



# Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – March 2008



## On A Serious Note

As a point of interest to the Lyndoch Community, in the first week of February this year, the Lyndoch CFS Brigade lost power to the Station. This was caused by the senseless act of a Person or Person's removing the fuse from within the power box. The person(s) could have sustained burns or been electrocuted.

The Lyndoch CFS Brigade lost power to the telephones, radios, paging systems, computer, charging system to the appliances and building lighting – A complete electrical power failure.

This situation could have dramatically reduced the operational capability of your local CFS Brigade to respond and protect life, property and the environment. The Lyndoch CFS Brigades is a volunteer emergency response organisation established to help the community.

Over the past two years, the Lyndoch CFS has had car wrecks stolen that would have been used for Road Crash Rescue Training, vandalism to car wrecks by smashing windows and lights, cans and bottles used for fund raising stolen from the site and now this act of vandalism to remove a power fuse to isolate electrical power to the Fire Station.

If the person or persons who carried out this act are reading this article, you need to consider that your actions could have caused greater damage to property or greater injury to accident victims, or God forbid a loss of life because the Lyndoch CFS Brigade could not respond or even slowed our response time when somebody from our community (even the person's responsible or the family) need help and assistance at possibly a car accident, house fire or an electrocution.

Leave the Lyndoch CFS Brigade property alone and show some respect for the Lyndoch Community, its people and property.

On a more positive note, thank you to Rex Hodgson for attending so promptly at short notice and repairing the problem. Very much appreciated and thank you again.

### Fire station attended:

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

### Incidents Attended – January / February 2008

040	26/01/08	539 – Tree Down Reported Tree Down Barossa Valley Highway
041	27/01/08	901 – Cover Assignment Assist SAPOL – reported Fireworks in area
042	03/02/08	751 – Private Fire Alarm Private Residence – Warm Fluoro light in lounge
043	24/02/08	322 – Vehicle Accident with Injuries Motorbike vs Car – near Rowland Flat

As we commented on in the last article, we have had a quiet Christmas & New Year period and hope this continues. We are usually up around the 60 - 70 calls mark by this time of the year.

The continuing dry and windy weather however does still pose problems for all. Australian Native trees become stressed and as a result are prone to dropping their branches – be aware of these when working around the garden. The increase in dry leaf material around houses is also still a concern, as we drive around our town we still see roofs with leaves and bark banking up around the gutters. Fire will by its very nature consume fuels that are smaller than 6mm more readily than it will fuels larger in size. We need to be mindful now of the continuing risk that fire poses to us and our property and take remedial action as appropriate.

### An Important Reminder

Should you see anyone lighting a fire or suspicious behaviour around Lyndoch's parks and reserves please call the Police immediately on:

**Williamstown Police 8524 6288**

**Nuriootpa Police 8568 6620**



IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CFS BRIGADE, VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT [www.lyndochcfs.com.au](http://www.lyndochcfs.com.au)

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### Training:

Every Wednesday commencing at 7.30pm at the fire station.