

Hot Spot

September 2016

Fire Events

Southern Rural Fire recently built a new 5000 Litre fire tanker which has been placed at the Mossburn Fire Station. The tanker replaced the old Bedford Tanker that only had a 3000 litre tank. The team were pretty happy to receive this flash upgrade.



Mossburn Fire Brigade enjoying their new tuck



Up and Coming Events

Forest and Rural Fire Association of New Zealand (FRFANZ) and United Fire Brigade Association (UFBA) are holding a joint meeting to discuss the development of the new organisation, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ).

When: Thursday 15th September – 7pm

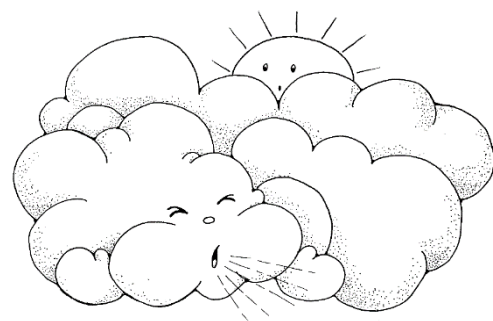
Where Winton Fire Station (16 Wemyss Street, Winton)

Outlook for Spring

Get your fire kit in good order for the spring, it could be a busy one!

NIWA seasonal climate outlook for September and October is for temperatures to be above average and rainfall to be just below normal.

Couple this with likely equinoctial winds that are likely to start soon and we could be in for a busy spring and a dry season.



Training

Upcoming training with Southern Rural Fire Trainers

This is your chance to practice and understand equipment and fire fighting techniques so you are ready to go this summer.

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." - Malcolm Gladwell

Team	Date	Trainer
VRFF – Blackmount	13 Sep	Elton Smith
VRFF – Athol	15 Sep	Mike Grant
VRFF – Garston	19 Sep	??
VRFF Hedgehope	22 Sep	
VRFF – Drummond	22 Sep	Sally Chesterfield
VRFF – Athol	29 Sep	Trevor Tidey
VRFF – Waikawa	29 Sep	Elton / Dave
VRFF – Hedgehope	6 Oct	Sally Chesterfield
Downer	10-11 Oct	Warren / Elton
VRFF – Blackmount	11 Oct	Elton Smith
VRFF – Waikawa	13 Oct	Warren Heslip
VRFF – Garston	17 Oct	Trevor Tidey
VRFF – Hedgehope	20 Oct	Elton Smith
VRFF – Athol	27 Oct	Elton Smith
VRFF – Drummond	27 Oct	Warren Heslip

Another cool courses you may be interested in. Please speak to your Manager / Controller first and discuss with Sally.

Course	Date	What is it
Working under Helicopters and load water and additives	Sat 15 Oct	½ day theory on aircraft safety followed by ½ day practical working under helicopters loading heli buckets.

Review Update

Southern Rural Fire's Mike Grant has been seconded onto the FENZ transition team to assist in the development of the new organisation.

Five streams of work are about to start and FENZ are currently seeking expressions of interest for individuals with operational experience to participate in the work streams.

Want to know what's happening with the development of Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) go to <http://fenzproject.co.nz/>

[FQA about the Development of FENZ](#)