

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6th March 2025
TO: Competing Brigades & State Rural Championships Committee
FROM: Mark Dryden – VFBV Executive Officer
SUBJECT: 2025 State Rural Championships – Mooroopna, 29th & 30th March

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached some additional material relating to this year's State Championships, being held in Mooroopna on the 29th and 30th March 2025 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.
- Trial Event – Wet Hydrant rules
- Safety Notes for information of officials, coaches and competitors.
- Make-Up Rosters for Saturday (Seniors) and Sunday (Juniors).

Please note the following:

- There is no access to the competition venue before 3pm on Friday afternoon.
- We have been advised by the 2025 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 in designated areas 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 (30th March), 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.
- Throughout the weekend the Event Control Centre can be contacted on 0461 333 645 to report any incidents of anti-social behaviour.

OFFICIAL OPENING (SENIORS)

The Official Opening on Saturday (29th March) will commence **at 0820 hours**, and all Brigades are requested to be in attendance **by 0745 hours** for Roll Call and assembly on the main oval adjacent to the competition track.

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

SUNDAY OPENING CEREMONY (JUNIORS)

The Junior Championship will commence with the opening ceremony to be begin at **0830 hours** on Sunday (30th March) and will take place on the competition track. If brigades can please ensure that their members are in attendance prior to 0830 hours for assembly.

TARGET CHANGES

To prevent spectators from being continually wet the State Rural Championships Committee have decided that the Right Hand Side target in Event 2 (Juniors), Event 5 (Seniors & Juniors) and Event 6 (Seniors & Juniors) will be moved to a position of 1.5 metres to the right of the centre line of the competition track. This is a slight deviation from the rule book for these events at this year's State Championships.

TRAIL EVENT – WET HYDRANT

At the end of each day's competition teams will be able to take part in an event being trialled – Wet Hydrant Event. Each brigade will be able to have a team trial the event, with sign up to take place at the registration tent. The rules for the trial event are attached for teams to review in advance of the Championships.

Any brigade which participates in the trial event will be encouraged to provide feedback to the State Rural Championships Committee for consideration later in the year when they are determining if there are to be any changes to the Championship program.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION – SATURDAY 29TH 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 29th 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 29th 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 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 or (03) 9886 1441

TRAVEL CLAIMS

Must be completed and lodged with CFA by midnight **Sunday 4th May 2025**. Travel claims can be completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/2025-travel-claim> or by completing and returning the form attached to this Memo. Any claims submitted after Sunday 4th May 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 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

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

2025 State Rural Senior Championship Teams

Division 1	
1	Beazley's Bridge A
2	Beazley's Bridge B
3	Connewarre A
4	Dunrobin-Nangeela A
5	Dunrobin-Nangeela B
6	Elaine A
7	Eldorado A
8	Hurstbridge A
9	Hurstbridge B
10	Hurstbridge C
11	Hurstbridge D
12	Leopold A
13	Maiden Gully A
14	Mandurang A
15	Pearcedale A
16	Springhurst A
17	Strathmerton A
18	Truganina A

Division 2	
1	Beazley's Bridge C
2	Chiltern A
3	Doreen A
4	Dunolly A
5	Dunrobin-Nangeela C
6	Eldorado B
7	Eldorado C
8	Eldorado D
9	Eltham A
10	Leopold B
11	Mannerim A
12	Mannerim B
13	Moorooduc A
14	Moorooduc B
15	Napoleons-Enfield A
16	Rutherglen A
17	Truganina B
18	Yarroweyah A

Division 3	
1	District 9/27 A
2	Doreen B
3	Dunrobin-Nangeela D
4	Elaine B
5	Gapsted A
6	Leopold C (<i>Not Event 1 or 3</i>)
7	Mannerim C
8	Miners Rest A
9	Napoleons-Enfield B
10	Pearcedale B
11	Pearcedale C
12	Rutherglen B
13	South East Region Staff A (<i>only Event 1 & 3</i>)
14	Springhurst B
15	Springhurst C
16	Truganina C

2025 State Rural Junior Championship Teams

Brigade Name	11-13 years	11-15 years
Ascot & District	1	2
Beazley's Bridge		2
Bethanga/Talgarno	1	
Chiltern	1	1
Doreen		2
Dunolly		1
Elaine		1
Eldorado		1
Gapsted	1	1
Maiden Gully	1	1

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



2025 CFA/VFBV STATE FIREFIGHTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

LINE UP FOR
OFFICIAL OPENING & ECHELON
MOVEMENT

Saturday 29th March

Roll Call 0745 hours
Commences 0820 hours

Beazley's Bridge
Bendigo
Chiltern
Cohuna
Connewarre
Creswick
District 9/27
Doreen
Dunolly
Dunrobin/Nangeela
Echuca
Elaine
Eldorado
Eltham
Euroa
Gapsted
Hamilton/Colac
Harvey (WA)
Hoppers Crossing
Horsham
Hurstbridge
Kangaroo Flat
Kerang
Kyneton
Leopold
Maffra
Maiden Gully
Mandurang
Mannerim
Maryvale
Melton
Miners Rest
Moorooduc
Morwell
Napoleons-Enfield
Narre Warren
Norseman (WA)
Osborne Park
Pakenham
Patterson River
Pearcedale
Rutherglen
Sale
Seymour
South East Region
Springhurst
Strathmerton
Swan Hill
Tatura
Truganina
Warracknabeal
Warrnambool
Werribee
Whittlesea
Yarroweyah

Hallam
Osborne Park
Mooroopna
Melton
VFBV Executive
Knox Group
Euroa
Wendouree
Dandenong

CFA Chief Officer & Deputy Chief Officers

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MAKE-UP PERSONNEL ROSTER

2025 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – SATURDAY 29th MARCH

EVENT	RED TRACK	YELLOW TRACK	GREEN TRACK	IN RESERVE
EVENT 1: Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Beazley's Bridge Chiltern Connewarre Doreen	District 9/27 Dunolly Dunrobin/Nangeela Elaine	Eldorado Eltham Gapsted Hurstbridge	Leopold Maiden Gully Mandurang
EVENT 2: Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Mannerim Miners Rest Moorooduc Napoleons-Enfield Pearcedale	Rutherglen South East Region Springhurst Strathmerton Truganina	Yarroweyah Chiltern Connewarre District 9/27 Dunolly	Beazley's Bridge Doreen Dunrobin/Nangeela
EVENT 3: Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Eldorado Gapsted Hurstbridge Leopold Maiden Gully	Mandurang Mannerim Miners Rest Moorooduc Napoleons-Enfield	Pearcedale Rutherglen Springhurst Truganina Yarroweyah	Strathmerton Elaine Eltham
EVENT 4: Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	South East Region Beazley's Bridge Connewarre District 9/27 Doreen	Dunolly Dunrobin/Nangeela Eldorado Eltham Elaine	Gapsted Hurstbridge Leopold Maiden Gully Mandurang	Mannerim Miners Rest Rutherglen
EVENT 5: Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Moorooduc Napoleons-Enfield Pearcedale Rutherglen	South East Region Springhurst Strathmerton Truganina	Yarroweyah Beazley's Bridge Chiltern Doreen	District 9/27 Dunolly Gapsted
EVENT 6: Division 1 Division 2 Division 3	Dunrobin/Nangeela Elaine Eldorado Eltham	Hurstbridge Leopold Maiden Gully Mandurang	Mannerim Miners Rest Strathmerton Truganina	Moorooduc Napoleons-Enfield Pearcedale

MAKE-UP PERSONNEL ROSTER

2025 JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP – SUNDAY 30th MARCH

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

TRIAL EVENT RULES

Wet Hydrant Event (Four Competitors)

EQUIPMENT INVENTORY (PER TRACK)

Competitors	Four
Tanker	One
NRL Delivery Hose	Two
Hydrant	One
64/38mm Wajax adapter	One
Branches (Small Town)	Two
Steel ring 50mm x 5mm (to be attached to delivery hose, branch end)	Two
Live Hydrant plug	One
Ground lugs including Cap	One
Ladder	One
Ladder Stand	One
Targets	One
Safety Harness	One

TRACK DIMENSIONS

Tanker Line	15m from Start line
Hydrant Line	18m from Start line and 2.5m right of centre line
Hose Bowling line	29.5m from Start line
Junior Hose Bowling line	20m from Start line
Target Line	44.6m from Start line
No. 1 target	on centre line

1.0 TRACK DETAILS

- 1.1. The tanker shall be positioned with its rear facing the bar line and with the delivery outlet over a line 15m from start line.
- 1.2. Live hydrant plug with protective cap in position shall be placed 18m from start line, 2.5m on the right of the centre line of the track.
- 1.3. The centre line of the ladder securing plate shall be 38.6m from start line and on the centre line of the track.
- 1.4. No 1 target shall be 44.6m from the start line, situated on the centre line of the track.

2.0 SETTING UP DETAILS

- 2.1. Two NRL delivery hoses with steel rings attached shall be rolled on the bight and placed in the bins affixed to the tray of the tanker
- 2.2. One hydrant shall be placed in the lugs affixed to the tray on the right side of the tanker.

- 2.3. One 64mm/38mm Wajax adapter shall be located in the locker.
- 2.4. Two branches shall be placed in a standing position on the tanker platform, one on each corner.
- 2.5. The ladder shall be placed on the centre line of the track with the front to the ground, head towards the start line with the foot of the ladder resting on the bars attached to the ladder securing plate.
- 2.6. The ladder stand shall be on the bar line.

3.0 RUNNING DETAILS

- 3.1. Competitors shall run to tanker, collect hydrant and 64mm/38mm adapter, remove ground lug cap and place hydrant in lugs and start pump.
- 3.2. Connect 64mm/38mm adapter to hydrant.
- 3.3. Competitors shall collect one NRL delivery hose from either side of the bins on the tanker deck, bowl out hose so that loop of hose extends over the 29.5m line and within the confines of track dimensions before connecting hose to the hydrant, wind spindle down on hydrant to charge delivery hose.
- 3.4. A competitor shall place foot of ladder between the two bars of the ladder securing plate raise and extend and lock by rope.

The second top rung of the ladder must be above or level with the bar. Ladder must be trained not thrown against the bar and must be held from time raised until ladder is handed to a track official at completion of run.
- 3.5. The ladder climbing competitor shall wear a safety harness fitted with a clip to take delivery hose ring and attach hose ring to safety harness prior to commencing ascending ladder.
- 3.6. A competitor shall collect either branch and connect it to the delivery hose coupling, then attach hose to safety harness before ascending ladder high enough to activate target with a stream of water directed from above the bar.

4.0 DISQUALIFICATIONS

For further information see list of disqualifications on page 16 of the Rural Championships Rule Book.

5.0 JUNIOR EVENT

- 5.1 As for seniors, except the ladder to be fixed to the bars and juniors to only climb a maximum of 6 rungs, in terms of Clause 7.7.
- 5.2 Juniors feet must be behind the 5m line and an attempt to bowl the hose is made past the line.
- 5.3 Pump pressure set at 275 kPa.

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SAFETY NOTES – V6 March 2023

Activity / Tasks	Hazards / risks	Safety Controls / control measures
Track Officials		
Track: Drainage pipes, equipment, etc.	Tripping hazards	Items have existed for a long period of time, remind track officials of hazards.
Competitors		
Running: And use of equipment	Injury, aggravating previous injury.	Ensure Coach is aware before competition.
Reel: 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.
Trailer: Mounting and dismounting	Injury from falling off	Ensure rails and all steps are used. When dismounting step backwards using all steps for safety.
Ladder: 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.
Ladder: Locking	Falling hazard or injury to body	As per disqualifications currently and coaches advice to competitors.
Track: 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.
Host & State Committee		
Track: 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.
Track surrounds: 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.
Track fence: 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.
Track Firefighter Sprints: 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.