

WANDONG FIRE BRIGADE



Awards Night

Wandong Fire Brigade celebrated its awards night on Saturday the 16th August at the Whittlesea Bowls Club. We celebrated the service of our members and recognised many achievements. Tony Scicluna, a member of the Clonbinane brigade, with significant involvement with Wandong for decades, was celebrated for the recent awarding of his Australian Fire Service Medal. Tony has played a part in training every Wandong brigade member at some point. Members of the outgoing executive committee were acknowledged including Yorin Miller (standing down from Captain), Sandra O'Connor (standing down from President), Michelle Kendrick (standing down from Treasurer), Jen Moore (standing down from Secretary), and Shane Moore (standing down from 3rd lieutenant).

Life Memberships to the Wandong Fire Brigade were awarded to Phil Buggy, Peter Gough, Denise King, Pat Leddin, Sandra O'Connor, John Simpson, and Tilly Tillbrook. Eligibility for Life Membership requires a minimum of 25 years of ongoing active service to the brigade that has advanced and promoted the work of the Wandong Fire Brigade. These are all worthy recipients, and we are so appreciative of their long term commitments to the community.

CFA Years of Service awards were presented to Rob Rau (10 year medal), Paul Brislin (20 year medal), Yvette Curlis (20 year medal), Yorin Miller (20 year medal) and Cindy Flannery (25 year medal). The Maurie Scanlon Award is voted for by brigade members and was presented to Kasey Styles. The Captain's Award was presented to Andrew Kunkel for doing many tasks that tend to go unnoticed, such as updating the fire danger signs and the flagpoles.

The Melbourne Firefighter StairClimb Challenge 2025

On Saturday 6th September, four members of the Wandong Fire Brigade took on the Melbourne Firefighter StairClimb Challenge. So proud of our crew for their commitment to fitness, mental health awareness, and fundraising. Pictured are Tom Alderson, Robert Bolletti, Jacob Styles, and Kasey Styles who joined 1000 firefighters to climb 28 flights of stairs of the Crown Hotel with a finish time between 4:54 and 8:29 minutes!

Crew would like to thank the following supporters, and all Community members who donated: Barry Plant, Angel's Financial, Crumbs & Coffee, Hunter & Co Collective, Melbourne Tractors, Click Displays, Wandong Pharmacy, TJA Landscapes, Drains for you, Styles Civil and Construction, Bee Kool Honey, and Stephanie Lucas. The Wandong Crew raised a massive \$9,405 towards the total \$1,100,000 raised this year! This money will go to Lifeline, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation, and 000 Foundation to improve support services, fund research, remove stigmas, and raise awareness of cancer and mental health issues, especially for those within the Emergency Service and Defence Communities.

Upcoming Open Day – Saturday 11th October. Save the Date.

Wandong Fire Brigade are opening up the fire station on Saturday 11th October to the Community. Drop in and enjoy a free snag, and activities for all. Stay tuned to the Facebook page for further details.

