



## **SPECIAL NOTICE**

**2 March 2026**

### **142<sup>ND</sup> STATE URBAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP at STAWELL** **SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026**

This special notice is circulated to all brigades who will be competing in the 2026 State Urban Championship for the attention of:

- Brigade members appointed as Officials and Judges
- Brigade Coach/es
- Brigade Officer or Member in Charge.

#### **ACCESS TO COMPETITION VENUE**

Please note that there is **no access** to the track and grounds prior to 3pm on Friday.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS AND JUDGES**

List of Officials and Judges appointed for the Championship is attached.

**LADDER CATCHERS:** There is a need for additional members to assist as Ladder Catchers over the weekend and all other judge and official roles– if you are able to assist with this role, please contact the VFBV office on (03) 9886 1141 or [championships@vfbv.com.au](mailto:championships@vfbv.com.au) ASAP.

#### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)**

Please remind all Officials & Judges of VFBV's requirement to have a current WWCC card for the State Championships, Juniors & Seniors, with VFBV registered as an organisation. If members need information of how to apply for a new WWCC or update their existing WWCC to add VFBV as an additional organisation, they can contact the VFBV office.

All competing Victorian Brigades are required to nominate as a Minimum, Two non competing members to act as Judges. Where a Brigade has more than one Team competing, for every additional Team and team entered in the Female aggregate, one extra Judge is required to be nominated. Failure to nominate the required number of Judges may result in the Brigade being disqualified from competing in a track event.

#### **OFFICIALS & JUDGES**

Officials and Judges are requested to report to the OIC of Judges' office at the Competition Track between 1500 and 1700 hours on the Friday afternoon. Alternatively Officials and Judges can report to the OIC of Judges' office on the Saturday morning, before or immediately following the Official Opening. This ensures their presence is recorded, which enables the Chairman of Judges to make up the Rosters for the events. Officials and Judges are requested to regularly check the appointment board at the OIC of Judges Office to see when they are rostered, to enable events to get underway on schedule.

If any person appointed as an official will be competing in an event, please give early notice to the OIC of Judges to ensure they are not appointed to the event in which they are competing.

**Officials & Judges are requested to be in attendance at the plug line at the conclusion of the event prior to their appointed event, to register with OIC Judges and be provided with any information required**

## **VFBV Dress Guidelines for Officials & Judges**

The Dress Guidelines, with CFA summer uniform being the preferred option, are:

1. Track Masters, Track Marshalls and Marshalling Officers are required to wear CFA summer uniform on Saturday and can wear CFA Workwear on Sunday.
2. All other Officials & Judges are required to wear either:
  - CFA summer uniform;
  - CFA workwear; or
  - VFBV alternative dress polo & shorts (colour of enclosed shoes & socks optional);
 – but not a combination of; or
3. Competitors appointed as Judges, can judge in their complete team competition gear.

## **DISCIPLINE AND BEHAVIOUR**

It is important with each State Championship, that we all take care that our past record and image is safeguarded and that the established standards of discipline and behaviour on and off the track is observed. Those members appointed as Officer in Charge of their Brigade contingent, are responsible for the discipline and behaviour of their members at all times.

The consumption of alcohol is not permitted on or in the vicinity of the Competition Tracks or grounds.

Please note that under state legislation and local Council policy, smoking is not permitted within the Championship grounds. All Brigade members and spectators are requested to please observe the No Smoking requirements.

**Note: Initiation practices are not acceptable and will not be tolerated at the State Championship. Brigades taking part in such activities risk disqualification from the Championship or future Championships.**

## **DRESS**

Brigade members must be properly attired at all times. CFA issued dress uniform and competition uniform are acceptable but not a combination of both. Competition jumper or singlet or shirt to be worn at all times.

## **COMPETITION DRESS (FOOTWEAR)**

, Coaches and team managers are requested to ensure that all competitors are wearing appropriate athletic footwear when competing for occupational health and safety reasons.

## **PROGRAM OF EVENTS**

The order of events are attached. Any Brigade not able to participate in any event is required to complete a scratching form prior to the event commencing.

## **ECHELON MOVEMENT & OPENING CEREMONY**

The Opening Ceremony, commencing with the Echelon Movement will take place on the oval adjacent to the competition track and will commence at 0820 hours.

**ROLL CALL OF BRIGADES:** Roll call for all Brigades on Saturday is at 0745 on the oval for the Echelon Movement & Opening Ceremony, and all Brigades are requested to be in attendance by 0745 hours. (*Roll call on Sunday is at 0800 hours with the first event, the Hydrant Race to commence at 0830 hours.*)

**Line Up for Roll Call – 0745 hours, Saturday:** Echelon Movement Brigades – at their designated Echelon Movement marker. All other Brigades/Teams 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 correct position. Please see the attached sheet of the line up for all Brigades.

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

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

## TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION

The Torchlight Procession will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March commencing at 2030 hours, with all Brigades to assemble no later than 2000 hours.

Brigades will be assembled in Groups and report for Roll Call in their respective groupings in the carpark on the corner of Church Street and Allen Street, Stawell at 2000 hours on Saturday. Each group of brigades will be headed by a CFA vehicle.

Any brigade participating in the Torchlight Procession will be supplied with LED torches by CFA to be returned at the completion of the Torchlight. These will be collected by CFA personnel located in the Senior Citizens Centre Hall, located on Victoria Street.

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

**Borrowing:** where a brigade does not have sufficient members to march, the minimum required in the Torchlight Procession, up to three members may be borrowed from competing brigade/s. The approval of the brigade/s from which the members are to be borrowed must be obtained.

**LED Torches and Name plates for the Torchlight Procession:** Brigades are to collect their Name Plate and LED Torches for the Torchlight Procession from 2pm on Saturday afternoon at the competition track. These will be available for brigades to collect from the hose repair personnel situated on the Newington Road side of the Urban Main Track after 1400 hours on Saturday. CFA personnel will be present at the assembly point of the Torchlight to collect bags and excess torches and torches will be collected at the end of the Torchlight Procession.

**Dress for Torchlight Procession:** The preferred dress for brigades competing in the Urban Senior Championship is Dress Uniform. If brigades are unable to outfit their squad in Dress Uniforms, CFA Workwear, a brigade specific uniform with CFA baseball cap or CFA summer dress uniform can be worn. Brigades competing in the rural events can wear CFA uniform, CFA Workwear, a brigade specific uniform or competition gear. All members of the squad must wear the same apparel.

## BORROWING OF COMPETITORS

Borrowing of Competitor forms are attached and are to be completed by brigades wishing to borrow competitors from another competing team at the Championship. The completed form must be lodged with the Association office at Stawell prior to the event beginning. There are separate forms for A/B Section events and Female Section events.

Brigades entering more than one team in the Championship are reminded that a borrowed competitor cannot be used in Team A where a brigade has two teams, or in Team A or B where a Brigade enters 3 teams. (Rule 7(e)).

Brigade's borrowing competitors must abide by rules governing which positions a member can compete in (Rule 7(a), (b), (c) and (g)). Brigades should attempt to borrow from their own brigade in the first instance and there is no restriction on borrowing members from A Section for B Section events and vice versa.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**MEALS:** Breakfast will be available for purchase at the track each day of the Championship. Food trucks including take away foods, soft drinks and ice cream etc. will be available throughout the weekend.

**CLOSING CEREMONY:** Immediately after the completion of the final event, teams and competitors to assemble on the Main Track for the Announcement of Section Winners, Presentation of Aggregate Trophies and the Closing Ceremony. Assembly of members and competitors will be arranged by VFBV members. It is requested, team members assembling be in CFA uniform, competition dress or Brigade official tracksuit.

### PARKING:

- Street parking is available within a one block radius of North Park Reserve
- Accessible permit parking is located within the Newington Road closure
- Parking is not permitted in the Aquatic Centre or Tennis Centre car parks
- Bus parking and a designated drop-off loop is located at the Lamont Street entrance to the reserve
- Brigades dropping off reels to the competition venue will be able to access the grounds via Newington Road

**TEAM ENTRY FEES:** The VFBV Board have waived entry fees for this year's State Championships to encourage participation in the Championships by new teams.

## INFORMATION FOR BRIGADE COACHES

**MEETING OF TRACK MASTERS AND COACHES:** The Championship Co-ordinator and Deputies will be calling a meeting with all Track Masters and Brigade Coaches on the Main Track prior to the commencement of the first event, the Ladder Race. An announcement will be made when this short briefing is about to take place.

**RULES:** The conduct of all events shall be in accord with the Urban Competition Conditions and Rules as prescribed in the 2025 Rule Book, available from the VFBV website. [tinyurl.com/urban-champs](http://tinyurl.com/urban-champs)

**MAKEUP ROSTER:** The Competition & Rules Committee have agreed that all Brigades be expected to assist with the draining of hoses and the makeup for their rostered event. Brigades are to nominate Brigade members who are attending and available, competitors who are not competing in that event, or competitors who are or have competed in that event, for those events where the Brigade is rostered to assist.

All brigades should ensure to have the number of members/competitors required, available to assist when rostered.

A list of when each Brigade is rostered for those events where Brigade assistance is required, is attached.

**TESTING HYDRANTS, REELS AND EQUIPMENT:** Equipment shall be tested, weighed and suitably marked or officially recorded, on Friday between 1500 and 1700 hours; Saturday between 0700 and 0745 hours; and Sunday between 0800 and 0830 hours; at the following locations subject to alteration by the Association:

- Main Track – Hydrants; Back Caps
- Testing Station (roll on area) – Branches, Dummies, Ladder Harnesses; Reels; 'Y' piece.

**Please note that access to the track prior to 3pm on Friday is not permitted.**

All hoses to be inspected and the ladder length measured with the dummy length, and marked accordingly. Couplings on all hoses should be presented for inspection on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning at the Testing Station to overcome any last minute repairs or recoupling at the roll-on area. All the above equipment may be subject to random checks during the Championship. If it is necessary for the lugs on the hydrant to be re-grooved; the Association will have the necessary equipment available at the Championships.

**SCRATCHING FROM EVENTS:** Brigades who intend to scratch from any of the events at the Championship are asked to report to the Association office at Stawell. Official scratching forms to be completed by the Coach or Senior brigade representative. Early advice and completion of forms will greatly assist the Marshalling Officers.

**WRISTBANDS FOR COMPETITORS:** Where brigades have more than one team entered, the competitors will be required to wear a wrist band indicating which team they are part of. Coaches for brigades entering more than one team should attend the VFBV office to obtain wrist bands for their competitors on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If required replacement wrist bands can be issued on Sunday.

**INCAPACITATED COMPETITOR:** Coaches are advised that an incapacitated competitor should not be permitted to compete if their incapacity could impede them from competing safely.

**NO BALL GAMES:** Competitors are reminded that no ball games are allowed on the roll on oval or in the vicinity of reels, competition tracks and the general public. Ball games are definitely prohibited in the interest of safety in the areas specified.

**SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR:** In continuing the emphasis on Occupational Health and Safety at competitions and Championships, Safety Co-ordinators will be appointed to oversee all safety related aspects both on the competition track and within the grounds. If brigades have any safety concerns, they should be reported to the VFBV office.

**ROLL CALL:** For competition events, roll call will be taken 30 minutes prior to the commencement of each event, the events commencing each day at 0830 hours; roll call each day for events:

- Saturday: Ladder Race at the conclusion of the Official Opening.
- Sunday: at 0800 hours prior to the Hydrant Race.

**PROTESTS:** Official Protest Forms will be available from the VFBV office at Stawell and only these forms will be recognised. Brigades intending to lodge a protest must first inform the officiating Track Master of their intention **within Five Minutes** of the completion of their run and report to the VFBV office **within 10 minutes** of the completion of the run.

Where a Protest is upheld and the brigade was competing in pairs, unless exceptional circumstances exist, the announced winner of the heat will not run in the next round or final (unless included in the fastest qualifying teams).

The decision of the Protest Committee shall be final with no appeal, and if the protest is dismissed or deemed by the aforesaid Committee to be frivolous, the Brigade shall forfeit the deposit.

Brigades are advised that unacceptable behaviour by any Coach or Brigade member will not be tolerated, and that the Committee will look seriously at consequences for any bad behaviour or sportsmanship following the outcome of a Brigade's Protest.

**HOSE REPAIR SECTION:** Community Safety Officers (FEM section) will provide a repair service for competition hose; they will be located on the Newington Road side of the Urban Main Track both days.

**SAFETY HELMETS:** The use of safety helmets is compulsory for all competitions and State Urban Championships, and are to be worn by all competitors on or around the ladder staging, including competitors acting as ladder assist in ladder events; such safety helmets to be VFBV approved for urban competitions.

**USE OF VIDEO CAMERA:** It is a rule that if a competitor intends to use a video camera whilst competing, this must either be mounted on the competitor's helmet or on the competition reel.

**MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE:** To be eligible to compete, competitors must be aged 16 years or over, elected as a General member of their Brigade and registered with CFA as a member of the Brigade they are participating with, prior to competing. Victorian brigades competing are also required to be affiliated with VFBV.

Under mutually agreed conditions with the Chief Officer, permanent CFA personnel are permitted to participate with the Brigade they are appointed to, subject to they not being a volunteer member of a brigade which is an entered participating brigade at the Championship, unless the approval of that brigade has been obtained.

**EVENT CONTROL CENTRE:** Throughout the weekend the Event Control Centre can be contacted on 0461 333 645 to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour.

**BRIGADE SHADES NEAR TRACK:** Limited shade awnings will be provided for brigades on a first-come, first served basis. Brigade awnings will be permitted in designated areas along the track and should not exceed 6mx6m. They should be secured using pegs (max 150mm) or appropriate weights. All structures should be properly secured at all times and should not obstruct the view of other brigades.

**Brigades are responsible for securing awnings overnight, and are required:**

- To remove covers of awnings at the completion of each day's events;
- To have a fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket on hand if using a BBQ in their shade area.

## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Travel reimbursement for competing brigades must be submitted to CFA by midnight **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**. Travel claims can be completed online here [tinyurl.com/2026-travel-claim](https://tinyurl.com/2026-travel-claim) or by completing and returning the form attached to this memo. Any claims submitted after Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May will 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 contact [championships@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:championships@cfa.vic.gov.au) to seek approval

## TROPHIES

Presentation of individual and station trophies for each event will take place on the relevant competition track at the conclusion of each event, or as advised at the start of each event. Could coaches please make sure that placed competitors are ready for the presentation ceremony immediately the event concludes.

The exception to the above are the last events on Saturday, where the presentation of trophies will take place on Sunday morning prior to the Hydrant Race. The final events Saturday for which the presentation of trophies to be presented Sunday morning at 0800 hours are:

- Event 16 B Marshall One Competitor and Fastest time over all Sections Marshall One Competitor
- Event 17 A Section Hydrant & Tanker.
- Event 18 Female Wet Hose Two Competitors

Presentation of the Aggregate Trophies will be presented on the Main Track following counting of aggregate points at the conclusion of the final event. Senior Members and competitors to be presented with Aggregate trophies are asked to be in full dress uniform, competition dress or in brigade official tracksuits for the presentation, which will conclude with an address by the VFBV State President.

### **Conditions of Acceptance of Entry: responsibility of brigades accepting perpetual trophies**

It is a 'Condition of Acceptance of Entry' for all VFBV Championships, that Brigades by entering to compete, accept the responsibility to maintain, repair and engrave any Perpetual Trophy presented as a result of their success; and that any damage suffered to a Perpetual Trophy while in the possession of the Brigade is made good at the Brigade's cost and in time for return to VFBV for the following year's State Championships; and that failure to comply:

- (a) VFBV will have repairs undertaken and engraving in lieu of the work obligated to the 'Trophy Holding Brigade' and will invoice the Brigade for the costs incurred in carrying out this work;
- (b) Failure to reimburse VFBV for works associated with (a) above, would result in the refusal to accept that Brigade's nomination for future State Championship events where such failure to meet their obligations ignores the 'Condition of Acceptance of Entry'.

## ROLL ON AREA

Please note that there is no vehicle access on the oval where reels will be situated – all reels and trailers will need to be moved into position manually on Friday afternoon/Saturday morning – access to this area will be via Newington Road through the road closure.

Brigades may erect a temporary shelter at or near their reel. The guidelines for Brigades wishing to have a small shelter for their members are:

- Maximum size: 6m x 6m
- Must be positioned on or near boundary wherever possible, not on the football field of play
- Pegs must be used to secure structures and not exceed 150mm in length – weights are not permitted to be used to secure structures in this area
- Sprinkler lines will be marked, teams must ensure pegs are not placed into sprinkler infrastructure.

### **Brigades are responsible to ensure:**

- Awnings are secured overnight by removing awning covers at the completion of each day's events;
- Awnings including free standing awnings, are properly pegged down and secured.
- Have a fire extinguisher and/or fire blanket on hand if using a BBQ in their shade area.

## STEVEN ELLIS

Chair, Competition & Rules Committee

# 2026 STATE URBAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM OF EVENTS

## SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

OFFICIAL OPENING COMMENCES AT 0820 HOURS

ROLL CALL OF BRIGADES AT 0745 HOURS

*Official Opening & Echelon Movement*

- 1 Ladder Race
- 2 B Section Hose & Ladder Fives
- 3 A Section Y Coupling, Four Competitors
- 4 A Section Hose & Ladder Fives
- 5 Female Section Y Coupling, Four Competitors
- 6 B Section Pumper & Ladder
- 7 Female Section Y Coupling, Two Competitors
- 8 A Section Pumper & Ladder
- 9 B Section Y Coupling, Four Competitors
- 10 Female Section Hydrant & Tanker
- 11 B Section Y Coupling, Six Competitors
- 12 A Section Marshall, One Competitor
- 13 A Section Y Coupling, Six Competitors
- 14 Female Section Marshall, One Competitor
- 15 B Section Hydrant & Tanker
- 16 B Section Marshall, One Competitor
- 17 A Section Hydrant & Tanker
- 18 Female Section Wet Hose, Two Competitors

*Torchlight Procession, roll call 2000 hours*

## SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026

COMMENCES AT 0830 HOURS

ROLL CALL OF BRIGADES AT 0800 HOURS

- 19 Hydrant Race
- 20 Female Section Hydrant Race
- 21 B Section Hose & Reel Sixes
- 22 A Section Marshall, Two Competitors
- 23 Female Section, Hose, Hydrant & Pumper
- 24 A Section Hose & Reel Sixes
- 25 Female Section, Marshall Two Competitors
- 26 B Section Hose, Hydrant & Pumper
- 27 Female Section, Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice
- 28 B Section Marshall, Two Competitors
- 29 A Section Hose, Hydrant & Pumper
- 30 A Section Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice
- 31 B Section Wet Hose Striking One Disc Twice
- 32 Champion Fours

*Challenge Events*

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**There is no access to the track and grounds prior to 3pm on Friday.**

**TESTING OF WATER:** The water shall be tested prior to 0815 hours on each day of the Championship. The times will be announced following each water test.

**PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES:** Presentation of aggregate trophies will take place on the main track at the conclusion of Sunday's final event. Presentation of individual and station trophies to take place on the relevant track, at the conclusion of each event or the next day as advised at the start of each event.

## 2026 STATE URBAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETING BRIGADES

A SECTION		B SECTION		FEMALE AGGREGATE	
80	Dandenong	89	Bendigo	89	Bendigo
15	Echuca A	141	Cohuna	141	Cohuna
WA	Harvey	52	Creswick	56	Eaglehawk
236	Hoppers Crossing A	193	Drysdale	15	Echuca
AP	Maryvale	56	Eaglehawk	67	Euroa
231	Melton Maroon	15	Echuca B	WA	Harvey
231	Melton White	67	Euroa	236	Hoppers Crossing
133	Morwell	257	Hallam	16	Kangaroo Flat
249	Narre Warren A	236	Hoppers Crossing B	53	Kerang
OSB	Osborne Park Orange	24	Horsham	KNX	Knox Group
260	Patterson River	16	Kangaroo Flat	7	Kyneton
55	Swan Hill	53	Kerang	132	Maffra
82	Tatura	KNX	Knox Group	231	Melton
27	Warracknabeal	7	Kyneton	69	Mooroopna
128	Wendouree	132	Maffra	133	Morwell
		68	Mooroopna	249	Narre Warren
		249	Narre Warren B	OSB	Osborne Park
		OSB	Osborne Park Green	159	Pakenham
		159	Pakenham	260	Patterson River
		32	Sale	32	Sale
		74	Seymour	55	Swan Hill
		41	Traralgon	82	Tatura
		34	Warrnambool	27	Warracknabeal
		130	Werribee	128	Wendouree
				130	Werribee

**Section A:** 15  
**Section B:** 24  
**Female Aggregate:** 25

# 2026 STATE URBAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS & JUDGES

### CO-ORDINATOR DEPUTIES

Steven Ellis – Creswick  
Rob Waterson - Cohuna  
Sean Brittan – Werribee  
Peter Every – Wendouree

### SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR DEPUTIES

Bruce Pickett – Geelong West  
Robert Clark – Grovedale  
Rod Taylor – Winchelsea

### TRACK MASTERS

Malcolm Bishop - Warrnambool  
Harriet Foard - Kyneton  
John Holland – Morwell

Harold Jochs – Swan Hill  
Greg Murphy - Kerang

### TRACK MARSHALLS

Mel Chappel – Dandenong  
John Davies – Horsham  
Jeff McEachern – Wodonga  
Simon O'Callaghan – Echuca

Ron Schultz – Benalla  
Garry Winsall – Belmont  
Gerrad Williams – Euroa

### MARSHALLING OFFICERS

OIC Bruce Snell – Hamilton  
DOIC Stephen Harris – Pakenham

Adrian Bailey – Pakenham  
Robyn Desmond – Dromana  
Peter Hannan – Ararat  
Jean Kelsey – Pakenham

Charlie Lansdown – Pakenham  
Michele Lovett – Hallam  
Peter Orszulak – Warracknabeal  
Michael Ziersch – Horsham

### STARTERS

Adam Browning – Kangaroo Flat  
Bill Gordijn – Sale  
Graeme Humphrey – Ararat

Robert Keith – Ararat  
Peter Quinn – Morwell

### TIMEKEEPERS

OIC Ale Eenjes – Traralgon East

Ian Addicott – Echuca  
Frank Eenjes - Traralgon  
Gary Farrell – Castlemaine  
Darren Hand – Creswick  
Frank Harris – Kangaroo Flat  
Len Griffiths – Benalla  
Jason Paterson – Creswick  
Wayne Pattison – Kangaroo Flat  
James Puppa – Dandenong

Jennifer Puppa – Dandenong  
Steve Phillips – Benalla  
Rachel Rendall – Dandenong  
Barry Smith – Warrnambool  
Dick Smith - Boronia  
Julia Trethowan – Benalla  
Bill Williams – Euroa  
Hollie Woodhart - Drysdale

### ANNOUNCERS

OIC Timothy Desmond – Dromana

Clare Murphy – Kerang  
Eddy Rees – Geelong West

Joanne Steele – Melton  
Trevor Rickards – Melton

## COMMUNICATIONS

OIC Jim van der Velden – The Basin

Barry Condict - Tarnagulla  
Donna Maro – The Basin

Jim Read – Scoresby  
Brett Styles – Kangaroo Flat

## RECORDERS

OIC Andrew Bath – Colac

DOIC Helen White – Narre Warren

Ursula Anderson – Traralgon  
Linda Becker – Echuca  
Louise Black – Leongatha  
Greg Greenwood – Maryborough  
Max Johnson - Edithvale  
Vickie Linaker – The Basin  
Don Lovison – Morwell

Nell Maro – The Basin  
Samantha McKean – Narre Warren  
Susan Mongelli – Pakenham  
Sue Shaw – The Basin  
Jason Stone – Melton  
Cheryl van der Velden – The Basin  
Kerri Winsall – Belmont

## JUDGES

OIC Darryl Wagstaff – Maryborough

DOIC Peter White – Casterton

DOIC Phil Slender – Tatura

Rod Bates – Maffra  
Kayla Ash – Kerang  
Terry Becker – Echuca  
Steven Darling - Morwell  
Mark Delahey – Euroa  
Peter Fiddes – Tatura  
Nic Hanna – Kyneton  
Rennie Hannan – Ararat  
Jacqui Heenan – Hoppers Crossing  
Ron Hooper – Echuca  
Ian Hubble – Maryborough  
Graeme Jilbert – Swan Hill  
Warren Johnston – Horsham  
David Jones – Wendouree  
Anthony King – Sale  
Brett Magrath - Kyneton  
David McLarty – Seymour

Bill Maltby – Castlemaine  
Terry Miller – Maryvale  
Harold Moir – Norseman WA  
Matthew Monck – Sale  
Daniel Mullins – Maryborough  
Colin Newell – Warracknabeal  
Anthony Passalick – Maryborough  
Darren Rennie - Tatura  
Andrew Richards - Warracknabeal  
Brian Robertson – Wendouree  
Alan Squires – Melton  
Chris Webb – Hallam  
Tim Welshe – Diggers Rest  
Cameron Whelan – Warracknabeal  
Graeme Wilson – Hampton Park  
Darren Winsall – Warracknabeal

## CATCHERS LADDER EVENTS & JUDGES

Michael Clark – Melton  
Daniel Moylan – Echuca

Allan Woodhams – Warrnambool

## FIRST AID OFFICERS

OIC Marc Leitch - Melton

Glenn Charteris – Geelong West  
Danielle Cooke – Melton  
James Gluskie – Montrose  
Daniel Harrison – Melton

Roy Lawrence – Queenscliff  
Cathryn Portelli – Kyneton  
Kate Wills – Horsham

## TROPHIES

Julie Britten – Cohuna  
Peter Davis – Patterson River

Kayla Manning – Porcupine Ridge  
Bill Rodda – Korumburra



## 2026 STATE URBAN CHAMPIONSHIP MAKEUP ROSTER

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All brigades should ensure to have the number of members/competitors required, available to assist when rostered.

Brigades rostered for those events where Brigade assistance is required is as follows:

### Event 3. A Section Y Coupling Four Competitors

Make up Hoses **Dandenong** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Echuca A** - Two members/competitors to assist

### Event 5 Female Section Y Coupling Four Competitors

Make up Hoses **Bendigo** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Cohuna** - Two members/competitors to assist

### Event 6. B Section Pumper and Ladder

Make up Hose 1 **Creswick** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hose 2 **Drysdale** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Suction **Hallam** - One member/competitor to assist

### Event 7. Female Y Coupling Two Competitors

Make up Hoses **Eaglehawk** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Echuca** - Two members/competitors to assist

### Event 8. A Section Pumper and Ladder

Make up Hose 1 **Hoppers Crossing A** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hose 2 **Melton Maroon** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Suction **Maryvale** - One member/competitor to assist

### Event 9. B Section Y Coupling Four Competitors

Make up Hoses **Horsham** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Narre Warren B** - Two members/competitors to assist

### Event 10. Female Section Hydrant & Tanker

Make up Hose 1 **Euroa** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hose 2 **Hoppers Crossing** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Suction **Harvey** - One member/competitor to assist



Event 12. A Section Marshall One Competitor

- Make up Hoses **Morwell** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Narre Warren A** - Two members/competitors to assist

Event 14. Female Marshall One Competitor

- Make up Hoses **Kangaroo Flat** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Kerang** - Two members/competitors to assist

Event 15. B Section Hydrant & Tanker

- Make up Hose 1 **Osborne Park Green** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hose 2 **Pakenham** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Suction **Sale** - One member/competitor to assist

Event 16. B Section Marshall One Competitor

- Make up Hoses **Traralgon** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Warrnambool** - Two members/competitors to assist

Event 17. A Section Hydrant & Tanker

- Make up Hose 1 **Osborne Park Orange** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hose 2 **Patterson River** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Suction **Swan Hill** - One member/competitor to assist

Event 22. A Section Marshall Two Competitors

- Make up Hoses **Tatura** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Warracknabeal** - Two members/competitors to assist

Event 23. Female Section Hose, Hydrant & Pumper

- Make up Hose 1 **Knox Group** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hose 2 **Kyneton** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Suction **Maffra** - One member/competitor to assist

Event 25. Female Marshall Two Competitors

- Make up Hoses **Melton** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Mooroopna** - Two members/competitors to assist

Event 26. B Section Hose, Hydrant & Pumper

- Make up Hose 1 **Werribee** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hose 2 **Echuca** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Suction **Seymour** - One member/competitor to assist

Event 28. B Section Marshall Two Competitors

- Make up Hoses **Pakenham** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hoses **Hoppers Crossing B** - Two members/competitors to assist

Event 29. A Section Hose, Hydrant & Pumper

- Make up Hose 1 **Wendouree** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Hose 2 **Osborne Park** - Two members/competitors to assist  
Make up Suction **Melton** - One member/competitor to assist



## 2026 CFA/VFBV STATE FIREFIGHTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

LINE UP FOR  
OFFICIAL OPENING & ECHELON  
MOVEMENT

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Roll Call 0745 hours  
Commences 0820 hours

Beazley's Bridge  
Bendigo  
Chiltern  
Cohuna  
Creswick  
Dandenong  
Doreen  
Drysdale  
Dunolly  
Dunrobin/Nangeela  
Eaglehawk  
Echuca  
Elaine  
Eldorado  
Eltham  
Euroa  
Gapsted  
Glenlyon  
Hallam  
Harvey  
Hoppers Crossing  
Horsham  
Hurstbridge  
Kangaroo Flat  
Kerang  
Knox Group  
Kyneton  
Leopold  
Maffra  
Maiden Gully  
Mandurang  
Mannerim  
Maryvale  
Melton  
Miners Rest  
Moorooduc  
Mooroopna  
Morwell  
Napoleons-Enfield  
Narre Warren  
Osborne Park  
Pakenham  
Patterson River  
Pearcedale  
Rutherglen  
Sale  
Seymour  
South East Region Staff  
Springhurst  
Strathmerton  
Swan Hill  
Tatura  
Traralgon  
Truganina  
Warracknabeal  
Warragul  
Warrnambool  
Wendouree  
Werribee  
Wodonga West  
Yarroweyah

*Brigades in Echelon Movement will be selected by CFA and advised separately of their involvement*

CFA Chief Officer & Deputy Chief Officers

DAIS



**VFBV State Urban Senior Championship**

**Application for permission for a Brigade's competition team to borrow a competitor.**

**NOTE: SPECIAL PROVISIONS THAT MUST BE OBSERVED:**

- (a) Acceptance of the Association is obtained prior to the start of the event or heat.
- (b) To be borrowed for the following events only, and **to NOT** compete in the following positions:
  - (i) **Hose & Reel Sixes** - Hydrant, or Second Coupling.
  - (ii) **Hose & Ladder Fives** - Ladder Competitor.
  - (iii) **6Y event** - First Branch or Second Coupler.
  - (iv) **Pumper & Ladder** - Pump Operator or Ladder competitor.
- (c) Borrowed competitor to compete in own brigade jumper.
- (d) To be borrowed only to make up the required number of team competitors or replace an injured competitor.
- (e) Both aggregate points and trophies are not affected by using a borrowed competitor.

In compliance with the above provisions:

I ..... of ..... Brigade  
*FULL NAME*

Seek permission to borrow ..... from ..... Brigade

to compete in the positions nominated in the following events. I give an undertaking that the Brigade does not have the required number of competitors at the competition to compete in this/these events.

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>EVENT No.</b>
.....	Hose & Reel Sixes	.....
.....	Hose and Ladder Fives	.....
.....	Pumper and Ladder	.....
.....	Y6	.....

Number of competitors at Championship: .....

The above request being made with the consent of the borrowed competitor's Brigade.

SIGNED ..... BRIGADE .....



**VFBV State Urban Senior Championship – FEMALE SECTION EVENTS**

**Application for permission for a Brigade's competition team to borrow a competitor.**

**NOTE: SPECIAL PROVISIONS THAT MUST BE OBSERVED:**

- (a) Acceptance of the Association is obtained prior to the start of the event or heat.
- (b) Teams entering in the Female Section events are able to borrow one competitor for four competitor events only
- (c) The same borrowed competitor must be used by a team for all female section events at the State Championship
- (d) Each borrowed competitor can be borrowed by just one team at the State Championship, this competitor is still eligible to compete with their own team but no others at the State Championship.
- (e) The borrowed competitor must abide by the following conditions for each event:
  - i. **Y Coupling Four Competitors** – can compete in any position except First Coupling
  - ii. **Hydrant & Tanker** - can compete in any position except Pump Operator
  - iii. **Hose, Hydrant & Pumper** – can compete in any position except Pump Operator
  - iv. **Wet Hose Striking First Disc Twice** – can only compete as the First Branch competitor.
- (f) Borrowed competitor to compete in own brigade jumper
- (g) To be borrowed only to make up the required number of team competitors or replace an injured competitor.
- (h) Both aggregate points and trophies are not affected by using a borrowed competitor.

In compliance with the above provisions:

I ..... of ..... Brigade  
*FULL NAME*

Seek permission to borrow ..... from ..... Brigade

to compete in the positions nominated in the following events. I give an undertaking that the Brigade does not have the required number of competitors at the competition to compete in this/these events and that this competitor is only being borrowed by our team and no other team at the State Championship.

POSITION	EVENT	EVENT No.
.....	Y Coupling Four Competitors	5
.....	Hydrant & Tanker	10
.....	Hose, Hydrant & Pumper	23
First Branch	Wet Hose Striking First Disc Twice	27

Number of competitors at Championship: .....

The above request being made with the consent of the borrowed competitor's Brigade.

SIGNED ..... BRIGADE .....

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North Park Reserve - Stawell

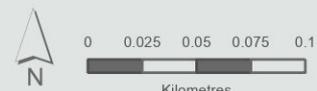


Legend	
	Pedestrian Entry Point
	First Aid
	Bus Parking
	Drop off Zone
	ECC
	Echelon
	FEM
	Marshall Track
	No Parking
	Pumper Track
	Road Closed - VIP and Accessible Permit Parking
	Rural Track
	Urban Main Track
	Urban Roll On
	VFBV Admin

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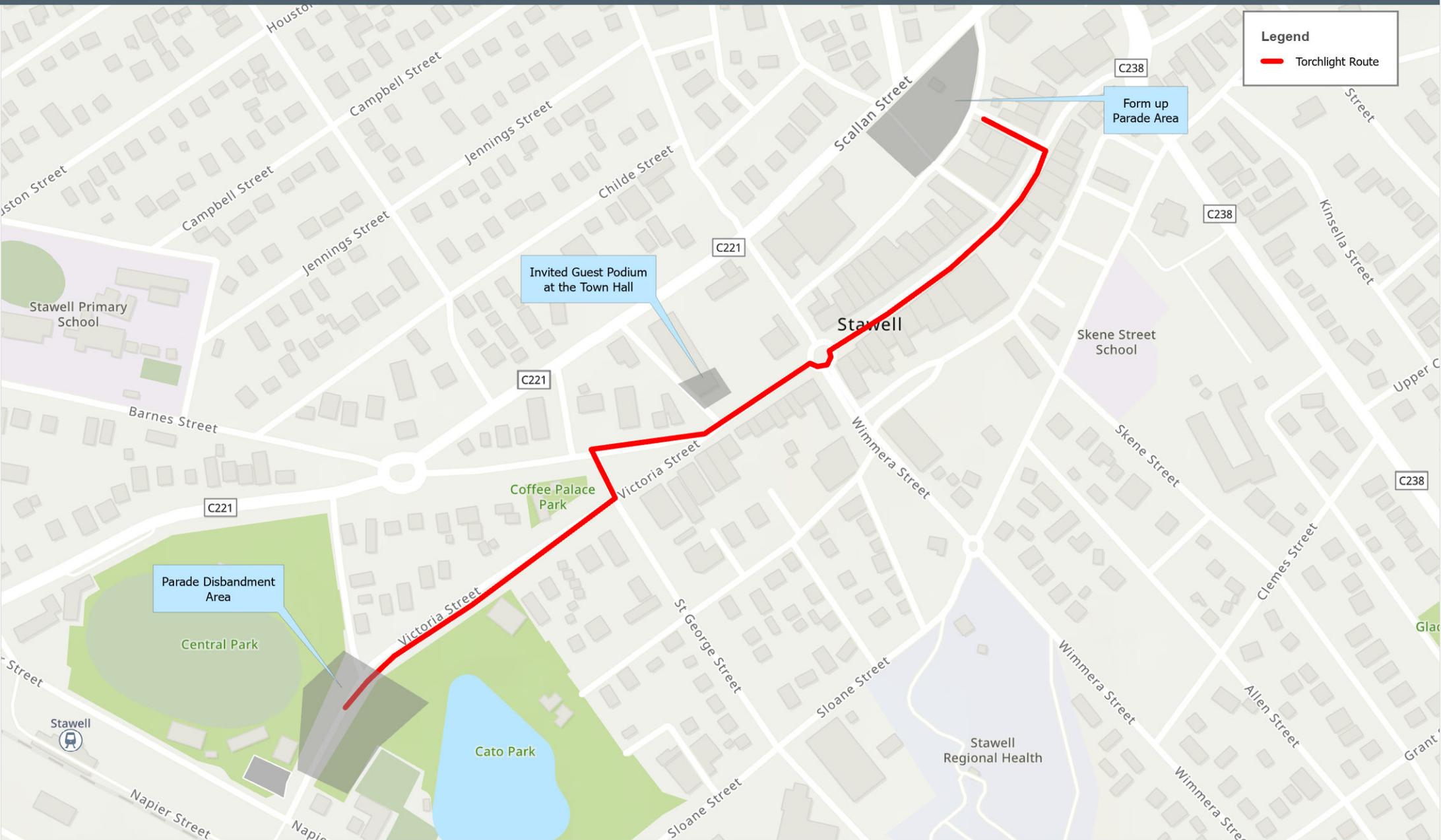


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Torchlight Procession - Stawell



**Legend**

- Torchlight Route

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