

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
**TO:** Competing Brigades & State Competition Committee  
**FROM:** Mark Dryden – VFBV Executive Officer  
**SUBJECT:** 2024 State Rural Championships – Mooroopna, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached some additional material relating to this year's State Championships, being held in Mooroopna on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Mooroopna Recreation Reserve, Midland Highway:

- This year's Team entries and Rankings.
- Line Up for all competing Brigades for the Official Opening, Saturday.
- Safety Notes for information of officials, coaches and competitors.
- Make-Up Rosters for Saturday (Seniors) and Sunday (Juniors).

Please note the following:

- We have been advised by the 2024 State Championship Committee, that shade awnings 3m wide will be provided for Brigades, this will be first to arrive can claim a spot. However, Brigades are recommended and permitted to utilise their own marquees as well. If Brigades require additional space above 3m, Brigade awnings are permitted to be erected on the ground.
- Parking is available within the Recreation Reserve.
- Under state legislation and local Council policy, smoking is not permitted within the Championship grounds. All areas of the track, and surrounding areas in use such as seating areas, brigade marquees, sponsor marquees and catering areas will be designated non-smoking zones.. All Brigade members and spectators are requested to please observe the No Smoking requirement.
- The wearing of a go pro camera, video camera or similar devices by a competitor whilst competing in an event, is not permitted.
- The State Competition Committee encourages competitors to wear gloves on safety grounds.
- CFA is funding a BBQ Lunch for Junior competitors on the Sunday, and all Junior competitors will be provided a voucher to obtain their free lunch, which will be available from within the grounds.
- Teams are requested to ensure that a brigade member is available for Make Up per the attached roster. All make up crew members are requested to be wearing appropriate attire including closed toe shoes.
- **OFFICIAL OPENING:** The Official Opening on Saturday will commence **at 0820 hours**, and all Brigades are requested to be in attendance **by 0745 hours** for Roll Call and assembly. The Opening Ceremony on Sunday will commence at 0830 hours.

For the Official Opening on Saturday, all competing Brigades are to line up 'in file' behind the Echelon Movement Brigades, in alphabetical order – from the right hand side of the oval when viewed from the Dais, to the left hand side. VFBV officials will direct Brigades to their position. Please see attached sheet of the line up for all Brigades.

Brigades in the Echelon Movement will wear CFA Dress Uniform. Brigades lined up behind should be in their competition running gear. The Echelon Movement Brigades will comprise six members and a Commander.

*Further details to be included in CFA's Circular, which will be distributed prior to the Championship*

- **TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION – SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH IN MOOROOPNA**

Brigades competing in the rural events at this year's State Championships are encouraged to take part in the Torchlight Procession on Saturday evening 23<sup>rd</sup> March commencing at 2030 hours.

This year's Torchlight Procession will be conducted with LED powered torches, replacing the traditional kerosene torches. Any brigade participating in the Torchlight Procession will be supplied with LED torches and a Name Plate which will need to be picked up from the Hose Repair personnel located in the large shed at the Western End of the Pumper Track at the Urban Championship from 1400 hours on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. There will then be a collection point at the end of Torchlight Procession for the return of the LED torches and name plates.

Further information about the Torchlight Procession and the reason for moving towards the LED torches is available from the Members Online [www.members.cfa.vic.gov.au/torchlightprocessions](http://www.members.cfa.vic.gov.au/torchlightprocessions) and in information distributed to competing brigades by CFA prior to the Championships.

Dress for the Torchlight Procession for brigades competing in the rural events is CFA Dress Uniform (blue trousers, Uniform shirt and CFA jumper if required); CFA Workwear, clean turnout gear; a brigade specific uniform if the brigade has one or competition gear. All members of the squad must wear the same apparel.

Roll call for the Torchlight Procession is 2000 hours in the park area at the eastern end of McLennan Street Service Road near Elizabeth Street in Mooroopna. With the Procession finishing in Doonan Street Mooroopna. Each group of brigades will be headed by a CFA vehicle.

*Brigades should refer to CFA Circular distributed prior to the Championships, for details of the Groups and line up order of Brigades.*

If your brigade is interested in marching in the Torchlight Procession please contact the VFBV office ASAP via [championships@vfbv.com.au](mailto:championships@vfbv.com.au) or (03) 9886 1441

- **TRAVEL CLAIMS:** must be completed and lodged with CFA by midnight **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. Travel claims can be completed online at [tinyurl.com/2024-travel-claim](http://tinyurl.com/2024-travel-claim) or by completing and returning the form attached to this Memo. Any claims submitted after Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April may not be accepted by CFA, so please do not delay in returning your claim form.
- **BUS TRAVEL:** A reminder to brigades if they are wishing to claim for bus travel to the State Championship this must be approved by CFA prior to the Championship, please provide a quote for the use of a bus to [championships@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:championships@cfa.vic.gov.au) to seek approval for this cost prior to the Championships.
- **RESULTS:** live results will be available over the weekend using the QR codes below. Updates will also be provided on VFBV's dedicated Championships Facebook page [www.facebook.com/vfbvchamps](http://www.facebook.com/vfbvchamps)

Seniors



Juniors



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the upcoming State Championships, and look forward to seeing you all on the weekend.

**MARK DRYDEN**  
Executive Officer

## 2024 State Rural Senior Championship Teams

Division 1	
1	Beazley's Bridge A
2	Beazley's Bridge B
3	Connewarre A
4	Dunolly A
5	Dunrobin-Nangeela A
6	Dunrobin-Nangeela C
7	Eldorado A
8	Hurstbridge A
9	Hurstbridge B
10	Hurstbridge C
11	Leopold A
12	Mandurang A
13	Sedgwick A
14	Sedgwick B
15	Springhurst A
16	Strathmerton A

Division 2	
1	Beazley's Bridge C
2	Dunrobin/Nangeela D
3	Dunrobin-Nangeela B
4	Elaine A
5	Eldorado B
6	Eldorado C
7	Eltham A
8	Gapsted A
9	Leopold B
10	Mannerim A
11	Pearcedale A
12	Rutherglen A
13	Springhurst B
14	Swan Hill A
15	Truganina A
16	Yarroweyah A

Division 3	
1	Beazley's Bridge D
2	Chiltern A
3	District 9 & 27 Women's Network A
4	Doreen A
5	Eldorado D
6	Hildene A
7	Leopold C <i>(Not Event 1 or 3)</i>
8	Maiden Gully A
9	Mannerim B
10	Moorooduc A
11	Moorooduc B
12	Napoleons-Enfield A
13	Pearcedale B
14	Strathmerton B
15	Truganina B

## 2024 State Rural Junior Championship Teams

Brigade Name	11-13 years	11-15 years
Ascot & District	1	1
Beazley's Bridge	3	2
Chiltern	1	1
Doreen		2
Dunolly		1
Dunrobin/Nangeela		1
Elaine		1
Eldorado		1
Gapsted	2	1

Brigade Name	11-13 years	11-15 years
Maiden Gully	1	1
Mandurang	1	1
Mannerim		1
Miners Rest	2	2
Napoleons-Enfield	2	2
Pearcedale	1	2
Springhurst		1
Strathmerton		1
Wodonga West	1	1



# 2024 CFA/VFBV STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

LINE UP FOR  
OFFICIAL OPENING & ECHELON  
MOVEMENT

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Roll Call 0745 hours  
Commences 0820 hours

- Beazley's Bridge
- Bendigo
- Chiltern
- Cohuna
- Connewarre
- Creswick
- District 9 & 27 Women's Network
- Doreen
- Dunolly
- Dunrobin/Nangeela
- Echuca
- Elaine
- Eldorado
- Eltham
- Euroa
- Gapsted
- Hamilton/Colac
- Hildene
- Hoppers Crossing
- Horsham
- Hurstbridge
- Kangaroo Flat
- Kerang
- Kyneton
- Leopold
- Maffra
- Maiden Gully
- Mandurang
- Mannerim
- Maryvale
- Melton
- Mildura
- Moorooduc
- Morwell
- Napoleons-Enfield
- Narre Warren
- Osborne Park
- Patterson River
- Pearcedale
- Red Cliffs
- Rutherglen
- Sale
- Sedgwick
- Seymour
- Springhurst
- Stawell
- Strathmerton
- Swan Hill
- Swan Hill
- Tatura
- Truganina
- Warracknabeal
- Warrnambool
- Werribee
- Whittlesea
- Yarroweyah

- Hallam
- Mooroopna
- Eaglehawk
- Melton
- VFBV Executive
- Knox Group
- Wendouree
- Dandenong
- Narre Warren

CFA Chief Officer & Deputy Chief Officers



# MAKE-UP PERSONNEL ROSTER

2024 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

EVENT	RED TRACK	YELLOW TRACK	GREEN TRACK	IN RESERVE
<b>EVENT 1:</b> Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Beazley's Bridge Chiltern Connewarre Doreen	District 9/27 Women's Network Dunolly Dunrobin/Nangeela Elaine	Eldorado Eltham Gapsted Hilldene	Hurstbridge Leopold Maiden Gully
<b>EVENT 2:</b> Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Mandurang Mannerim Moorooduc Napoleons-Enfield Pearcedale	Rutherglen Sedgwick Springhurst Strathmerton Swan Hill	Truganina Yarroweyah Beazley's Bridge Chiltern Connewarre	Doreen District 9/27 Women's Network Dunolly
<b>EVENT 3:</b> Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Dunrobin/Nangeela Elaine Eldorado Eltham Gapsted	Hilldene Hurstbridge Leopold Maiden Gully Mandurang	Mannerim Moorooduc Napoleons-Enfield Pearcedale Rutherglen	Sedgwick Springhurst Strathmerton
<b>EVENT 4:</b> Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Swan Hill Truganina Yarroweyah Beazley's Bridge Chiltern	Connewarre Doreen District 9/27 Women's Network Dunolly Dunrobin/Nangeela	Eldorado Eltham Hurstbridge Leopold Maiden Gully	Elaine Gapsted Hilldene
<b>EVENT 5:</b> Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Mandurang Mannerim Moorooduc Napoleons-Enfield	Pearcedale Rutherglen Sedgwick Springhurst	Strathmerton Swan Hill Truganina Yarroweyah	Beazley's Bridge Chiltern Connewarre
<b>EVENT 6:</b> Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Doreen District 9/27 Women's Network Dunolly Elaine	Gapsted Hilldene Hurstbridge Leopold	Maiden Gully Sedgwick Springhurst Strathmerton	Mandurang Mannerim Moorooduc

# MAKE-UP PERSONNEL ROSTER

2024 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP – SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH

EVENT	RED TRACK	YELLOW TRACK	GREEN TRACK
EVENTS 1A & 1B:	Ascot & District Beazley's Bridge Chiltern	Doreen Dunolly Dunrobin/Nangeela	Elaine Eldorado Gapsted
EVENTS 2A & 2B:	Maiden Gully Mandurang Mannerim Miners Rest Napoleons-Enfield	Pearcedale Springhurst Strathmerton Wodonga West Ascot & District	Beazley's Bridge Chiltern Doreen Dunolly Dunrobin/Nangeela
EVENTS 4A & 4B:	Elaine Eldorado Gapsted Maiden Gully	Mandurang Mannerim Miners Rest Napoleons-Enfield	Pearcedale Springhurst Strathmerton Wodonga West
EVENTS 5A & 5B:	Ascot & District Beazley's Bridge Chiltern Doreen	Dunolly Dunrobin/Nangeela Elaine Eldorado	Gapsted Maiden Gully Mandurang Mannerim
EVENTS 6A & 6B:	Miners Rest Napoleons-Enfield Pearcedale Springhurst	Strathmerton Wodonga West Ascot & District Beazley's Bridge	Chiltern Doreen Dunolly Dunrobin/Nangeela

# VFBV State Rural Championships

## SAFETY NOTES – V6 March 2023

Activity / Tasks	Hazards / risks	Safety Controls / control measures
<b>Track Officials</b>		
<b>Track:</b> Drainage pipes, equipment, etc.	Tripping hazards	Items have existed for a long period of time, remind track officials of hazards.
<b>Competitors</b>		
<b>Running:</b> And use of equipment	Injury, aggravating previous injury.	Ensure Coach is aware before competition.
<b>Reel:</b> Rolling on and off hose from the reel	Having injury to hands/fingers/feet	Utilise gloves Feet are not to be used to slow or stop the reel.
<b>Trailer:</b> Mounting and dismounting	Injury from falling off	Ensure rails and all steps are used. When dismounting step backwards using all steps for safety.
<b>Ladder:</b> Mounting	Falling hazard or injury to body	As per disqualifications currently and coaches advice to competitors. Also have an appropriate person at bottom to act as catcher for juniors.
<b>Ladder:</b> Locking	Falling hazard or injury to body	As per disqualifications currently and coaches advice to competitors.
<b>Track:</b> Water making track slippery or uneven ground.	Slipping hazard causing injury	Use mats around trailer area; competitors should be aware and have appropriate footwear. Following flooding at the venue in late 2022, coaches and team managers are requested to ensure that competitors are wearing appropriate athletic footwear when competing for occupational health and safety reasons.
<b>Host &amp; State Committee</b>		
<b>Track:</b> Level surface and no rocks, etc.	Tripping hazard, risk of injury	State Committee to inspect ground, Host committee to be aware and ensure level and clean surface.
<b>Track surrounds:</b> To be in reasonable condition, no “heavy” undulating areas or trip hazards	Tripping hazard, risk of injury during warm up or public walking around.	Ensure any problem areas are rectified or taped off.
<b>Track fence:</b> One way ties “tail”	Injury, may cause eye or other injury.	Ensure that one way ties “tail” are cut off so that they do not project outwards.
<b>Track Firefighter Sprints:</b> Competition track becomes wet.	Slipping hazard, injury.  Objects near sprint track, injury.	Have this track separate to competition track, possibly near presentation area. Ensure objects are removed from finish line area.