



# Lyndoch CFS

## Grapevine Article – January 2004

**PLAN NOW WHETHER TO STAY OR GO!**

### PLAN TO STAY OR GO

This advice is for people living or working in high fire risk areas on days of extreme fire danger and comes from CFS's Adam Thompson:

"People need to make the decision early whether to stay and protect their home or leave" ..... "Last minute panic evacuations are nothing short of a recipe for disaster"..... "If people stay to protect their homes they need to have done fire prevention work, be wearing the right protective clothing and have fire equipment on standby"

These are simple messages that also apply to your workplace, and may save you life!

### FIRE DANGER SEASON

A reminder that it is an offence to light a fire in the open without a permit, or smoke within two metres of flammable vegetation.

Heavy penalties also apply for fires caused by use of angle grinders, arc welders, oxy-acetylene equipment, grain harvesters and grass slashers during the Fire Danger Season.

If you are unsure of permit restrictions call:

- Phil Herrmann - The Barossa Council 8563 8444
- Lyndoch CFS - 8524 4000
- Lyndoch CFS Captain - 0417 245 128.

### REPORTING A FIRE

Please remember when reporting a fire to provide the RAPID number that will pinpoint the location for responding emergency services.

If you do not have a RAPID number please be prepared to give the street or road name and the distance from the nearest marked road junction.

Should the fire be in an area with a remote access road, please have someone at the access point to guide emergency services to the scene.

### CADET PROGRAM

Lyndoch CFS will run a Cadet Program in 2004 subject to numbers. The entry age of 12 years applies to females and males. Cadet training is run in conjunction with regular training on Wednesday nights from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and provides exposure to all facets of CFS skills required for firefighting.

If you would like to register or require more information please call Cadet Coordinator Brenton Edwards 0438 244116 or Neville Kies 0417 245128.

### PERSONNEL

Gavin Laycock (Lyndoch Lieutenant 3) has joined Chris Mower (Lyndoch Senior Firefighter) and former Lyndoch CFS member Jason Reinders at the Metropolitan Fire Service. The passing out parade for Gavin and Jason was on 12 December 2003.

Michael Lucas and Glyn Schirmer were accredited in Vehicle Rescue and Heavy Rescue in December. The Nationally Recognised Training in road crash rescue techniques was undertaken at the CFS State Training Centre at Brukunga.

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### STAY IN YOUR VEHICLE

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##### Information it is hoped you will never need!

Two women died during a recent bushfire in Western Australia, however, a dog left in a vehicle survived. It appears this terrible tragedy occurred when the women became disoriented after getting out of a vehicle that was in the path of the fire. The dog remained in the vehicle and survived.

The current advice is that if you are trapped in a bushfire stay in your car and:

- Most importantly, remain calm
- Park the vehicle in a clear space with the engine running
- Switch on headlights and hazard lights if not already on
- Wind up windows and switch on the air conditioner, set to recycle
- If you have water, keep yourself hydrated
- As the fire approaches, you will know from the noise of the fire even if you can't see the flames, get down below window height to avoid radiant heat and cover yourself with a natural fibre blanket (wool or cotton) if available
- Be aware that the car may catch fire but the fuel system is unlikely to explode
- Be aware that heat will start to melt fittings, shatter windows and create smoke in the vehicle but you will be safer in the vehicle than outside in blinding, choking smoke and extreme heat
- When the fire front has passed, and taking any water with you, get out of the vehicle and move to burnt ground.

#### RURAL RECYCLING BINS AT THE REAR OF THE LYNDOCH FIRE STATION \*\* USERS PLEASE NOTE! \*\*

While the Lyndoch CFS Brigade supports and practises recycling, some users of the Recycling Bins are abusing the privilege of having the bins located conveniently within the township.

Here are some facts:

- Rubbish is being deposited into the bins – they are for recyclables only, they are not a rubbish transfer station
- Loose recycled material and rubbish deposited into the bins ends up blowing around the area including the neighbour's yards, understandably prompting complaints
- The neighbours have, until now, tolerated deposits at all hours and the bins being emptied

by the contractor at 5 am in the morning in the interests of the greater community

Also let's set the record straight:

- The land on which the bins are located is leased by the CFS and is owned by the Barossa Council
- The bins are not owned or cleared by the Barossa Council
- The bins are owned and cleared by Scout Recycling Centres at Willaston

The bottom line:

- If you use the bins please read and comply with the instructions adjacent the bins.
- This includes flattening cartons and securely bundling loose papers
- Respect the neighbours by depositing recyclables in daylight hours
- Place recyclables in the bins not on the ground
- The CFS members proudly volunteer to serve the community but draw the line at cleaning up rubbish when alternatives are available

If users of the system take a little time to consolidate and secure their recyclables the system has the capacity to work for everyone

#### PERSONNEL

Lyndoch CFS has a new volunteer. We welcome Paul Sullivan to the brigade. Paul moved to Lyndoch eleven months ago from Rosedale and runs a contracting business "Dingo Earthworks". Paul and his Dingo do general light earthworks including shifting soil, digging post holes and trenching.

If you or a member of your family are interested in volunteering as a CFS Cadet please call Brenton Edwards on 0438244116 or Neville Kies on 0417245128.

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## Grapevine Article – March 2004

### AMBER REINDERS APPEAL

#### THE LYNDOCH CONNECTION!

As you have probably seen or heard by now through local newspapers or MIX 102.3 FM, Amber Reinders a 17 month old from Roseworthy requires life saving proton beam radiotherapy to treat a Chordoma, a rare bone cancer located at the base of Amber's skull. The treatment is only available in Boston, Massachusetts.

Amber is the daughter of former Lyndoch CFS now Roseworthy CFS volunteer Jason Reinders and wife Trudi also a former Lyndoch CFS volunteer. Amber is also the grand daughter of Lyndoch CFS Brigade President Terry Mower.

Both the Roseworthy and Lyndoch CFS Brigades therefore have a special interest in Amber's future.

Jason is now a full time SA Metropolitan Fire Service firefighter as well as a volunteer at Roseworthy CFS. Hearing of Amber's plight the SAMFS and the Australian Professional Firefighters Foundation organised a fundraising day at the SAMFS headquarters in Adelaide on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of February with a target of \$50,000. Roseworthy and Lyndoch CFS Brigades provided support on the day.

In addition, CFS volunteers from across the state have responded generously to the appeal.

While the fundraiser has gone a long way to assist the Reinders' cover their expenses, it is not too late to make a donation through the Savings and Loan Credit Union or call the Lyndoch CFS, contacts listed below.

#### INVITATION TO SEE ROAD CRASH RAPID INTERVENTION EQUIPMENT IN ACTION

**A Road Crash Rapid Intervention demonstration will be held at the Lyndoch Oval on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 7.30 PM at the Old Tennis Courts.**

**All Lyndoch residents are welcome.**

During the one-hour demonstration Lyndoch CFS personnel will be using the "Jaws of Life" and other equipment to gain access to an accident damaged vehicle.

#### BAROSSA CARAVAN PARK "THANKS FOR THE DRINKS"

The Williamstown, Concordia, Roseworthy and Lyndoch CFS Brigades responded to a grass fire on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February in 45 degree heat. When the crews were refilling the appliances with water outside the Barossa Caravan Park they were met by the Caravan Park owners and treated to a selection of cold drinks "**on the house**".

A "**big big thank you**" to the Barossa Caravan Park on behalf of all the attending volunteers who really appreciated this thoughtful gesture on such a stinking hot day.

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## Grapevine Article – April 2004

### THE END OF DAYLIGHT SAVING MEANS IT IS TIME TO CHANGE THE BATTERY IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTOR!

#### TIME FOR ACTION!

If you have a battery operated smoke detector installed and have not changed the battery recently, now is a good time to do it.

If you have long life batteries it is a good idea to check just how long the batteries have been in use and ensure they are still serviceable.

Here are a few other things to keep in mind while you are thinking about smoke detectors:

- If you do not have an evacuation plan in case of a fire or other emergency, please develop a plan now and make sure everybody knows what to do.
- You may want to put the Lyndoch CFS emergency phone number 85244000 in speed dial on both your home phone and your mobile.
- 85244000 connects you directly to the Lyndoch CFS and may save time in communicating your location.
- When changing batteries in your smoke alarms, use good quality batteries and test the unit after installation.
- Test the alarms once a month, this applies to both battery operated and hard wired units.
- Vacuum the units once a month to remove tiny insects, this will help reduce unwanted alarm activation.
- If small insects are causing alarm activation consider treating the area around the smoke detector with insect surface spray, but remember to cover the unit while you are spraying.
- Finally, if you are renovating or building extensions that require additional smoke alarms consider having your installer link the units, then if one unit is activated, all units sound the alarm.

#### EXCELLENT COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO ROAD CRASH RAPID INTERVENTION EQUIPMENT DEMONSTRATION

The Road Crash Rapid Intervention Equipment demonstration held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March was a great success for all participants. Approximately sixty members of our community attended on the night and saw two entrapped casualties freed from their respective vehicles in a simulated two-vehicle crash involving a Stobie pole.

A “thank you” to the community is appropriate for showing this level of support to the local Emergency Services volunteers involved in a training exercise. Particularly considering that it is Lent, sports training and grape harvesting continue. The genuine interest and the many questions that followed the demonstration were appreciated.

As always, a lot of organisation is required to stage such a demonstration and there are a number of people who the Lyndoch CFS brigade would like to thank:

- Lyndoch Tennis Club – for the use of the old tennis courts.
- Jeff Semmler – provided the two vehicles that will be reduced to scrap during training exercises.
- Maxine and Karen – SA Ambulance Service volunteers from Mt Pleasant who demonstrated casualty management and retrieval.
- Senior Constable Brian Dicker - SA Police Williamstown who “arrested an apparently intoxicated driver” as well as managed traffic movements at the demonstration.
- Greg Stone – State Training Officer, Road Crash Rescue, Brukunga who debriefed the CFS crews on technique and safety issues after the demonstration.
- Pip McGowan and Ashley Hosking - CFS/Volunteer Fire Brigades Assoc Promotions Unit who took many photographs and advised us how to improve demonstrations to the public in the future.
- Roger Grigg – Group Officer, Barossa Group who observed the demonstration and provide comments at the debrief.
- Shane Emms – Lyndoch Lieutenant 1 for organising the training exercise/demonstration with help from members of the brigade.

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# Lyndoch copes with 'emergency'

Around 60 members of the Lyndoch community turned out to witness a simulated accident staged by Lyndoch CFS last Wednesday.

The demonstration was aimed at raising community awareness about how emergency service personnel respond at the scene of a motor vehicle accident.

It also demonstrated the use of rescue equipment including a recent acquisition by the CFS, the jaws of life, used to extricate casualties trapped in the wreckage.

Lieutenant Shane Emms from Lyndoch CFS said the evening was a great success

and boosted the profile and role of the CFS in the community.

It also resulted in a \$2000 donation by Burge Family Winemakers of Lyndoch, one of many local businesses to support the invaluable work of the CFS.

"The night ran really smoothly and the community got a lot out of it. They also enjoyed the chance to look at the equipment and mingle with the crew members," Shane said.

He said the \$2000 donation was greatly appreciated and would be put towards purchasing fire fighting equipment in the near future.



Lyndoch CFS members using the powerful "jaws of life" to prise apart car body sections in the recent exercise.

The Leader 31st March 2004

## Real life accident scenario for Lyndoch

Horrifying sounds echoed through Lyndoch last Wednesday night as Lyndoch C.F.S. used the jaws of life to cut through a car body in a simulated mock accident.

The mock accident, part of the brigade's on-going training was scheduled to help raise community awareness about the role the C.F.S. play at the scene of an accident.

Approximately 60 on-lookers converged at the old tennis courts in Lyndoch, where they were confronted with an accident, involving the collision of two vehicles.

As the crowd watched with interest the scene began to unfold as Lyndoch C.F.S., Angaston Ambulance officers and Williamstown Police arrived at the scene and began to assess the scene.

Shane Emms, first lieutenant for Lyndoch C.F.S. said although the mock ac-

cident was a training exercise for the brigade, they also hoped it would assist in raising community awareness about the role of the C.F.S.

"The feedback we have had from locals has been great. They were all very interested in the simulated exercise and appreciated the role of the C.F.S.," Mr Emms said.

"They found it extremely beneficial to see what processes are followed when trying to remove someone from a vehicle.

"The exercise was such a positive for the brigade as well... the community applauded when people were cut from the car, and the entire brigade thought this response was fantastic."

The exercise was so well received that one local company, Burge Family Winemakers, kindly donated \$2,000 which will go towards future specialised

equipment for the brigade.

"The road rescue equipment we currently have was funded by us with the generous support from local businesses and individuals within the community. We would like to extend our warmest thanks to those people in the community who have provided us with the opportunity to purchase the rescue equipment 18 months ago," Shane said gratefully.

"Road rescue equipment is vital these days, particularly with the amount of road accidents we attend in this region."

Due to the huge success of this exercise and the overwhelming feedback from members of the community, the Lyndoch C.F.S. will be scheduling other exercises similar to this in the near future.



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## Grapevine Article – May 2004

**PLEASE TAKE CARE WHEN BURNING THAT RUBBISH HEAP!**

### FIRE DANGER SEASON

**When the official Fire Danger Season is finally over, it will still be necessary to practise fire safety!**

Due to the lack of rain and consequent dry conditions **the Fire Danger Season may not end on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2004** but no doubt many locals will want to burn accumulated garden waste as soon as the announcement is made.

Firstly, if you are unsure if the Fire Danger Season is over, check with the CFS on 1300 362 361 or The Barossa Council on 8563 8444.

When you do burn that heap, please do make sure that:

- The area around the fire is clear of flammable material for at least four metres
- There are no overhanging branches that may catch fire and spread embers
- A hose is ready for immediate use and is capable of reaching the far side of the fire in safety
- A shovel and or rake is available
- That a responsible person is in attendance at all times until the fire is extinguished

**Please be aware that the local councils also have by-laws controlling back yard burning and it is best to check on your council's requirements before lighting up.**

### PERMIT FIRES

**The smoke you may have seen recently has probably been from Permit fires.**

**Barossa Council** permitted burnoffs period commenced on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2004 Conditions: no burning off on Sundays and Public Holidays or Easter Saturday, burn time 8.30am to 4.00pm.

**Light Regional Council** permitted burnoffs period commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2004 Conditions: no burning off on Sundays or Public Holidays, burn time 8.30am to 9.00pm.

### CHIMNEYS & FLUES

**Now is also a good time to check if the flue or chimney needs cleaning!**

A pre winter check for wood fires includes:

### Flues:

- Clean the flue using a cylindrical wire brush available from most hardware stores
- Check the flue for corrosion, particularly the sections that are out of sight in the roof cavity
- Check that the flue is central in the heat shield and if the conical shroud on the external heat shield has been dislodged, check for bird nests and accumulation of leaf litter

### Chimneys:

- Clean the chimney using a wire brush and look out for big chunks of mortar or brick in the soot which will indicate decay inside the chimney
- Check the section of chimney within the roof space for loose or missing bricks or mortar

While you are thinking about your wood heater, consider the distance to the nearest flammable material like a lounge, cupboard or curtains. Has something been moved closer to the fire over summer that may now present a danger? If you are unsure on what is a safe distance, consult the Operators Manual or check with the supplier

Should your chimney catch fire, please call the fire service immediately and ensure all occupants are accounted for and safe.

Then, use a fire extinguisher if available and where possible, restrict the flow of air to the fire by closing doors and windows. Beware when using water because it will create steam, which can also cause burns.

Finally, as the season breaks, please take extra care on the roads. The roads have a build up of dust, oil and rubber which becomes extremely slippery in light rain.

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## Grapevine Article – June 2004

### WINTER DANGER IN THE HOME!

#### DO YOU DRY CLOTHES IN FRONT OF THE HEATER?

**There are real risks associated with drying clothes, towels or indeed any fabric in front of a radiant heater whether the heater is wood fired, gas fired or powered by electricity.**

**The main risk is radiant heat.**

Radiant heat will readily ignite fabrics including clothes, towels, curtains and mats.

While most people are aware of the dangers and place items at a safe distance, the things that do go wrong are:

- A slow combustion wood fire is stoked up in the morning after being closed down overnight resulting in an additional burst of heat. Clothes already dried overnight and not shifted further from the heater catch fire.
- A freestanding heater is moved closer to furniture through accidental movement of the power cable or gas lead. The concentrated radiant heat soon has the furniture burning.
- The fire screen in front of an open fire is not replaced after stoking the fire creating additional direct radiant heat. Again, clothes left too close can easily catch fire. There is also the risk of a fire started from sparks escaping the fire.
- Clothes are draped over a fire screen. Apart from placing fabric too close to the radiant heat, most fire screens are not designed to support a load and are easily toppled onto the fire.
- Washing hung out on an airer to dry in front of a heater is piled on making the airer unstable, the airer is accidentally bumped sending the washing toppling onto the heater, catching on fire within seconds.

#### What can you do?

Firstly, make sure that whatever the clothing is being hung on is stable, then make sure fabrics are kept at least two metres from direct radiant heat. This may mean things will take a little longer to dry but consider this scenario.

A seemingly wet linen tea towel was placed on a stick two metres from a hot campfire and in less than five minutes it had dried and caught on fire. People were standing within two metres of the fire but not catching on fire. What was the difference?

Although at the same distance, the people were turning and moving from time to time, while the tea towel remained static and the heat built up until it caught fire.

#### HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR ELECTRIC BLANKETS?

Each winter electric blankets cause a number of house fires. Some of the causes are:

- Frayed wiring at the control or where the wiring is attached to the mattress. If wiring is frayed do not use the electric blanket until an electrician checks it for faults.
- Damaged internal wiring. This can result from electric blankets being stored with tight folds, which damages the insulation around the heating coils. If the electric blanket is few years old consider replacing it. Quite often the first reaction is that "it's only a couple of years old". However when we think about it, we realise that the electric blanket is much older and probably should be replaced.
- Electric blankets left switched on for extended periods. The heat build up can be enough to ignite the mattress or bedclothes. The solution is clearly to use an electric blanket to warm the bed only and then switch it off, then paying particular attention when making the bed to ensure electric blankets are switched off.

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DO YOU LIVE OUTSIDE A TOWNSHIP? DO YOU HAVE A RAPID NUMBER?

**IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE A RAPID NUMBER WHICH WILL HELP EMERGENCY SERVICES CREWS FIND YOU WHEN YOU NEED THEM MOST!**

**RAPID** stands for Rural Areas Property Identification Directory. This directory and number system is recognised by all emergency services.

### PLEASE READ ON!

Responding to an incident recently in an outlying area, the Police, SA Ambulance Service and CFS crews were given a Lot Number and a Road Name. Unfortunately the Lot Number was not displayed at the entrance and it took some time for crews to find the incident and render assistance.

This scenario is repeated daily across the state.

### THE SOLUTION IS VERY SIMPLE.

Get a **RAPID** number for your location, display the Number Plate at the gate and attach a Key Tag to the telephone showing the **RAPID** number.

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

All Emergency Services use the same system of maps and grid references, hence GPS coordinates. **RAPID** numbers are obtained from a GPS (Global Positioning System) reading taken at the point where the Number Plate will be positioned.

Providing the **RAPID** number and an address when reporting an incident therefore allows the site to be cross-referenced and assists crews to find the best access route.

### HOW TO ORDER

If you would like to order a roadside **RAPID** Number Plate and/or the corresponding **RAPID** Key Tag to attach to your telephone, please call either Neville Kies or Jacque Edwards. Their telephone numbers are printed below.

### COST

The **RAPID** Number Plates are \$11 each if ordered by 28<sup>th</sup> July 2004. This is a special offer resulting from the placement of a bulk order. If ordered after 28<sup>th</sup> July 2004 they will be \$22 each.

There is no charge for a **RAPID** Key Tag that attaches to a telephone.

### PLEASE REMEMBER

The decision to have a **RAPID** number and your family or staff knowing how to report an incident could be the difference between early intervention and a major incident or personal tragedy.

### WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE TO HELP EMERGENCY SERVICES FIND YOU?

#### IN A TOWNSHIP

In a township, making sure the operator understands if your address is a house or lot number and any specific access details. It is also important that the house or lot number is clearly visible from the road or street.

At night, switching on as many outside lights as possible will also assist.

#### IN REMOTE AREAS

The operator will be asking the name of the road, which district, identifying landmarks and if there is a **RAPID** Number Plate nearby that can help pinpoint the incident.

In remote areas having a vehicle at the gate with hazard lights operating and/or a person at the entrance to guide Emergency Services to the incident will save time, particularly at night.

### PERSONNEL

Members of the Lyndoch brigade have been busy undertaking additional training, receiving accreditation as follows:

- ❖ Ian Marschall and Richard Schiller – GPS course
- ❖ Shane Emms and Andrew Watson – chainsaw course
- ❖ Neville Kies and Shane Emms – LPG level 3 Gas Prop Instructor.

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## Grapevine Article – August 2004

### ANOTHER BUSY YEAR FOR THE LYNDOCH CFS VOLUNTEERS!

Lyndoch CFS crews responded to 100 calls during the 12 months to 30 June 2004. This compares to 117 calls the previous year.

The responses ranged from providing Strike Teams for major fires throughout the state to “Stop Calls” when Lyndoch is initially responded to support other brigades but is stopped en-route.

A total of 127 Brigade Incident Hours were accumulated, this equates to 1006 volunteer hours spent at incidents.

A summary of incidents follows

<b>20</b>	Vehicle Accident
<b>14</b>	Fixed Alarms
<b>12</b>	Tree Down
<b>9</b>	Stop Calls
<b>9</b>	Grass Fires
<b>7</b>	Smoke Investigations
<b>5</b>	Vehicle Fires
<b>4</b>	Rubbish Fires
<b>3</b>	Search
<b>3</b>	Severe Weather
<b>3</b>	Assist Other Agencies
<b>2</b>	Crop / Stubble Fires
<b>2</b>	Structure Fires
<b>2</b>	Forrest / Scrub Fire
<b>2</b>	Burn Off
<b>1</b>	Malicious False Alarm
<b>1</b>	Remove Road Debris
<b>1</b>	Equipment Malfunction

### PERSONNEL

We welcome Emma Wainwright to the brigade. Originally from Glenelg, Emma shifted to Lyndoch in March this year to be closer to her work.

As a point of interest, Emma was not recruited to the brigade but chose to volunteer after seeing the potential for a small rubbish fire to develop into a major incident and wanted to know how she could best prepare for such a situation.

Whatever might inspire people to join the CFS we are very pleased to now have two feminine firefighters on board and would encourage other ladies to join Jacque and Emma.

If you are thinking about joining the CFS, or you would like more information about tasks you might feel comfortable performing as a volunteer, please call in to the station on a Wednesday night and have a chat with a Brigade member or give us a call

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### LYNDOCH CFS ASSISTS OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES IN A DRAMATIC RESCUE!

The dramatic helicopter rescue of a young man from his car trapped in the raging waters of the North Para River has been well and truly covered by the media.

I would like to focus attention on several important areas not covered by the media, and a lot closer to home.

Firstly, the volunteers who attended on the day and applied their training to achieve, in cooperation with other Emergency Services, a safe rescue. Well done, all of you.

Next, the employers of the volunteers. I would like to pay tribute to your understanding of your employee's commitment to the CFS, recognise that valuable work time has been lost, and publicly note your demonstrated support for the community. The same applies to those volunteers who are self-employed. A big vote of thanks to all of you.

Last but not least, a thankyou to Café Y who generously provided hot coffee and refreshments for the crews on the day, without charge. Contributions such as these speak volumes for the sense of community that we enjoy in Lyndoch.

#### FIRE PREVENTION

Spring will soon be on us and haymaking will get under way. Now would be a good time to check mowers, rakes and balers and do pre season maintenance on bearings, belts and chains. Not only will you avoid damage, downtime and associated costs; you may well be preventing a fire that results from overloaded or overheating equipment.

While you are checking the machinery, don't forget to check and test firefighting equipment that you may rely on if a fire does start.

#### PERSONNEL

##### Strike Team Leader's Course

Lyndoch Lieutenants Shane Emms and Gavin Laycock also Senior Firefighter Vaughn Elsworth completed a Strike Team Leader's course held at the CFS State Training Centre located at Brukunga.

The Lyndoch brigade is regularly called on to provide a "Strike Team" during the Fire Danger Season to assist other brigades when a major incident threatens. The Strike Team Leader's course is designed to ensure standard processes and communications are followed on the Fireground.

##### More Training

The Barossa Group recently hired the "Hot Pad" at Brukunga for a training exercise involving LPG gas leaks and fires.

Six members from the Lyndoch brigade attended and experienced first hand the radiant heat from a 2000 degree Celsius fire and the difficulty communicating while wearing breathing apparatus while controlling the flames and extinguishing the fire.

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# Lyndoch CFS

## Grapevine Article – October 2004

### LOOKOUT FOR KANGAROOS ON THE ROADS!

Several instances of collisions with kangaroos on local roads have been reported, as have near misses. Pimpala Road between Lyndoch and Cockatoo Valley also the Barossa Valley Highway between Lyndoch and Sandy Creek adjacent to the Sandy Creek Conservation Park seem to be the main areas.

However, we would ask you to please take care on all local roads as spring gets under way.

### INCIDENTS ATTENDED

So far this month Lyndoch brigade has been called to the following incidents:

- A tree blown over and blocking Pimpala Rd, cut up and removed from the road
- A stolen car on fire at Whispering Heights, supporting Williamstown brigade
- A fixed alarm at Orlando Wyndham, no action required.

### FIRE PREVENTION

Suggested actions for October:

- Prepare property perimeter fire breaks , spray or plough
- Mow or spray grass around houses and sheds to reduce the fuel load
- Clean the chimney or flue as part of post winter maintenance

### PERSONNEL

We welcome David Pritchard to the brigade. David has recently shifted from Robe to Lyndoch and has transferred his CFS membership. He adds further depth to the brigade having served as Captain at Robe and Deputy Group Officer. A Level 3 Firefighter, Dave is qualified in Hazmat, Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus and Senior First Aid.

David is a professional firefighter and undertakes the role of Team Leader at Santos' Moomba plant working the opposite shift to Lyndoch brigade's Peter Humble and adds a valuable day crew member to the brigade

### TRAINING

#### Compartment Fire Behaviour (CFB)

Glyn Schirmer has successfully completed the Compartment Fire Behaviour Course held at the CFS State Training Centre located at Brukunga. The development of fires is observed and the risks to firefighters are identified using a world class training facility which incidentally was recently used to train overseas firefighters. It is also used by the Metropolitan Fire Service firefighters.

Course participants actually sit on the floor of a small room and watch a fire develop and the effect of airflows and fuel loads on smoke gas production and heat. Sitting in 57 degree heat fully enveloped in smoke and unable to see your hand in front of your mask knowing that a fire is burning four metres in front of you and that flames are just above your head makes firefighters thankful for Personal Protective Equipment and Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus.

Techniques to reduce the risk of flashover, smoke gas explosion and backdraught are then put into practice as part of the practical training.

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## Grapevine Article – November 2004

### INVITATION TO ATTEND ANOTHER LYNDOCH CFS COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION!

#### COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION

On Wednesday the 17th November the Lyndoch CFS will hold another Community Demonstration at the Lyndoch Oval commencing at 7PM and finishing around 9PM.

This time the focus will be on:

- Cooktop fires, what not to do and how to deal with the fire safely.
- How to use a Fire Blanket.
- Which Fire Extinguisher to use and how to use it.
- How the CFS deals with household gas cylinder fires.

The gas cylinder fire demonstration is very spectacular.

For those in the community that would like some "hands on" experience in the first three demonstrations please come dressed in cotton or woollen clothing i.e. long sleeved shirt, long trousers and closed footwear ready to be involved.

#### FIRE DANGER SEASON

The Fire Danger Season is due to commence on 1st December 2004 and will run until 30th April 2005 unless advised differently in the media. Visit our website to see a more detailed listing of the Fire Danger Periods for different parts of the State.

#### Incidents Attended

While it has been a quiet month so far, thankfully, the previously mentioned Community Demonstration and the reminder of the Fire Danger Season are quite topical as our call-outs show:

- Lyndoch sent two appliances to assist with the clean up after a cooking fire.
- Lyndoch assisted Concordia to mop-up after a grass fire adjacent the Goldfields.

#### Fire Prevention

Suggested actions for November:

- Ensure that all firefighting equipment is operating, has been tested under full load and that everyone who may have to use it is fully aware of how to use it.
- Develop an evacuation plan for bushfires and house fires and make sure everybody knows what to do.
- Mow grass around houses and sheds to reduce the fuel load.
- Trim trees and shrubs away from buildings and remove leaf litter.
- Ensure there is a clear earth break around mulched areas so they do not become a corridor for fire.
- Clean leaves and twigs from all gutters on all buildings

#### TRAINING AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT

On Wednesday 13th October, Region 2 Regional Commander Kevin May and Regional Training Officer Tanya Wutke along with the Barossa Group Officer and Deputies attended Lyndoch Station to present awards to the Concordia, Eden Valley and Lyndoch brigades.

The Training Officer and Captain from each brigade accepted an award recognising that the brigade members had successfully completed all of the basic and specialised training requirements to satisfy brigade operational responsibilities.

Only 54 brigades in the State achieved this level of training, 13 of those were in Region 2 and 3 were in the Barossa Group.

While all three brigades are justifiably proud of their achievements, there is no intention "to take the eye off the ball".

If you would like to join the Lyndoch CFS come and talk to us. The CFS not only offers first class nationally accredited fire and rescue training, but also provides a great opportunity to "put something back into the community".

#### Supporters of Lyndoch CFS Brigade

Also invited to the presentation night were representatives from Orlando Wyndham Wines; Bruce Thiele and Peter Thiel also Dwight Rouse who was unfortunately interstate. Small gifts were presented to Bruce and Peter, who also accepted a gift for Dwight, in acknowledgment of the ongoing support from Orlando Wyndham Wines.

The close working relationship between Orlando Wyndham Wines and Lyndoch CFS was readily acknowledged by both parties on the night.

Special thanks must also go to the following businesses that supported the Lyndoch CFS in various ways and allowed us to host a very successful presentation night:

- Lyndoch Bakery
- Lyndoch Valley Meats
- Lyndoch Motors
- Lagana Bros.
- Birdwood Wine & Cheese Centre
- Tanunda Bakery

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