

Trio recognised for more than 150 years of combined service

Two senior members of District 5 HQ Brigade, both former CFA career officers, were recognised for their long and dedicated service at a recent function.

Presented with their 55 year and 50 year service medals respectively were **Daryl Love** and **Henry Barton**. New Hamilton Airbase Manager, **Simon Wilson** was also presented with a 50 year service medal.

The awards were presented at a District 5 Headquarters Brigade meeting by Assistant Chief Fire Officer **Richard Bourke**.

Daryl Love commenced his CFA service as a member of Nhill Fire Brigade. He spent his early years as a career firefighter at Dandenong and Geelong City before being promoted to Station Officer at Warrnambool then moving to Fiskville as an Instructor.

Daryl moved back to Warrnambool in 1983 as OIC of Warrnambool and a District 5 Operations Officer. From 2001 until he retired in 2012, Daryl was a District 5 Instructor and many CFA firefighters in the south west are indebted to his professional knowledge and skill.

Henry Barton commenced a similar distinguished career as a volunteer at Montrose in 1971 and Tatura from 1974. He started as a recruit at Fiskville in 1976 followed by postings to Boronia, Bendigo and Geelong City.

Henry moved to Warrnambool in 1985 and was a District Operations Officer from 2002 until he retired in 2016. Since then he has been regularly called on, as one of the most experienced CFA Incident Controllers, to manage a wide range of incidents in the south west.

Simon Wilson was a member of Gazette Fire Brigade for 40 years and has been a District 5 Headquarters Brigade member since 2007.

Simon has been a qualified Air Observer and Bomber Loader for many years and took over the important role of Hamilton Airbase Manager following the passing of Leighton Wraith. Bombing grass and scrub fires and laying retardant in the path of a fire have become an essential part of fighting fires. CFA appliances on the ground, air attack and the team at the air-



From left: Simon Wilson, Neil Sandford, Trevor Sweeney, Richard Litt, Morna Semmens, Lynne Carter, Neil Gough, Susie Stevenson, Mark Stevenson, Barry Moran, Henry Barton, Daryl Love and Ron Eastwood.

port provide a modern professional approach to combating bush fires.

Other service medals were presented during the evening to the following members: **Neil Gough** (35 years), **Barry Moran** (30 years), **Mark Stevenson** (25 years), **Neil Sandford** (20 years), **Morna Semmens**, **Lynne Carter** (both 15 years), **Trevor Sweeney**, **Susie Stevenson** (both 10 years) **Ron Eastwood** and **Richard Litt** (both 5 years).

PRODUCT REVIEW

Fire alert; prepare now

(information supplied by Australian Pump Industries)

No company is more conscious of the extreme fire danger facing us this season than Australian Pump Industries. The huge build up of fuel in bushland and the potential for massive grass-fires is very real.

AUSSIE PUMP ACTION

Australian Pump is the only business of its kind in Australia that produces free Bushfire Survival Guides to help home and property owners prepare for fire. The company not only produces thousands of these guides but actively supports volunteer brigades across the country.

“We believe that even farmers and people living in the urban fringe can become complacent,” said Aussie Pumps’ **Tyson Siecker**. “That’s why we work so hard to provide education for folks who aren’t experienced with pump selection, the operation of firefighting gear or even

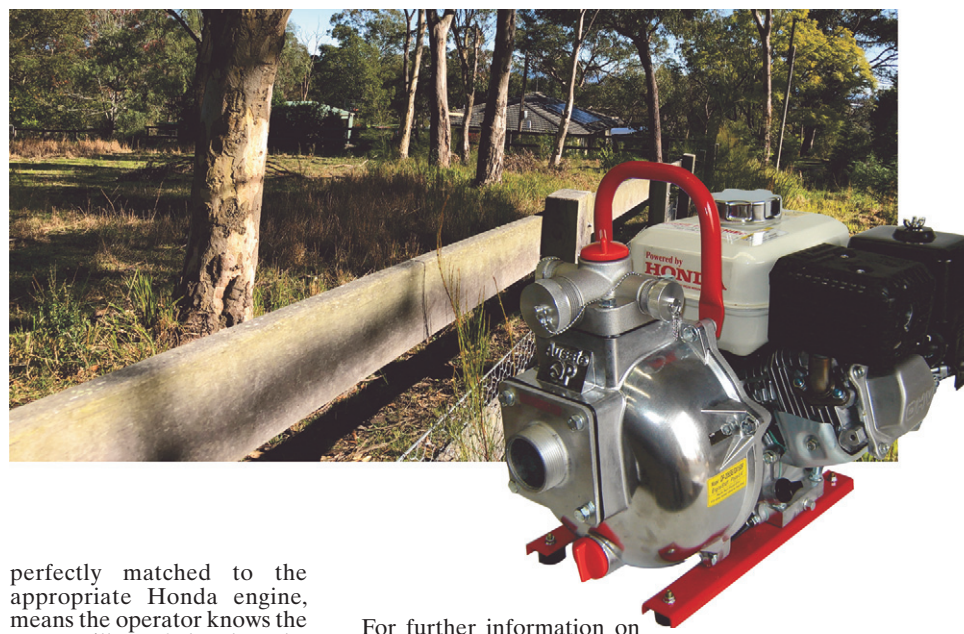
the precautions needed to prepare a house or farm before the firestorm hits.”

AUSSIE FIRE CHIEF

The development of this product explains why it is being highly regarded as being the best lightweight portable fire pump in the world. Aussie’s Chief Engineer **John Hales**, stumbled over a top quality Japanese 3” transfer pump in his travels.

Looking at the bowl of that 3” pump, gave him the inspiration of working on the project of a 7” heavy duty one piece impeller that could produce more water at pressure than any other product of its type on the market at the time.

The pump that was born out of that combination of inspiration and existing top quality high tech engineering, is the Fire Chief. The fact that it is



perfectly matched to the appropriate Honda engine, means the operator knows the pump will not fade when the pressure is on and will produce extraordinary performance.

Out of the Fire Chief came the ‘Mr T’ twin impeller pump that is now available not only in its standard 2” version with three way head, but also in a 3” configuration as well. That pump, produces remarkable flow at pressure. For example, at 70 m head, the 3” Mr T model QPT305SLT/GX390E produces 300 lpm! At 80 m head, it produces 200 lpm. Extraordinary performance figures designed to put as much water on the fire as possible, as quickly as possible.

“We’re proud of our efforts in this area and can see why the Fire Chief was selected for the California and Oregon fires where we had to air freight hundreds of these pumps to the States during their hour of need,” said Siecker.

For further information on the Aussie Fire Chief, its features, value for money and performance is available from aussiepumps.com.au. To find out why the Aussie Fire Chief is better scan here.



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2022 Rural Competitions

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DISTRICT	DAY & DATE	LOCATION
District 6	Sun Feb 27	Beeac
District 19 (combined with D18)	Sun Feb 27	Charlton
District 24	Sun Feb 27	Bethanga
District 2	Sun Mar 6	Mandurang
District 7	Sun Mar 6	Connewarre
District 23	Sun Mar 6	Eldorado
District 2	Sun Mar 13	Mandurang
District 14	Sun Mar 20	Plenty
District 15/16	Sun Mar 20	Smythesdale
District 22	Sun Mar 20	Mooroopna

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– MOOROOPNA – 26 MARCH, 2022

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– MOOROOPNA – 27 MARCH, 2022

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URBAN COMPETITIONS 2022

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ORGANISATION	DAY & DATE	VENUE	START	ENTRY	CONTACT	PHONE
GMFBFA	Sat Jan 22	Swan Hill		0900	Snrs/jnrs Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Combined Gippsland	Sat Jan 22	Maffra	0845	Snrs/jnrs	Helen White	0428 329 233
Combined Gippsland	Sat Jan 29	Sale	0845	Snrs/jnrs	Helen White	0428 329 233
WDFBA	Sat Jan 29	Osborne Park	0930	Juniors	Eddy Rees	0437 959 930
WDFBA	Sun Jan 30	Osborne Park	0930	Seniors	Eddy Rees	0437 959 930
NEFBA	Sun Jan 30	Benalla	0900	Snrs/jnrs	Steve Phillips	0419 586 772
Combined East Central	Sat Feb 5	TBC	0845	Snrs/jnrs	David Baptist	0459 283 174
GMFBFA	Sat Feb 5	Bendigo	0900	Juniors	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
GMFBFA	Sun Feb 6	Bendigo	0900	Seniors	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
District 17	Sun Feb 6	Stawell	0900	Snrs/jnrs	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131
Comb Gippsland	Sat Feb 12	Morwell	0845	Snrs/jnrs	Helen White	0428 329 233
WDFBA	Sat Feb 12	Colac	0930	Juniors	Kim Tucker	0411 452 046
Eastern Districts	Sat Feb 19	TBC	TBA	Seniors	Brad Miller	0400 876 325
GMFBFA	Sat Feb 19	Tatura	0900	Juniors	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
GMFBFA	Sun Feb 20	Tatura	0900	Seniors	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Eastern Districts	Sun Feb 20	TBC	TBA	Juniors	Brad Miller	0400 876 325
District 17	Sun Feb 20	TBC	0900	Snrs/jnrs	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131
Comb Gippsland	Sat Feb 26	Morwell	0845	Snrs/jnrs	Helen White	0428 329 233
WDFBA	Sat Feb 26	Warrnambool	0930	Juniors	Malcolm Bishop	0407 041 365
WDFBA	Sun Feb 27	Warrnambool	0930	Seniors	Malcolm Bishop	0407 041 365
GMFBFA	Sun Feb 27	Kyenton	0900	Juniors	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
Combined East Central	Sat Mar 5	TBC	100	Seniors	David Baptist	0459 283 174
GMFBFA	Sat Mar 5	Echuca	0900	Snrs/jnrs	Harold Jochs	0428 352 933
District 17	Sun Mar 6	Horsham	0900	Snrs/jnrs	Sarah Simmons	0439 499 131

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