

The Avenue Newsletter



Capt'n Grey Beard's CFS

CFS Up-Date by John Hensel



Comments from our Captain:

Retirements: Ian Klose has retired as a Lieutenant and we would like to thank Ian for his service over the years. Keith Higgins was elected to fill this position at the AGM.

Memberships: Several more people have done their Level 1 CFS training, and it is good to see the number of Level 1 trained people on the membership list. I hope that this flows through to the manning of the truck, instead of the same few.

Training: Thank you to Keith Higgins, Nick Edwards, Darren Jenke and Brett Snodgrass for taking the truck to the annual training day, (it is important that the truck goes to this annual

event).

Andrew Copping has done a good job as training officer, especially with the introduction of the Government Radio Network. Thank you to those who made the effort to attend the training course. Radio operator is the least popular job on the truck, and will not improve now we have to run an extra radio. We will still be using VHF, because UHF is unproven through smoke.

Grants: We have received a grant of \$3000 from the Emergency Services Levy, which was spent on an overhead fuel tank, rain water tank, storage cupboard, and table and chairs.

Truck Maintenance: Ian Jenke has taken over maintenance of the fire truck, which will be more convenient and cheaper. So any problems can be reported to him. The pump motor fuel tank is now connected, so this is one less job to do on the back of the truck.

Roster: I have included a list of last seasons call-outs and hope we are not as busy this season. But with the fantastic season we are having, this might be too much to expect. The roster is also included and it will not suit everybody, so feel free to change with other members, but please notify your duty officer and the Avenue Store.

Some concern has been expressed about the same few on the truck all the time, so if we can spread the burden over more members, this will make the job easier for everybody. The beaurocrats are making it harder to run a CFS brigade, but Avenue can be proud of the way it has survived.

GRN: As far as I can work out, the GRN radios will be on Regional Channel 232,

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Training Trash

By Andrew Copping

This year Keith Higgins, Nick Edwards, Darren Jenke and Brett Snodgrass represented Avenue at the Lucindale District Training Day at Callendale on October 7th. They had an *interesting* and enjoyable experience (refer to 'The Roving Eye' on pg: 3)

On October 15 -16, 27 Avenue CFS members undertook training on the new GRN radi-

os.

Melissa Pomery and Andrea Sherwin have completed their Level 1 training.

Karena Higgins, Verity Ingham, Meredith Pomery and Andrea Sherwin also completed their 1st Aid course.

(Never fear Avenue, the All Saints are here!)

If you have any training needs, please contact me.

Andrew Copping
Training Officer
ph: 8766 0051



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LOCAL THEFTS

Between 3-4th November, \$3 -3,500 worth of tools and equipment were stolen from Lindsay and Faye Pratt's workshop, on the Keilira Rd.

Items included: spot sprayer, spitwater cleaner, welding helmets, drills and drill sets, hydraulic hose, tyre gauge.

This is a good reminder for us all that we must be more vigilant and lock up our sheds, even at Avenue Range.

If you have any information, please contact Lindsay or Faye Pratt.

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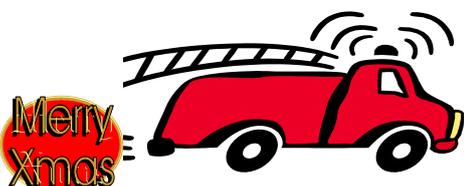
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Lucindale base will then ask you to go to Lucindale Channel 225. If the radio gets really busy, Lucindale will ask you to go to Channel 236 or 240. When you get a fire, the VHF system will be used on Channel 20 and 13.

Pagers: The pager system changes every day, but they should have something for us to use in a few weeks. Lucky we have our cell call UHF system for back up!

Thank You to Viv, who puts in a lot of time and effort getting fire crews together through the fire season, we all appreciate it.

From John Hensel



Buck's Bus Bulletin by Buck Alford

G'Day,

I have been asked to contribute to your Avenue Newsletter. Those who know me will also know that writing is not one of my best suits, so here goes!

The question that was asked of me in particular was, "What is the bus procedure in the event of a major fire?" Rule no. 6 of the Lucindale Area School's Emergency Procedure For Buses is as follows:

In the event of a fire, the decision about whether a bus will run rests with the senior ranking CFS officer, who will notify the school principal, and emergency procedures in relation to fire will prevail. Perhaps we should now look at how parents would be notified?

I return to the emergency procedures for buses, and rule no. 3 states that, in the event of circumstances which prevent all or most of the buses leaving the school at the designated time, the school will contact the first and last named parents on the time table, and that parent will relay the message to the next parent on the time table. It is expected that if a parent is unable to be contacted, then the message will be relayed to the next available parent.

Maybe this procedure needs to be looked at. Telephones sometimes fail during fire and in a fire such as Ash Wednesday, it might be more appropriate if some other form of contact were used, ie: commercial radio or UHF re-

Hi Everybody, Welcome to the first Avenue Newsletter. I must first thank our Editor in charge, Sarg Sherwin, for the opportunity to write this column. Having been given ample time to prepare (all of 2 hours), here it is!

We would like some feedback on the Avenue CFS Christmas Party, as to when, what and where we have it this year. One great suggestion put forward by Alan M, is that we have a tennis/cricket day at the Avenue Oval. This would be a great Family Day, so to make it a success we will need a major Working-Bee. So lots of ride-on mowers, wipper-snippers and wives (!) would be needed. We could even combine this with the quarterly Avenue Summer Shin-Dig. Let's go for it and make it happen. Please, if you have any thoughts or ideas, give either myself or Alan a ring.

peater. I leave it with you, but am willing to be party to any discussion on this matter if you so wish.

That out of the way, what a great bunch of kids: - they try their luck now and again, but it gets sorted out. I definitely wouldn't have it any other way. On the bus we have Bus Leaders who are, Kylie Carrison, Karli Small, Hayley Bawden, Kristy Gayle and Michael Hensel. These people let me get on with the driving. They seem to find a tissue for someone who has lost a hankie, or comfort a younger one not feeling the best, as do the rest of the seniors, and Kristy makes top apple muffins, while Michael can be heard if things get a bit noisy. Thank you leaders, I really do appreciate your input. If there is anything in particular I would like to mention, it is sitting in the seats correctly. I find that this is very important for the younger ones, as if

The Pom's Christmas Lights will go on in the first week of December. So please bring the kids for a look and call in for a wee drink.

Now, a little quiz.....you all know what a CONUNDRUM is I hope? The first person to work this out and ring me on **8766 0090** or **0409 229 868**, gets a **GREAT PRIZE** (guaranteed). So here it is:

**It's a bright sunny day.
On the ground is a puddle of water,
a carrot and two bits of coal.
Why???**

Footnote: Families of the Editor and Reporters not eligible to win.

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
TO ALL !**

THE POMS



something was to happen, they would not be able to recover quick enough to help themselves.

In closing, I thank Angus Bawden for taking on the Parent's Rep job this year and wish you all A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Prosperous New Year!

Buck,
The Bus Driver



2000—2001 CFS Incident Report

28.12.00	4.30pm	Grass or Stubble Fire	Reedy Creek
30.12.00	4.00pm	Grass or Stubble Fire	Biscuit Flat
1.01.01	3.30pm	Grass or Stubble Fire	Lucindale
2.01.01	3.00pm	Grass or Stubble Fire	Naracoorte
10.01.01	4.15pm	Scrub and Grass Fire	Furner
25.01.01	4.00pm	Did Not Arrive (Stop Call)	
26.02.01	3.00pm	Grass or Stubble Fire	Spence
19.03.01	4.30pm	Scrub and Grass Fire	Avenue Range

Reporting Fires

The system for reporting fires remains the same.

For those who would like a reminder, when reporting a fire please contact either of the following:

Lucindale CFS Head Quarters
UHF 20

Ph: 8766 2000 (for emergency)

Avenue Store
UHF 7

Ph: 8766 0020

For those making fire enquiries, please call the Lucindale enquiry number:

8766 2152 (for enquiry)

This is important to remember so you don't hold up the emergency phoneline.

Our local Post Mistress was red-

The Roving Eye !

faciated when she discovered that she was unable to satisfy the needs of local police at an R.B.T. station.

When questioned, the Post Mistress announced "I didn't realize that smoking had affected my ability to blow!"

It has been reported that certain Avenue CFS members have tarnished the impeccable reputation of the Avenue brigade, when they managed to bog our stately truck in a drain at the Lucindale Training Day. Good one guys!

A local 'Black Hat' identity, had the Darwin to Adelaide flight aborted when coming home from his Alby Mangles adventure. Apparently

Phil's flatulence over Ayres Rock caused so much mid flight turbulence, that many of the respected travelers will remember

'Avenue's Air Waves' for some time!

Our own 'Evil Kenival',

Chas, certainly had a few concerns when he decided to attack Philips' paddock on the day of the fire, and took a flying leap off his motorbike instead.

One ex-Victorian bachelor was overheard claiming "Chas left his bike as quick as my ex-wife took off back home".

Not a bad effort by Chas at his first attempt though, coming up with the respectable 22m of free flight unaided.



A Sensational Six Pack with.....

Chris Klose!



Verity: Who would you most like to have over to dinner and why?

Chris: Liz Hurley, because she's stunning and Hugh Grant doesn't know what he's missing

Verity: If you weren't a farmer, what career would you have chosen?

Chris: A surveyor

Verity: What would you choose as your last meal?

Chris: Porterhouse steak (preferably Sheraco Angus steak - ed.)

Verity: What would you most like to see or do in your lifetime?

Chris: Travel the world

Verity: Who do people say you look like?

Chris: Peter Phelps

Verity: Why do you like living in the Avenue District?

Chris: The fabulously talented volley ball team!



Mystery Person ???

Who Am I?

- 1) With kids on the farm watch, so they come to no harm.
- 2) I've got a nice bloke and I like a scotch'n'coke
- 3) A "green thumb" I'm not a few veggies is all I've got!
- 4) Well what do you think yes, I don't mind a good drink.

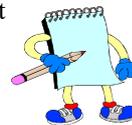
"Catch you soon!"

From Ms/Mrs/Miss Mystery

☺ Please place your entry at the Avenue Store.

☺ The first correct answer will be announced on **Friday December 7th**, at Friday Night Summer Tennis.

☺ The winner will receive a **PRIZE!**



STOP PRESS

Avenue Shin-Dig

The Avenue Shin-Dig planned for November, will now be held in **February**. Please contact Karena Higgins for more details on 8766 0116

The Legend of Avenue

If you have a story about how Avenue was named, please share it in the next edition.

Legend No: 1

As you may have noticed, the older people in our community call Avenue - 'The Avenue'. It has been said that Avenue was name so, because when doctors used to ride to Lucindale on their horses, there was an avenue of raised ground through this area that they used to travel through.....hence, it was called 'The Avenue'.

Gouldy's Gab by Viv & Mark Gould

Since last season Chris and Sally Klose welcomed baby Andrew on the 24th December 2000.

We also fare-welled the Polomkas and welcomed the Bennett family, who in turn, welcomed a new addition to their family, William, in June this year.

We lost one of our respected long time residents, Darcy Rivett, and were also saddened by the news of his wife Grace's illness. Our thoughts are with the Rivett family.

This year we started an AFL Tipping Competition, with great success. We had equal winners, Mark Black and Nick Edwards, and ended the football season with an enjoyable night around a bonfire.

This year Avenue has also implement-

ed its 'Avenue Get-to-gether's' every couple of months, which has been very successful!

In November we had a thrilling 5 set volleyball grand final in at Lucindale. This was played between the 2 Avenue Teams. Well Done Avenue!

Rangers

Keith Higgins
Daniel Gould
Todd Bennett
Michael Hensel
Daniel Justin
Michelle Justin

Avenue

Verity Ingham
Greg Ingham
Nick Edwards
Chris Klose
Keith Barnett
Vanessa Hocking

The Rangers won by 3 sets to 2. It was good to see all the Avenue supporters cheering the two teams.

Congratulations to Greg Ingham, who won 'Best and Fairest' for the season!



'Name Our Local Newsletter' CHALLENGE

- Can you come up with a good name for our local newsletter?
- If you think you can meet the challenge, please register your ideas at the Avenue Store.
- See your idea in **PRINT** in the next edition!

FRIDAY NIGHT SUMMER TENNIS



- ♣ Drop in at the Avenue courts on Friday nights after work.
- ♣ B.Y.O bbq, meat, drinks, chairs, racquet, kids, attitude....the lot!
- ♣ Invitation extends to everyone!

It's all very casual - Hope to see you all there!



"ON THE COUCH"

Today I'm on the couch with Cathy Gill.....er.....umm.....talking about Malcolm!

- Alan: Where did you meet Malcolm?
Cathy: At the Euston Hotel.
- Alan: Did you think he was a good sort then?
Cathy: He looked that good that I just had to ask him out!
- Alan: Where did he take you on your first real date?
Cathy: 'I' took him to a 21st.
- Alan: When he is naked, what is his best bit? Why?
Cathy: His 'bit', you wouldn't call it a 'bit', you would call it a work of art!
- Alan: Name his most irritating habit?
Cathy: He likes to think that he is always right.
- Alan: Does he have a sense of humor?
Cathy: Of course he does, as long as you don't pick on him too
- Alan: What was the last thing you fought about?
Cathy: Why he was so late home after being at McGurks ALL day!
- Alan: What would you change about him?
Cathy: It's too late to try and implement any changes.
- Alan: Who wears the pants?
Cathy: We both do. We enjoy getting into each others pants!!
- Alan: Describe him in 3 words?
Cathy: THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE.

Alan McGurk explores the hearts and minds, (amongst other things), of the many strong and talented women from Avenue

much.

We hope you enjoyed our first Newsletter.

A big THANK YOU to every one who contributed to the first edition. That's what it's all about!
Feedback is most welcome, so if you have any comments or would like to contribute, please contact Andrea - 8766 0047, or Verity - 8766 0041.

Merry CHRISTMAS