



Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – June 2008



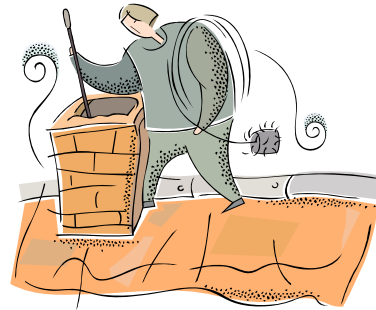
Chimney Fire Preventions

Now is 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.

Fire station attended:

7.30pm to 9.30pm Wednesdays - Phone (08) 8524 5623 Fax: (08) 8524 5128

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.

Incidents Attended – May 2008

May was an extremely quiet month for the Lyndoch CFS Brigade.

Lyndoch 24 Appliance

Some of you may have noticed that another appliance has arrived at Lyndoch. Lyndoch 24 now replaces Lyndoch 14 which has gone to a new home. Neales Flat has relinquished its 24 appliance and taken the 14. Lyndoch 24 is currently set up as our Vehicle Rescue / Rapid Intervention appliance and this will be the case until a replacement for Lyndoch 34 occurs sometime within the next 6 months.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CFS BRIGADE, VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT www.lyndochcfs.com.au

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Training:

Every Wednesday commencing at 7.30pm at the fire station.