



# Lyndoch CFS

## Grapevine Article – February 2005

### THE DISASTEROUS EYRE PENINSULA FIRE AND CLOSER TO HOME MT OSMOND FIRE ARE A NONE TO SUBTLE REMINDER OF THE RISKS IN OUR OWN BACKYARD.

**Those affected** - everyone who lives in, works in or visits the Lyndoch area and uses the main arterial and minor roads in the district.

Please ensure:

1. Your property has been prepared ie, overhanging trees and bushes cleared away from houses and buildings, undergrowth removed, grass cut and gutters cleaned, as a minimum.
2. A bushfire action plan, including escape routes, is in place.
3. Your plan includes a decision to “stay or go”:
  - “stay” means having a well prepared defensible property and appropriate water supplies, firefighting and personal safety equipment plus people prepared physically and mentally to use it.
  - “go” means **leaving** your property **early** in the day on a high-risk day and spending the day in a safe area.
4. Gates and driveways have a 3.0 metre wide and 3.5 metre high clearance to allow access to fire appliances and possibly water tankers.
5. Fire appliances can access buildings in rural areas and that a turning area is provided where possible.
6. On high-risk days and when there is a bushfire in the area, you listen to ABC Radio 891AM for bushfire information and “Phase Warnings” that give an indication of the danger level. A battery-powered radio is essential given the likelihood of power failure during high-risk days.
7. Your family and staff know how to report a fire.

#### TO REPORT A FIRE – CALL 85244000

This is your local brigade number, which will connect simultaneously to Lyndoch CFS members and the CFS State Operations Centre.

8. As many details are provided as possible eg. “Rapid Number”, Lot number, street address or rural landmarks to assist responding crews.
9. For remote locations and properties with indirect access. If possible, please make someone available at the access point to guide or direct crews to the site.

10. If you have to shelter from an approaching bushfire, stay in a house or solid building, down low, use wet towels to block gaps under doors and blankets to protect yourself from radiant heat. Drink lots of water.

11. Please do not try and out-run a bushfire in a car.

There are a number of detailed Fact Sheets dealing with how to prepare for the Fire Danger Season. These are available on our website or can be obtained by calling us on the numbers listed below.

#### **ARE PROPERTIES IN THE LYNDOCH AREA AT RISK?**

The answer is unfortunately, yes. There are a number of properties that are likely to succumb to ember attack and some of them would be indefensible due to the proximity of trees, bushes and undergrowth to houses, buildings and limited access.

Some of the areas of concern are:

- In Lyndoch, properties in the triangle bounded by Gilbert Street, Filsell Road and Jollytown Road.
- The majority of Altona.
- Properties along Pimpala Road and Krieg Road.
- Properties along the hills face zone.

What can you do? Apart from the obvious bushfire preparations, you may want to consider forming a Community Fire Safe Group as has been done in the Goldfields, Gottwald Road and Cromer areas. The CFS has facilitators available to help groups get started. Call one of the contacts listed below.

#### **INCIDENTS ATTENDED – DECEMBER 2004**

- Lyndoch was sent as part of the Barossa Group Strike Team sent to a deliberately lit fire at Anstey’s Hill.
- Lyndoch was responded to a **rubbish fire** at Altona. S A Police and the Fire Prevention Officer from The Barossa Council attended.
- Lyndoch was responded to a **rubbish fire** on Filsell Road. An expiation notice was issued by the Fire Prevention Officer from The Barossa Council.
- Lyndoch responded to a car fire in Gilbert Street. A member of the public using a small extinguisher safely extinguished the fire, limiting damage to the car.
- Williamstown and Lyndoch were responded to a structure fire on Winter’s Road at Williamstown. Lyndoch was stopped en-route.

- Lyndoch investigated a smoke sighting toward Rosedale. Two sources were evident as fires were burning near Roseworthy and Mallala.

#### **INCIDENTS ATTENDED – JANUARY 2005**

- Lyndoch extinguished a **rubbish fire** on Gilbert Street. SA Police attended.
- Concordia and Lyndoch responded to a tree fallen on Balmoral Road, Lyndoch was stopped en-route.
- Both brigades then helped to remove a tree blown against a house at Rosedale.
- The same day, Lyndoch sent an appliance to investigate a smoke sighting near Trial Hill. Low cloud on the day looked like smoke.
- Lyndoch removed a tree branch obstructing Gilbert Street.
- Lyndoch responded with many other brigades to a deliberately lit grass and scrub fire in the Devil's Nose area of the Para Wirra National Park. Fixed wing and helicopter water bombers were deployed for this fire.
- Lyndoch assisted Williamstown in tracing a smoke sighting near Allendale Road. Nothing found.
- Lyndoch despatched a Strike Team to the Mt Osmond fire as part of the Barossa Group response.
- On the same day, Lyndoch and many other brigades responded to multiple smoke sightings in the area attributed to the Mt Osmond fire.
- Lyndoch assisted Williamstown to locate a smoke sighting near the Whispering Wall. Fortunately the smoke sighting was mist rising off the water.
- Hours later, Lyndoch assisted Concordia and Williamstown to extinguish a deliberately lit grass fire on Allendale Road.

- Lyndoch cleared away a large pine tree that had fallen across a driveway on Jollytown Road.

Lyndoch was not called on to send a crew to the Eyre Peninsula fire. Our task was to cover neighbouring Barossa Group brigades and out of area brigades that had sent resources to the Eyre Peninsula.

IT IS DISTURBING THAT THE CFS IS BEING CALLED ON REGULARLY TO EXTINGUISH RUBBISH FIRES IN THE FIRE DANGER SEASON, MAINLY AFTER IT HAS RAINED.

**A REMINDER !!!** – EVEN IF IT HAS RAINED OR IS RAINING IT IS AN OFFENCE TO LIGHT A FIRE IN THE OPEN IN THE FIRE DANGER SEASON WITHOUT A PERMIT.

**HEAVY PENALTIES APPLY.**

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## Grapevine Article – March 2005

### A CLOSER LOOK AT THE EYRE PENINSULA FIRE DEVASTATION

**Two Lyndoch CFS brigade members have seen the devastation on the Eyre Peninsula first hand while giving Theo, Sylvia and Mark Modra a hand. The Modra's lost two farms of 1000 acres each, one at Edillilie and another at North Shields, fortunately a wind change saved their Greenpatch property.**

Brenton Edwards had met Mark through Lutheran Youth and Glyn Schirmer knew the family from 18 months spent in Port Lincoln. A telephone call was made offering assistance. This was gratefully accepted.

It was not a hard decision then to spend twelve days working on the properties. They tell me it was hard work but very rewarding working with up to fifteen people on some days from all around the state who new the family and had pitched in to help.

The tasks for Brenton and Glyn included:

- Removing dead sheep to an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) approved pit, 600 out of 1000 died.
- Ripping clay pits for the contract clay spreader.
- Sorting and then salvaging a few items from burnt out sheds and buildings.
- Removing, stacking and then securing roofing iron in bundles.
- De-fencing, then carting and stacking the rolls of wire and droppers ready for EPA organised pick up and transport to a central compacting area.
- Clearing fence lines and tree stumps with an articulated loader.
- Setting out fence lines, boring post-holes and erecting posts.
- Machinery modification, repairs and maintenance.

#### Observations

- There was no ash on the ground but a lot of sand drift. Most of the ash had blown away within hours of the fire and some roads required grading the day after to remove sand drifts.
- Although smoke was not visible and there was no risk, standing trees had their roots still smouldering in the ground two weeks after the fire.
- The intensity of the fire melted a "tinnie" on a trailer, leaving a trail of aluminium down a slope alongside the shed.
- A computer tower sat on a filing cabinet in a burnt-out room. Did they lose all their information and records?

- Vineyards, yes vineyards on the EP, were severely burnt and many remaining vines were affected by radiant heat from crown fires in adjacent gum trees.
- The fire front burnt under a partly constructed timber framed, wooden floored house on stumps and only scorched the timber.
- Tail-shafts on a 4WD ute burnt in the fire had exploded and flattened out, while the gearbox had also exploded before it had started to melt. The engine was a mass of melted metal.
- The top off an exploded 60litre drum was found 65 metres away.
- No trace of fourteen bales of wool could be found in the ruins of a raised shearing shed. The two wool presses were destroyed; rams de-chromed and motors melted.
- The KGL Bedford truck, grain auger, grinder mixer (feed mill) and forklift next door were reduced to scrap.

#### Anecdotes

- A person assembled items on the kitchen table ready to pack in to the car later. The fire arrived so quickly all items were left as the person fled. The entire property was destroyed.  
**Lesson** - Have a plan, but please make the decision to leave early.
- A CFS volunteer checked on his house after the fire passed. It seemed OK. Many hours later when he returned, it was a burnt out shell.  
**Lesson** – Keep checking all buildings, particularly roof spaces for at least 12 hours as smouldering embers can still ignite long after the fire has passed.
- Thunder was heard above the noise of the fire. This was likely to be smoke gas explosions which occur when superheated unburnt fuel in the smoke gets enough oxygen to burn instantaneously (explode).  
**Lesson** – Driving through thick smoke can be deadly, not only from lack of visibility and oxygen, the smoke may well become a fireball.
- Mains water to a house was cut off when the fire burnt the above ground poly pipe. Buckets filled from a rain water tank were used to save three sheds.  
**Lesson** – Make sure you have high volume metal piped outlets on alternative water supplies high enough off the ground to fill buckets, and plenty of buckets.
- Poly pipe buried 300mm underground had melted from the intense heat.  
**Lesson** – If it is an essential water supply, bury poly pipe at least 500mm.
- Even after the fire front had passed the heat was extraordinary, it was hard to breathe and very difficult to see what was smouldering and therefore where to direct limited quantities of water.

**Lesson** – Protective clothing, a damp face-washer or mask to breathe through and goggles to stop eyes from watering are essential items if you intend to stay and defend your property.

### Lighter moments

- Brenton is reportedly still trying to forget what two week old burnt dead sheep smell like and how difficult it is to hold your breath while loading them.
- Glyn says he has flashbacks to the throttle jammed wide open on the articulated loader just as the left front wheel was rolling into a big hole where a tree once stood. Until Theo arrived with a new cable, (suitable length of fence wire) the throttle was returned to idle with a piece of twine. Ingenuity is alive and well.
- Brenton apparently starred in an attempt at an “E P Bushfire Relief Calendar” which hopefully will never see production. A strategically placed brick salvaged from one of the ruins protected his modesty.
- The neighbours put on a BBQ for the whole crew and provided joy flights. Glyn says he enjoyed the full 20-minute routine in the stunt plane but tells me he spent the next 30 minutes sitting on a chair on the hangar apron staring at the horizon. Meanwhile Brenton overcame his fear of small planes and went for his first flight in a two-seater just on dusk and still can't believe he just walked up and did it.

The people of the Eyre Peninsula have always had a reputation for their hospitality. It would appear nothing has changed despite their great personal and financial losses.

Thank you for the hospitality and generosity while Brenton and Glyn helped the Modra family clean up, and in a small way assist with the **mammoth** task of restoring the affected properties on the Eyre Peninsula. **All strength and resolve to the people of the Eyre Peninsula**

### LOCAL ISSUES

**A REMINDER - The Fire Danger Season remains in force until the end of April.**

However, permits will begin to be issued in the Light Council area which means smoke will soon be seen across the North Para in the Rosedale, Sheoak Log and Freeling areas as burn offs commence.

### INCIDENTS ATTENDED – FEBRUARY 2005

- Lyndoch assisted Concordia to extinguish a small grass and scrub fire at Kalbeeba started by an electrical supply outage.

- Lyndoch and Concordia responded to a grass fire on Barossa Valley Highway near the Trenal Quarry started by a fencing contractor using power tools. Concordia was stopped en-route as quick acting quarry staff using front end loaders had contained and extinguished the fire, leaving Lyndoch to mop up and black out the area.
- Lyndoch responded to a vehicle rollover on the corner of Krieg Rd and God's Hill Rd. Fortunately neither of the occupants was hurt, but the car was a write-off.
- Lyndoch removed tree branches obstructing the road between Lyndoch and Sandy Creek.
- Lyndoch and Concordia were called to a grass fire on Lyndoch Road/Hentschke Road, Gomersal. The fire started after sparks from an Angle Grinder ignited grass outside the required clear area and flames rapidly exceeded the capacity of the garden hose. Neighbours were quickly on the scene and helped to keep the burnt area down to two acres with minimal property damage.

### DID YOU KNOW???

**It is illegal to use or store Yellow BCF Fire Extinguishers. Free Disposal is available.**

If you have any BCF fire extinguishers, please drop them off at the Fire Station on a Wednesday night and we will arrange disposal. There is **no charge** for this service.

### PERSONNEL

We welcome Shaun Calvert to the brigade, and the family to Lyndoch. A very competent Level 2 Firefighter, the Calvert's have recently moved from Kersbrook to Lyndoch.

As a shift worker, Shaun will be available for day crew, which is very pleasing for the brigade. In fact the day after he signed up at Lyndoch, Shaun was on the appliance attending a smoke sighting and again later in the morning, a grass fire.

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## CARS STOLEN FROM CFS

Sometime between 7:00PM Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and 2:00pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of February, two white station wagon cars were stolen from the Lyndoch CFS Brigade yard. Unknown persons gained access by cutting the bunting and driving across the old Barossa Council maintenance depot shed site. The cars were then loaded on to a car trailer or light truck. Two cars were removed so there was either one vehicle and two trips of two vehicles and one trip.

Vehicles removed were a

- White Datsun 200B station wagon.
- White Holden Camira station wagon, rego number UVO 744

These vehicles have been used for Road Crash Rescue training with severe structural and panel damage. The Datsun 200B has the right hand side doors removed. Further road crash rescue training was to take place on these vehicles but that is now no longer possible.

In any member of the Lyndoch community witnessed any vehicles removing these training resources from the Lyndoch CFS Brigade site, please report the information to Williamstown Police on 8524 6288.

Thankyou

**Neville Kies - Lyndoch Brigade Captain**



# Lyndoch CFS

## Grapevine Article – April 2005

**“THANK YOU” TO THE COMMUNITY, YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.**

The Lyndoch CFS Brigade would like to thank the following people and organisations:

- Lyndoch Primary School Principal Steve Wallis-Yarrow and eleven fellow teachers who enthusiastically undertook Fire Extinguisher theory and the ten teachers who went on to use Dry Powder, Carbon Dioxide and Foam extinguishers during live fire training with the brigade at the Fire Station on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> March.
- The St Jakobi staff is scheduled to do the same training later in the year.
- The now disbanded Williamstown Rural Watch from which the Lyndoch and Williamstown CFS Brigades each received \$500 via Senior Constable Bryan Dicker. This money will be used to purchase fire fighting equipment and training aids.
- Again to Orlando Wyndham Wines for their part funding of a second Command and Logistics vehicle for the Barossa Group. The suitably equipped Holden Rodeo dual-cab 4wd was delivered on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- Gawler St John Ambulance Brigade members for taking part in a joint training session on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The simulated incident was a multi vehicle collision involving a busload of people, a car whose driver had spinal injuries and a cyclist who ended up underneath the bus.
- Families and friends of Gawler St John volunteers and Lyndoch CFS Cadet Reece Brown who were the casualties on the night and added realism with appropriate make up, screaming and cries of pain.
- St Jakobi School Principal Darryl Trigg for the use of the school bus during the joint training session
- Lyndoch CFS Brigade Auxiliary member Andy Prince for supplying a car for us to use during the training session with Gawler St John. As the training had been planned for some time, the impact of the theft of two of our training vehicles last month was about to be felt by a large number of volunteers.

**P.S. If you have an old vehicle suitable for training purposes, please call us.**

**While the Lyndoch CFS Brigade exists to serve the community and we therefore “do our bit” within the community, the volunteers who make up the Brigade sincerely appreciate the generosity of people and organisations in our community who reflect our efforts with their continued support.**

### REMINDERS

- **The Fire Danger Season remains in force until the 30<sup>th</sup> of April.**
- **If you have not already done so, please change the battery in your smoke alarm and check the operation of all smoke alarms in the house, including hard wired smoke alarms.**
- **Please review your escape plan and meeting point in case of a house fire and talk it through with your family.**
- **Now would be a good time to clean the chimney or flue pipe ready for the cooler months. As well as cleaning out the soot, check the ceiling space to make sure there are no bird nests next to the chimney or flue pipe.**
- **It is illegal to use or store Yellow BCF Fire Extinguishers. Free disposal is available by dropping them off at the Fire Station on a Wednesday night.**

### INCIDENTS ATTENDED – MARCH 2005

- Lyndoch and Williamstown were despatched to a motor vehicle accident on “Lyndoch Road at the ‘S’ bend near the railway line”. This turned out to be yet another vehicle that had left the road and gone through Batten’s fence near the Wheatsheaf at Gawler. Police and Gawler MFS attended the scene.

**This call does highlight the advantage of calling your local brigade whose members are familiar with the local area and landmarks.**

- Lyndoch, Concordia Roseworthy and Sheoak Log were responded to a fixed alarm at PIRSA Turretfield. No action was required.

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# Now Recruiting



## CFS Operational Member

Volunteer Fire Fighters are trained to deal with all kinds of emergencies including:

- First Aid
- Bush and grass fires
- Structural fires
- Storm damage and floods
- Motor vehicle accidents

## CFS Non-Operational Member

Auxiliary members provide a range of services such as:

- Radio operations
- Logistics
- Catering
- Administration

## Who's Eligible?

- Ages 18 → Seniors
- Male / Female

## What Do You Get Out Of It?

- Opportunity for Community Service
- Teamwork with like minded people
- Looks good on your Resume
- Lyndoch CFS has highly qualified trainers with broad experience
- Nationally Accredited Training

## Previous Experience?

- Not required as Training is provided.

Left to Right G Schirmer (Senior 2), J Edwards, D Pritchard, N Kies (Captain), R Batten, S Barker, S Emms (Lieutenant 1) S Calvert, A Watson, B Edwards (Lieutenant 2)  
Photographer: V Elsworth (Senior 1)

# The Recent Spate Of Illegal Backyard Burning Has Highlighted That Many People Are Unaware Of Their Obligations

Here are the basics for domestic backyard burning, outside the fire danger season.

1. Backyard burning is only allowed from **Monday to Saturday**.
2. Fires must **not be lit before 10am**.
3. Fires must be **completely extinguished by 3pm**.
4. **Only perfectly dry wood, paper and prunings** can be burnt in a clean hot burn.
5. Leaves, lawn clippings and other garden refuse should be composted or disposed of via the "Green Waste" pickup service. The Barossa Council encourages these options.
6. It is an offence to burn Treated Pine and items containing plastics.
7. Smoke that is offensive to neighbours is reportable.
8. The only fires allowed at night are home heaters and outside fires principally used for cooking or "comfort fires" not exceeding 1 metre by 1 metre, using clean dry wood.
9. Penalty - \$100 on the spot fine issued by The Barossa Council or the EPA.
10. [These are Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) regulations, not CFS or Council regulations. The CFS puts out the fires. The Barossa Council administers the regulations along with the EPA and SA Police.](#)

**Bonfires at locations outside township boundaries must not be burnt at night and must comply with items 1 to 7 above.**

If you require further information on domestic or rural burning, pick up a "Fact Sheet" from your local Council Office or call Phil Herrmann at The Barossa Council on 8563 8444 or 0417 875 559, **before** you burn.

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## Lyndoch CFS Brigade Now Recruiting

Lyndoch CFS is actively looking for additional Volunteers right now.

If you can volunteer some time we can train you in any number of skills to enable you to perform across a variety of roles.

Regardless of which role(s) you wish to undertake the CFS will provide full training by experienced and qualified trainers.

The CFS offers a range of roles including:

- Firefighter
- Radio Operation
- Catering
- Administration Support
- Operational Support
- Community Education
- Fundraising

You will be working side by side with other volunteers in times of emergency and you will learn new and valuable skills that will assist you in day-to-day life and in your workplace.

Most of all you get to help make your community a safer place to live in and enjoy the support of the rest of your community for your efforts.

All members of the Service will tell you that the personal benefits they receive more than compensate for the time invested.

Ideally we would like all members to have Basic Firefighting Skills and First Aid but for those who wish to take on a Non-Operational Role this is optional.

Once you have acquired these skills we will ensure that these are maintained through regular training.

Volunteers are expected to attend Brigade training sessions that usually occur on a weekly basis. You will be told how much time you are expected to commit when you speak with your local Brigade.

As a CFS volunteer you are not expected to pay for your protective clothing uniform or the training necessary to undertake your role.

For more information regarding Joining the CFS, please contact:  
Glyn Schirmer (Brigade Liaison Officer) on 08 8524 4503

For all other enquires please contact:  
Neville Kies (Captain) on 0417 245 128



# Lyndoch CFS

## Grapevine Article – August 2005

**LYNDOCH CFS BRIGADE VOLUNTEERS HAVE HAD ANOTHER BUSY YEAR RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR HELP, BOTH IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND BEYOND!**

### INCIDENT RESPONSE 2004/2005

The brigade was responded to 117 incidents during the last twelve months. This compares to 100 in 2003/04.

A wide variety of skills were put to use during the year dealing with the following incidents.

Vehicle fire	3
Vehicle assistance	4
Vehicle accident	12
Rubbish fire	12
Scrub fire	6
Grass fire	8
Controlled burn	6
Strike Team	3
Haystack fire	1
Structural fire	4
Smoke sighting	7
Malicious call	2
Provide assistance	2
Power lines	1
Equipment Malfunction	2
Hazmat	1
Severe weather	8
Electrical fire	6
Flooding	7
Tree down	13
Fixed alarm	8
Animal rescue	1

It is a reflection of our continuous training and safety standards that all incidents were completed efficiently at all hours of the day and night, often under trying conditions, without injury.

### INCIDENTS – JULY 2005

**July has also been busy. So far the brigade has:**

- Attended a motor vehicle accident between Lyndoch and Sandy Creek. A Recovery Team from the Royal Adelaide Hospital stabilized the driver and passenger before being transported in a serious condition. The vehicle was a write-off.
- Responded to a report that a vehicle was in danger of sliding on to the railway line near the railway bridge at Altona. This turned out to be a bogged vehicle posing no danger.
- Called to assist Concordia at a vehicle fire on Balmoral Road. Stop called en route.
- Assisted Concordia to mop up a structure fire at the old Scout Hall on Goldfields Road. Unfortunately the fire destroyed the building.
- Assisted Williamstown to cut up and remove a large gum tree that had fallen across Wirra Wirra road.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July the following office bearers were elected for the next two years.

### Operational Group

<b>Captain</b>	Neville Kies
<b>First Lieutenant</b>	Shane Emms
<b>Second Lieutenant</b>	Brenton Edwards
<b>Third Lieutenant</b>	Gavin Laycock
<b>Senior Firefighter 1</b>	Vaughn Elsworth
<b>Senior Firefighter 2</b>	Glyn Schirmer
<b>Communications Officer</b>	Shane Emms
<b>Training Officer</b>	Vaughn Elsworth
<b>Equipment Officer</b>	Bruce Henderson
<b>Logistics Officer</b>	Scott Barker
<b>Administration Officer</b>	Jacque Edwards
<b>OHS&amp;W Officer</b>	Richard Schiller
<b>Cadet Coordinator</b>	Brenton Edwards
<b>Group Representative</b>	Neville Kies
<b>VFBA Representative</b>	Neville Kies
<b>Brigade Liaison Officer</b>	Glyn Schirmer

### Management Group

<b>President</b>	Brenton Edwards
<b>Vice President</b>	Glyn Schirmer
<b>Captain</b>	Neville Kies
<b>Administration Officer</b>	Jacque Edwards
<b>Additional Member (s)</b>	Gavin Laycock Vaughn Elsworth Scott Barker

### PERSONNEL

We welcome two new members to the Brigade. Lee McCormack has commenced as a trainee firefighter and Jake Humble has joined as a cadet. Lee is a Spare Parts Interpreter at Steinborner Holden while Jake, the son of long serving brigade member Peter Humble, is finally old enough to commence formal training with the brigade.

### TRAINING

Four members from Lyndoch participated in a training day for brigades in the Barossa Group. Mt Pleasant brigade hosted the training that focused on LPG gas fires.

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A QUIET MONTH FOR LYNDOCH CFS VOLUNTEERS!

### Nil, Nix, Nought, Nothing

At the time of writing, the Lyndoch brigade has not been called to a single incident so far this month. Thank you:

- To those people who have taken extra care on the road over winter, please don't lower your guard now.
- To those people who have observed safety first while heating the family home, thank you. Please keep it up.

We would be happy if this zero incident response continued, but we know it won't. Therefore, training continues.

### Training

Lieutenant Shane Emms attended a Road Crash Rescue update program. These sessions are provided on a regular basis by CFS, and ensure brigades are aware of ongoing technical developments and changes to rescue techniques.

In addition, individual Road Crash Rescue operators have to be re-accredited every two years.

Lyndoch Captain Neville Kies attended the Captains Conference held in Adelaide for all captains in Regions 1 and 2. The two-day conference was focused on operational and logistical issues, with particular reference to the coming Fire Danger Season and the outcomes of Project Phoenix. Project Phoenix is the inquiry conducted by the CFS into the Eyre Peninsula fires of January 2005.

Group Training Officer Vaughn Elsworth (Lyndoch Senior 1) conducted a Level 2 course at Williamstown for some twenty five (25) CFS volunteers, including one from Lyndoch. It is good to see such a large number of people rising to the challenge and increasing their skill level before the Fire Danger Season.

Lyndoch joined Concordia for a training night with the Dalkeith HAZMAT appliance.

Dalkeith has specialist crews and equipment for handling hazardous materials incidents and could be responded to the Barossa area.

Training therefore focussed on the roles local Firefighters could safely undertake to assist the HAZMAT crews at an incident.

### 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, chains and drive shafts.

Not only will you avoid damage, downtime and costly repairs, you may well be preventing a fire that results from overloaded or overheating equipment.

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

It is also time to spray grassed areas around the home, sheds and fence lines as part of good house keeping. Once the grass has died off, a general tidy up to remove leaf litter, twigs and old timber is all part of a sound fire prevention strategy.

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## Grapevine Article – October 2005

THE LYNDOCH COMMUNITY IS NOT IMMUNE FROM TRAGEDY!

### Incidents – September 2005

**After such a quiet month in August, September has been a difficult month for the community and CFS volunteers alike.**

During September Lyndoch crews were responded to:

- A fatal accident on the corner of Barossa Valley Highway and Trial Hill Road. Nuriootpa Road Crash Rescue was also responded as the incident was first reported as being at Jacob's Creek. Condolences are extended from the Lyndoch CFS Brigade members to those involved in this tragic loss of life. The Lyndoch crew, which attended the incident, is undertaking a CFS Stress Prevention And Management program to minimise the impact on individuals.
- Pump out a flooded cellar at a house in Lyndoch.
- A single vehicle accident on Gilbert Street. This turned out to be on Pimpala Road where a car had veered off the road and in to a ditch. Lyndoch was stopped en-route by SA Police who had determined that no one was at the scene and that the car was well off the road.
- A reported single vehicle accident on Pimpala road, with a person in the vehicle. This turned out to be the same incident from the previous day. However, it was alarming to see teenagers standing on the road, on a blind corner, just looking at the accident while vehicles sped past with drivers trying to negotiate the corner and look at the accident scene.
- A house fire at Palmer. Three Lyndoch members together with Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus were despatched. A stop call was received en-route.
- A road crash on Pimpala Road near Cockatoo Valley. Williamstown and Concordia were also responded but stop called en-route. The driver and passenger of the late model Holden Commodore had left the scene and were possibly injured as Air Bags had deployed. The impact with two trees was such that the vehicle was considered a write-off.
- Assist Orlando Wyndham staff at Rowland Flat to isolate a damaged Fire Hydrant.
- A fire at the Lyndoch Hotel. Lyndoch, Williamstown and Concordia crews wearing CABA contained and extinguished the fire. Fire Cause Investigators from the Metropolitan Fire Service and SA Police attended the scene and

determined the cause as an electrical fault in old wiring in metal conduit. While the fire was mainly in the roof and ceiling space, significant smoke and water damage occurred within the Hotel.

- A two-car accident near the Golf Course at Sandy Creek. While Lyndoch, Williamstown and Concordia were despatched, Lyndoch and Williamstown received a stop call en-route.

### Calling for Help – Reporting an Emergency Locally

When reporting a CFS related emergency locally, Please do so on: **85244000**.

This number connects you to CFS members in Lyndoch and the CFS State Headquarters and will assist in minimising response time.

The local CFS members can assist in pinpointing a location while State Headquarters simultaneously responds appropriate Emergency Services crews e.g. Police, Ambulance, CFS, MFS or SES.

If unable to remember the local emergency numbers for Police, Fire or Ambulance call **000**.

### Training

- Shane Emms attended a Train Small Groups (Nationally Accredited) course at the CFS State Training Centre at Brukunga. This will enhance Lyndoch's already substantial training expertise.
- Neville Kies and Glyn Schirmer attended a GPS course, again at Brukunga. This is also a Nationally Accredited course that involves map reading and navigating using GPS.

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## Grapevine Article – November 2005

### ARE YOU PREPARED?

#### What can you do now to help you through the Summer Season!

Living in a bush setting is a lifestyle choice for many South Australians. The benefits are enormous but the risks are also real.

Bushfires in Australia are inevitable, and the results can be frightening or devastating as the Eyre Peninsula fires in January demonstrated.

All people living in the bush and suburban fringes are vulnerable and therefore it is important that you have a Bushfire Action Plan and now is the appropriate time to reduce the impact of fire on your property.

Here are some things you can do now to help you through the next few months. How many of these can you check (✓) off:

- Ember-proof the home, eg check the roof space for loose tiles and gaps and repair as necessary
- Slash or mow long grass and remove cut material (unless it can rot down before summer)
- Remove weeds around sheds and fences by spraying or mechanical means
- Cut back trees overhanging the roof
- Remove fallen branches and other debris
- Check and service all mechanical equipment, including grass cutters, water pumps, sprinkler systems and fire extinguishers
- Remove leaves and other foreign material from gutters
- Maintain a 20 Metre fuel reduction zone around your home (greater if on a slope)
- Clear around trees
- Prepare an evacuation kit if you intend to leave (don't leave it to the last minute)  
An evacuation kit may include – some clothes, photos, videos, insurance documents, house deeds etc.

#### Want some more advice?

For more information you can contact the Lyndoch Brigade Captain on 0417 245 128 or the local Regional Prevention Officer of the CFS on 08 8522 6088.

Information is also available via the Lyndoch CFS website

#### Incidents in October

01/10/2005 Private Alarm at Orlando. Due to the power failure in the afternoon, there was

- a failure of one of the backup batteries resulting in the alarm being activated.
- 07/10/2005 A resident in Altona had an un-invited tree drop in on his verandah. The tree was removed off the roof and verandah with the assistance of a work crew from Barossa Council who assisted with a front-end loader. Their assistance was greatly appreciated by the landholder and the Lyndoch CFS Brigade.
- 08/10/2005 A Jollytown road resident contacted the CFS when he was unable to leave his driveway due to a native pine blocking his way. Minor damage was made to one side of the wrought iron gates.
- 12/10/2005 Lyndoch assisted Williamstown CFS at a Vehicle accident on Para Wirra Road. A Courier drivers van lost control on the dirt road and hit a tree. Lyndoch crews used rescue gear to cut the vehicle open to assist the ambulance crew in the extrication of the casualty.
- 15/10/2005 Lyndoch assisted Tanunda CFS as well as Tanunda MFS at a fire in the games room of the Novatel Resort. Crews on arrival found the games room fully involved and heavily smoke logged.
- 19/10/2005 A landholder had a vehicle bogged on his property and was unable to extricate via normal means.

#### Training

- Congratulations to Leigh McCormack. Leigh has just completed his Basic Firefighting 1 Course. This now enables him to ride the CFS appliances and participate at incidents. Well done.

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## Grapevine Article – December 2005

### BUSHFIRE WARNINGS – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND DO!

#### THE FIRE DANGER SEASON STARTS ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2005. PLEASE READ THIS!

- **BUSHFIRE INFORMATION MESSAGES** will be issued when there is a potential threat to public safety in the immediate area of a bushfire.
- **BUSHFIRE WARNING MESSAGES** will be issued when a bushfire, burning out of control under very high to extreme weather conditions, **requires an immediate response from the public to ensure their safety and survival.**

BUSHFIRE INFORMATION AND BUSHFIRE WARNING MESSAGES will be issued via multiple media communication channels including local radio stations and are likely to include the following information:

- The location of the fire;
- Where it is expected to move next;
- The risks faced by people in the area;
- What the public is advised to do about those risks;
- What the Control Agency is doing about the situation.

**WHEN A BUSHFIRE WARNING MESSAGE is issued it will be preceded by a distinctive siren-like sound – the Standard Emergency Warning Signal.**

**Residents will be advised to shelter in their homes and stay off the roads until the danger has passed. For a rapidly moving bushfire, a Bushfire Warning message may be the only information or warning issued.**

While the Police and Emergency Services will provide as much information as possible during a bushfire, it must be remembered that all South Australians have a responsibility to ensure that they are adequately prepared for bushfires and know what to do.

**Each household must make its own decision to:**

- **STAY AND DEFEND** their property;
- **or**
- **GO EARLY**, this means **leaving the area early in the day;**

**Remember:**

- Listen out for Bushfire Messages on days of high and extreme fire danger. A radio with battery

backup is recommended given the high probability of power failure in extreme conditions.

- People who are well prepared and take shelter in their homes have a good chance of surviving a bushfire. A house can survive a bushfire if people remain to extinguish small fires that may have started in and around the house.
- The deadliest option is late evacuation. Residents should not risk being caught in a bushfire whilst on foot or in a vehicle.
- Radiant heat is a killer in a bushfire. Cover up to protect all exposed skin from this invisible heat, and take shelter inside a building.
- Buildings are most commonly ignited by sparks and embers. Buildings will generally survive the initial passage of a bushfire providing adequate preparations have been made.
- If sheltering in a building remain vigilant and keep an eye on what is going on around you as the fire front passes. Check the ceiling space regularly. Move outside the building if it catches fire and you cannot extinguish the fire. Conditions outside may still be hazardous – caution is required.

#### No, it's not a new Fire Station!

The recently erected building at the rear of the CFS property is unfortunately not a new Fire Station. The building is in fact a Store Shed that has been paid for entirely from funds raised by the Lyndoch CFS Brigade volunteers through various activities such as the BBQ at the Lyndoch Street Party.

No Emergency Services Levy funds were used.

A new Fire Station is on the drawing board and is pencilled in for 2008/2009.

The Store Shed will be used to house operational equipment and spares that are currently stored in member's sheds. The shed will also allow an equipment maintenance area to be established instead of using members facilities and equipment.

#### Incidents attended - November

- Lyndoch was responded to assist a motorist stalled in water near Chateau Barrosa.
- Brigade members assisted in mopping up water at the Lord Lyndoch Restaurant.
- Lyndoch provided an appliance and crew as part of the combined Angaston and Barossa Groups' Strike Team that sand bagged houses in the Gawler River area during the recent flooding.
- Lyndoch attended a minor fuel spill in the town centre.

## Training

Lieutenant Shane Emms organised a Road Crash Rescue training exercise with St John volunteers from Gawler. The accident scene involved five teenagers in a car that had collided with a bus carrying school students, resulting in many injuries.

It was valuable training for both CFS and St John volunteers, training we collectively hope we don't have to use.

Thank you to St John Gawler for organising the bloodied casualties and First Aid crews, also St Jakobi for use of the School Bus.

## Congratulations

Firefighter Scott Barker and fiancée Kate Roberts were married on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. The Lyndoch CFS Brigade members wish Scott and Kate all the best for their future life together.

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