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# **NEWSLETTER**

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## **Community Fire Units**

In preparation for the oncoming fire season a Skills Review Session was recently held at St Ives Showground for local Community Fire Units. Our CFU members were tested on their knowledge of what to do in the event of a bushfire and had refresher training on the operation of fire fighting equipment.

Residents are reminded to prepare their homes for the oncoming season. The NSW Rural Fire Service Website, [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au), has excellent information on how to make the necessary preparations.

## **Hazard Reduction Burn-off**

Hazard reduction burns are still scheduled for the area this year. Residents along Albert Drive have recently been notified by the NPWS that a burn is scheduled for the upcoming weeks.

## **Ryde Waste Management And Recycling Centre**

SITA Environmental Solutions (operators of the Ryde Resource Recovery Centre) is starting up a Community Reference Group (CRG).

This group will supersede the current Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and will have wider representation. Advertisements will be placed in Newspapers early next year asking for expressions of interest.

If you are interested in participating in the CRG please contact the 416 Group and we will ensure that you are notified when the advertisements are to be placed in the newspapers.

If you detect an annoying smell or noise from the Centre DECCW (131 555) and SITA (1 800 062 086) should be notified as soon as possible.

## **Area Security**

Residents have recently reported a number of Burglaries in the area. There has also been a report of a prowler being disturbed by a barking dog,

If you see anything suspicious contact 000 or Chatswood Police 9414 8499.

## **RMIT University Melbourne Research Project**

In conjunction with the CFU we participated in a research project being conducted by RMIT University and the Bushfire Cooperative Research Council (BCRC).

The recent catastrophic fires in Victoria triggered the research. The project aims to assess the most effective ways for local people to learn about bushfires and bushfire preparation to help manage the risk more effectively. It will identify appropriate and tailored communication strategies, preparedness education, messages and methods of delivery that respond to community diversity in Australia.

## **Nominations For 2012 Committee**

Nominations are called for the 2012 Committee. If you are interested in becoming a Committee Member please contact Cec Morgan for a Nomination Form. Nominations close on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

John O'Toole, will not be continuing in the role of Treasurer next year. We sincerely thank John for setting up the accounting system and looking after our finances from the time of the formation of the Group, 10 years ago.

If you are interested in keeping our simple financial records up to date with minimal involvement of time then this may be the job for you. Please contact John O'Toole on 9416 1850 for further information.

## **2012 Subscriptions**

Members are reminded that your \$10.00 annual subscription is due on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. Your early remittance would be very much appreciated.

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