



Glanmire-Walang Brigade Fire Safety NEWSLETTER

A community publication from your Volunteer Fire Brigade
September 2021 – Spring Edition

Welcome to your local **Glanmire-Walang Brigade Fire Safety Newsletter**
This newsletter provides our community with important Fire Safety information.

Brigade website <http://glanmirewalangrfs.com.au/>

WORKING TOWARDS A **FIREWISE** COMMUNITY IN CASE OF FIRE CALL 000

Welcome to the Spring 2021 Edition of our Community Information and Fire Safety Newsletter. This newsletter includes important information about fire and community safety and upcoming events that we know about at the time of publishing. This newsletter is mailed to you via Australia Post (Unaddressed Mail).

You can access a copy on the brigade website at <http://glanmirewalangrfs.com.au/>. We hope you enjoy and find this newsletter helpful.

CAPTAIN'S CORNER

As we approach the 2021 Bush Fire Danger period, it is a good time to take stock of our preparedness and look around our homes for hazards such as any build up of fuel that may pose a fire risk. Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke alarms too when daylight saving kicks off on Sunday 3 October.

Whilst we have had plenty of rain in the area and this is forecast to continue, it only takes a couple of days for warm weather for the long grass to dry off. We ask residents to take all reasonable precautions when doing pile burns. From 1 October it will be necessary to request a permit to burn off. Please contact one of our permit officers if required.

Rodney Watters
Captain
Glanmire/Walang Brigade

An Invitation from our Brigade Training Officer

The Glanmire/Walang RFS holds a general meeting on the first Saturday each month, commencing at 8.00am. This is normally followed at 9.00am by the regular brigade training session. The varied modules presented are usually about 2 to 3 hours in length, depending on content. At this stage, lockdown restrictions permitting, our next meeting will be 2 October.

Unfortunately, this year we were not able to hold the annual "Get Ready Day" but with the warm weather approaching we would like to extend an invite to all residents in the Glanmire/Walang RFS district to come along for the start of our training sessions.

Our training sessions are held at 09:00 every first Saturday of the month. This will be a great chance to come along and meet the brigade members and observe the preparation for the mornings training. If the timing works, please drop in and take the time to touch base and make connect. We welcome questions if you have any concerns, however large or small.

Your brigade is here to assist in the protection and safety of our area and the wider Chifley zone district when required. Due to its elevation, the old quarry site basin immediately behind the headquarters shed is an ideal place to observe brigade training activities if they are scheduled for that day. This location is often used for simulation exercises.

Starting soon, fire permits will be required which can be issued by our Brigade Captain Rodney Watters and Senior Deputy Captain Brian Bailey. To begin a conversation about your fire permit, please bring a mud map and photo illustrating the location of your area of concern, the proximity of your home or property assets such as sheds, and any water resources available.

Frank Colzato
Deputy Captain.

Hillview Estate Environmental Burn

An environmental burn was conducted at the Hillview Estate in autumn with the assistance of the Glanmire, Raglan & Yetholme RFS Brigades. The image below shows the team from Skillset preparing containment lines for the burn.



Fire Control Centre

The Chifley Fire Control Centre at 27 Hampton Park Road Kelso has a singular phone system operation. The contact number is 1300 258 737.

DIARY DATES

Monthly Brigade Business Meeting

These are held at the Glanmire-Walang Fire Shed on the first Saturday of each month. Business meetings commence at 8 AM for 45 minutes. All brigade members and residents are welcome to attend.

Brigade Training Days

Immediately after the Business Meetings listed above commencing 08:45.

New Brigade Members Welcome

We are always on the lookout for anyone who would be willing to assist either by joining and training for firefighting duties or assisting with other duties (yard maintenance, vehicle maintenance etc). The RFS provides excellent training for new members and ongoing training in leadership, team management and other technical skills.

Fire Permits

The official bush fire danger period commences on 1 October. Property owners that wish to burn off will need a permit which can be obtained from one of the permit officers with the Glanmire Brigade. Note that when a permit is issued, notice is still required to be given to adjoining property owners and the local RFS Fire Control Centre at least 24 hours before commencing any fire activity. The contact number for the local RFS fire control centre is: 1300 258 737. It is also requested you notify your Brigade prior to the burn.

Permit Officers for the Glanmire Brigade are Rodney Watters & Brian Bailey. Please see the last page for contact details.

Another image of the environmental burn at the Hillview Estate, Napoleon Reef, showing one of the brigade members hard at work.



Corporate Support

We greatly appreciate and sincerely thank the following businesses for their continued support. We encourage everyone to return the favour by supporting these businesses when their services are needed.

Mike Thurkettle Piper Electrical	0428 030 636
Shelly & Michael Rural Bin Service	0431 721 858
Bunnings Bathurst	6333 0200
Beaumont Tiles Bathurst	6333 7699
GS Bloomfield Tiling	6334 3031
Jack Duggan's Irish Pub	6331 2712
Tradelink	6330 7800
T.C.W.S.	6331 9622
Aura Artistic Images	0412 318 178
McDowell's Herbal	6331 3937
Bathurst RSL Sub Branch (newsletter printing)	
Andrew the postie for kindly delivering this newsletter.	

STATIC WATER SUPPLY (SWS) - ARE YOU REGISTERED WITH US?

This helps us know where we can obtain water in a fire emergency; maybe your emergency?

BE FIREWISE

The RFS Website at <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/> has very good information on how to be bushfire wise. Please make yourself familiar with this valuable resource. You can also contact the NSW RFS Enquiry Line for assistance on 1-800- volunteers. For more information visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

We continue the important task of collecting planning information from interested residents in case of emergency. This project is ongoing, and we need your assistance. If you are interested in having the Brigade visit your property to identify important pre incident information (like power and water supplies and best access, gates that need to be locked etc), please contact the Brigade.

Local Incidents

If you know of a local incident, after you have called Triple Zero (000), could we suggest that you call your Brigade. Save in your contacts list Rodney Watters phone number 0412 171 704 and make him the second call after Triple Zero (000). If Rodney is not available, then call Brian Bailey, our other senior officer. Brian's number is 0409 302 296. **Always call 000 first!**



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RFS ANNUAL DONATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Brigade, 16 May 2021, resolved to set the annual donation at \$30.00. As this notice will appear in each of our quarterly newsletters, please feel free to give **one donation only** at any time prior to the 2022 AGM. Your support enables us to upgrade and make improvements to our equipment and facilities, which in turn enhances our community's safety and well-being. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE DETACH PORTION BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR PAYMENT

TO: The Treasurer, Shirley Colzato, 38 Valley View Close, Napoleon Reef, 2795

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ANNUAL DONATION GLANMIRE WALANG RFS	
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ADDRESS _____	

Amount: \$30.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	other amount <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____
Receipt for Tax? Yes / No <u> </u> (please circle)	

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OR

DIRECT DEPOSIT

WESTPAC BANK ACCOUNT: GLANMIRE WALANG RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

BSB: 032 001 ACCOUNT NO: 172177

REFERENCE: **YOUR NAME**

Please note: If you are making a direct deposit to the Brigade Account please email your contact details to Shirley at scolza@bigpond.com or text 0429 375 242 so that a receipt can be issued and the bank statement can be reconciled. Thank you.