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B.B.Q.

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BUNGONIA RURAL FIRE SERVICE

CAPTAINS REPORT for MARCH

Still no serious fires in our area, also no RAIN so please be cautious when working outdoors as any grass about is starting to dry. March & April are bad months in our area for lightning strikes, so please be on the lookout for smoke after storms and ring 000

The Bush Fire Danger Period has been extended from April 1st until April 30th 2006.

During this period Permits will be required for the lighting of fires.

Good news for Bungonia, we finally have a new Cat 7 fire truck in our shed, so please come along & inspect it before next season.

A big **thank you** to Peter Friend for all his hard work in the past. Peter is leaving our area to further his working career in Queensland. Peter you will be sorely missed. We need more people from the Bungonia community to come along and support our brigade .

Bungonia Market Day Saturday 15th April

Cleanup day at the fire shed on Friday 14th come along and lend a hand for an hour or so.

Our next meeting will be 30th April at 1pm all welcome B.B.Q. lunch 2pm Training.

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APRIL REPORT

REMINDER – Order trees now for winter or spring plantings as they could be hard to find if the weather conditions in most areas returns to normal. *P. radiata* can be ordered through S.T.F.F.N (Ring Ian Macarther 0412 195 499) or natives through Jayfield Nursery Holbrook (Noel or Kim Passalacqua 6036 7235). Surely this season can be kinder to us, but if you are thinking of tree planting whilst commercial or not, prepare now.

The future of farm forestry in NSW may be coming a little brighter with two of the local C.M.A supporting it as a multi-purpose project. A talk by guest speaker Catherine Murdhy CEO of Australian Forest Industries, NAFI, brought STFFN members up to date with some current problems. When you consider the management of National Parks in other parts of the world it contrasts drastically with Australia. We seem to be hell bound to lock up more and more priceless native forest under some legislation in the guise of biodiversity. Overseas native forests in National Parks are managed and control harvested, so why not here?. By locking up large park areas the bushfire menace is greatly increased – when fires do occur the fuel load is so high the fires are intense and biodiversity suffers. Recent studies have shown a marked decrease in biodiversity in Kosciusko National Park where severe fires in 1965 and 2003 destroyed forest which will never regenerate as they were.

One photo which I saw of the fire ravaged Grampians when 80% was destroyed, showed both Park and private land burnt but a large area of *P.radiata* untouched. Farmers actually drove their stock into the plantations for protection. This doesn't mean plantations are safe, but they have a better chance than unmanaged Parks.

The whole philosophy of N.P.W.S must be questioned. They are largely an unused resource while they should be used and planned for multiple purposes such as biodiversity protection, recreation and for economic harvesting.

Bob Carr in ten years 1995-2005 doubled the area of National Parks in NSW but this was not matched by increase in management staff. In most Parks there is very little fire management, access routes are blocked or not maintained, there is no burning in low fire years and bulldozer access is refused or difficult when needed. Remember in pre European times the bush was burnt on a regular mosaic pattern by Aborigines or wild fires and was mostly open forest or woodland, not an accumulation of years of litter waiting to explode as the Brindabella did in 2003. My message to the Government – if you want Parks then put in money for management.

I often wonder if any of the politicians think past the next election on greenhouse and environment issues. We should I suppose be very pleased with the scrapping for now, at least of the desalination plant at Kurnell. Was it divine intervention that Morris “discovered underground water at Kangaloon”. After all farmers have been using it for 200 years – maybe it was the public opposition to desalination which may affect election potential.

You may be aware of the 5 star housing model recently announced. This faulty computer modelling to make buildings appear more environmentally friendly involves using steel to replace timber, concrete to replace wooden floors, more insulation use less power etc, but nowhere does it consider the embodied energy used in manufacture of steel, glass and concrete which may be even more than saved.

Plant a few trees in 2006 to help the environment in 2006 – at least these will absorb some of the carbon dioxide emitted by our power hungry society. It seems the green anti-plantation lobby will go to extremes to discourage large plantations. They now claim they actually emit methane gas which is damaging and leads to global warming. This is true but only part of the picture as the total methane emission is offset by 5% of carbon dioxide sequestration - this still leaves 95%. No doubt they will try another angle

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Bungonia and District Historical Society Inc.

Next Meeting: Saturday, 8th. April 1pm. at the Hall.

One of the matters to be discussed is the design of an Archives building for local records and materials.

March Meeting and working bee: This was postponed because of sickness & absence of some members. The old bell posts at St. Michael's have been taken down. One broke off & the stump has to be dug out.

Cemetery Working Bee: Saturday 6th. May. Starting 11am. Many residents have relatives buried in the Cemetery and all are invited to attend. We will be there till mid-afternoon at least, so come when you can. As usual most of the work is grass cutting, filling rabbit & wombat holes and eradication of Tree of Heaven, blackberries & briars. Mothers' Day is on Sunday, 14th. May and this is a special effort to have the Cemetery tidied up for Mothers' Day.

It is planned to erect an area where the names of those who are buried in the cemetery in unknown graves can be recorded and this and other matters relating to the cemetery will be discussed during the day.

Bring your lunch if you come in the morning.

If the weather is unsuitable for cleaning up we will still have a meeting in the Hall, at 1pm.

BUNGONIA RURAL FIRE SERVICE A.G.M. WILL BE HELD ON 18TH JUNE 2006 AT 1pm.

Please come along and support your brigade. All Bungonia residents & property owners can support your brigade by making a tax deductible donation to: The Treasurer, 1859 Mountain Ash Road, Bungonia 2580 \$10 per person or \$30 a family. All money is used to keep our equipment up to date to help fight fires in your area.

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BUNGONIA CWA NEWS

Our branch entered in the Southern Tablelands Group Handicraft Competition which was held in Goulburn early March. Although we only had six entries we have had our dressmaking item chosen for the Inter-group Competition which will be held in Bateman's Bay late August.

We had one member travel to Tara go during the month for the Branch 60th Birthday Celebrations

Competition winner Kath

Birthday ladies for April are Shirley and Lorraine

It was lovely to see Ruth at our last meeting as well as a couple of visitors from Nelson's Bay

Our next meeting will be Thursday 13th April at our Meeting Room.

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Saturday 8th..
Saturday 22nd..
Saturday 29th.

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