



Ken Beames' Linden Observatory
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LINDEN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter November 2013

Next Meeting

Thursday 21 November 2013 7.30 pm

Location: RFS Shed, Burke Road, Linden

■ Dates for your diary

November 21	Members meeting
December 8	Family Christmas Party
December 15	Bushcare work afternoon
January 27	Australia Day Sausage Sizzle

■ Carols in Gloria Park, Hazelbrook

The Hazelbrook Association has invited Linden residents to attend their carols concert in Gloria Park on Saturday 7 December. Hazelbrook RFS will be putting on a fundraising barbeque starting at 5.00 pm and drinks will also be on sale. Alternatively, you can BYO food and drinks. The carols will start at 7.00pm and will be led by Lionel's Community Band and Kate's Singers, with our own Greg North as MC.

■ Linden Family Christmas Party – Sunday 8 December

Come along to the Linden Family Christmas party in the Kings Cave Park, Burke Road on **Sunday 8 December from 3.00pm**. The clowns will be making a special appearance again (from 3.30pm) and it is also rumoured that Santa will be there too! More details will be distributed closer to the date.

■ RFS Community Engagement Update

Along with other brigades in the mountains, Linden has been kept busy especially during September and October. The 'Hawkesbury Heights Fire' commenced on the afternoon of 10 September and Linden was first on scene at the end of Yellow Rock Road, Yellow Rock, to report the fire had jumped and was burning within the National Park at the end of the road. Days later the fire was extinguished with one home and four structures destroyed. Eleven firefighters were injured mainly due to smoke inhalation.

We then had a respite from fires and held our Open Day on Sat, 28 September, 2013. Thank you to all RFS members who assisted to make the day a success. Special thanks to Kathy for organising the Linden Citz Garage Sale.

A hot Thursday, 17 October, 2013 dawned and by midday increasingly stronger winds brought down power lines and sparked the 'Linksvie Road (Springwood) Fire'. It spread swiftly and ferociously engulfed 193 homes in Winmalee, Yellow Rock and Springwood. A further 109 homes were damaged. Luckily, there was no loss of human life within its 3,623ha path of devastation.

On the day before, explosives training on army land at Marrangaroo commenced the 'State Mine (Lithgow) Fire', which over the next few weeks destroyed more homes within its 56,590ha path. Fallen power lines triggered the third fire in the mountains, the 'Mt York Fire'. More than a dozen homes were destroyed in its 9,076ha burnt area.

HAZELBROOK ASSOCIATION

CAROLS

IN GLORIA PARK

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
BBQ - 5PM CAROLS - 7PM

ENJOY AN EVENING BBQ AND REFRESHMENTS
BEFORE JOINING IN THE CAROLS



LIVE IN THE MID MOUNTAINS AND NEED A LIFT?
RING 4759 2592 BY 5TH DEC TO ARRANGE TRANSPORT
WITH OUR FREE COMMUNITY BUS

■ RFS Community Engagement Update - continued

Thank you to all our brigade members who participated in the suppression of these fires. We were able to organise crew shifts 24/7 over 17 days. Special thanks to Bob and Olive Young who headed the wonderful Support Team.

These fires remind us that it cannot be stressed enough that **EVERY** home in Linden be prepared with a completed Bush Fire Survival Plan. You can download your copy from <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>. Hard copies, ready for your completion, are available at our station. For details contact the Brigade Secretary, Jenny Anlezark, at lindenrfs@gmail.com or call Captain Colin on 041 000 2875.

Do not be complacent - **PREPARE! ACT! SURVIVE!**

Suzanne Kinsley, Community Engagement Officer

■ Raffle winners

The recent fundraising raffle was drawn in the park on Sunday 20 October. One of the lucky winners was a Linden local! Thanks so much to all of the raffle tickets sellers, buyers and for the huge generosity from the prize givers. Over \$700 was raised for the Linden Citizens Association making it a huge success.

■ Do your 'Bushcare' bit

More volunteers for Bushcare are still desperately needed. If we don't increase our numbers, Council will not be able to continue to support us. We have started to work near Linden Station – keep an eye out for our progress!

The deal:

- Every third Sunday of the month
- 1:30 – 4:30pm
- Meet at the park
- Help make Linden even better, enjoy some afternoon tea while watching the birds, and learn about managing weeds on your property.
- **15 December – next Bushcare day**

■ Linden's first Second hand Saturday success and excitement!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the first Secondhand Saturday for Linden! There was definitely an increase in traffic made even more apparent when a power line came down near the start of Glossop Road. The power line was brought down by a large branch snapped off a tree with the big winds. It was possibly Linden's first ever traffic jam. A **HUGE** thanks to the RFS who helped manage traffic and people's safety during this time.

■ Linden Directory of Businesses and Services

Would you like to promote your business by listing it free-of-charge in a directory which we propose to publish in both hard copy and on the LCA website? If so, please send your details by one of the following means to Barbara Gow.

- email your electronic business card/vCard/details to barbaragow1@bigpond.com
- Put one of your business cards in the mailbox at 38 Glossop Road

If you have any questions about this, please contact Barbara by email (email address above).

Barbara Gow

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