

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – Canyonleigh Rural Fire Service, 12 April 2012

Meeting opened at 7.40 pm

Attendees were recorded on the Attendance Register. As well as members of the Canyonleigh Brigade, guests included Robert Simpson representing the Wingecarribee Rural Fire District, John McKindley and George Barnett representing the Canyonleigh Community Association.

Minutes of the last AGM on 14 April 2011 were presented by Captain Mark Pearson and they were accepted.

Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded: Adam Stefanuik.

President's Report delivered by President Ron Stahl.

Thanks were extended to Captain Mark Pearson and Snr Deputy Captain Brett Bannerman for management of the brigade over the previous 12 months. Thanks also extended to Adam and Kylie for hosting the 2011 Christmas party at their home. Over the past twelve month period there was very little bushfire activity that required the attention of the brigade. Congratulations to Frances Crown for her initiative with the Women's Bush Fire Training program.

The President's Report was accepted.

Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded: Adam Stefanuik

The Captain's Report was delivered by Captain Mark Pearson

The first thing to do in my report is to thank the members of the brigade for their support over the last year. In particular thanks to Brett and Terry and Pete.

In a similar vein to last year, this fire season has been largely uneventful due to the prolonged wet weather courtesy of a la nina weather event. There was a hot week in November and that was about it! The fire danger sign was only changed a handful of times.

We have a new member, Dennis Perkins who has moved down here from Wisemans Ferry. Ray and Browyn have also finished virtually all of the basics course so we will get them assessed ready for the next fire season.

During this year the internal fill points were finished in the shed. The outside tanks were also plumbed together and fill points added. Terry and Brett were instrumental in sourcing and preparing grant submissions which have resulted in a new fridge, vacuum cleaner and pressure cleaner.

Thank you to all the people who gave donations to the brigade.

The highlight of the year was the highly commended award for the Womens Fire Awareness Program, as part of the 2011 Australian Safer Communities Awards. Francis and Brett developed and presented this program for us and it is terrific to see them rewarded for the many hours they invested in it.

Another initiative was the coffee and chat morning which saw some new faces and raised awareness of the concept of a fire plan.

Colour coding of fittings was another Brett initiative, hopefully improving our efficiency.

As you can see, quite a lot has happened during the year, even though not a lot of it had to do with fires. It was the weekend of the 9th April last year when we were trying to light the Nurthen block and couldn't get it to burn very well.

Again, thank you, to the members of the brigade for your support.

Incidents:

Single vehicle roll over, Jan 12 ,Inverary Rd
Single vehicle roll over, Jan 12 ,Canyonleigh Rd
Tree down, Jan 12 ,Canyonleigh Rd
Incident at YOTS, Aug 11, Tugalong Rd
Pile burn got into tussock, July 11, Old Coowong Rd
Semi fire, June 11, Hanging Rock Rd
Semi collision (fatal), June 11, Hume Hwy
Smoke sighting, May 11, Hanging Rock Rd,

The Captain's Report was accepted.

Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded: Adam Stefanuik.

Treasurer's Report – Presented by Laird Stewart in Frank Downs' absence.

A prepared financial report was tabled for the AGM. The report detailed income and expenditure over the previous twelve month period. Income over the 12 month period was \$3,207.02. Accumulated funds on 31 March 2012 was \$13,438.86, certified by Treasurer Frank Downs and audited by Auditor, Laird Stewart.

The Treasurers Report was accepted.

Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded: Adam Stefanuik

Snr Deputy Captain's Report – Presented by Brett Bannerman

The final installation of the emergency water tanks has been completed. The only change was the relocation from Bangadilly Road to Tugalong Road some 200 metres north of Bangadilly Road. We were successful with a grant application from the RFSA which saw us secure a new refrigerator, vacuum cleaner and hi-pressure water cleaner. We were also successful in receiving a \$1000 grant from the Veolia Goulburn-Mulwara Trust.

Wingecarribee RFS Report – Robert Simpson

Due to favourable weather conditions there was very little bush fire activity in the Wingecarribee area over the 12 month period to April 2011. However, Mr Simpson did mention that an increased number of call-outs for MVAs over the period was experienced. These tended to be in the northern area of the shire along the Hume Highway/Expressway.

A major hazard reduction is being planned around the Bullio area from Wombeyan Caves Road which will also include the northern section of Tugalong Station.

Election of Officers

Robert Simpson declared all positions vacant and requested nominations. The officers are:

Captain: Mark Pearson.

Moved: Peter Attreed. Seconded: Adam Stefanuik.

Senior Deputy Captain: Brett Bannerman

Moved Mark Pearson. Seconded Peter Attreed.

Deputy Captain (Training): Peter Attreed.

Moved: Adam Stefanuik. Seconded: Dave Hough.

Deputy Captain: John Kay:
Moved Peter Attreed. Seconded: Dave Hough

Deputy Captain: Mick Trevisiol:
Moved Adam Stefanuik. Seconded Dave Hough

President: Ron Stahl:
Moved Peter Attreed. Seconded: Adam Stefanuik

Vice President: Laird Stewart.
Moved: Ron Stahl, Seconded Mark Pearson

Secretary: Terry Biscoe.
Moved Mark Pearson. Seconded: Brett Bannerman

Treasurer: Frank Downs.
Moved Peter Attreed. Seconded Adam Stefanuik.

Community Safety Officer: Brett Bannerman
Moved : Peter Attreed. Seconded: Adam Stefanuik

Equipment Safety Officer: Dave Hough
Moved Peter Attreed. Seconded: Adam Stefanuik

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Moved: Dave Hough. Seconded Peter Attreed

Auditor: Laird Stewart
Moved: Mark Pearson. Seconded Ron Stahl

General Business

Discussion took place on the following points of general business:

Web site – to be hosted by RFSA at no charge. Terry Biscoe to manage and approve designer/host
Comtel to initiate

Weather Station – Brett Bannerman to investigate and make recommendations

RFSA – Brett Cubitt recommended brigade members to join the RFSA

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.