All donations made to the Brigade over \$2 are tax deductible. You will need a receipt/tax invoice if you wish to make a claim. The Brigade will issue a receipt if you require one and you supply a self addressed stamped envelope. Please identify on the tear off section on the other side of this newsletter if you require a receipt and any corrections to the current information we have, then forward it with any donation. Include your email address if you would like to receive this newsletter, and other occasional updates that you would not otherwise get, via email.

Christmas Eve BBQ- Invitation - Please join us at the Fire Shed in Umeralla Road, Numeralla Village, for a Sausage Sizzle at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve. BYO drinks.

New Neighbours? Can you please let the Secretary know of anyone who should be on the mailing list, but isn't?

Let's hope for a quiet fire season but prepare your home for a bush fire anyway by organising sufficient Water Supplies, Fire Fighting Equipment and importantly, clear all combustible material from around your house and sheds.

Is your property prepared for a bush fire? See our website "Protecting Your Home" and "Farm FireWise" for more information. **PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY NOW!**

For more information contact one of your Brigade volunteers above, or Monaro Fire Control Centre, or phone the NSW RFS Information Line, 1800 654 443, or check out <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/>

Web Sites www.numerallacountegany.rfsa.org.au/ www.monarorfs.org.au/