

FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP

The Federation Championship conducted at Corowa on 6th and 7th October 2001 was initiated by the then NSW Fire Brigades Championships Association. The organising committee comprised representatives from NSW and Victoria.

Corowa, the birthplace of Federation, was chosen as the venue in this year, the Centenary of Federation to host this commemoration of over 150 years of Fire Brigade competition. Corowa Brigade formed in 1877, has been involved in Demonstrations (now Championships) from the earliest years with success from the outset.

The Victorian Fire Brigades Competition - Melbourne March 14th 1884.

The Fire Brigades Demonstration was brought to a conclusion today at Geelong. The Representative Race, the last hose event, was won by Geelong, Kew second and Kensington third. Both engine events were won by the redoubtable Corowa Brigade; Beechworth took second place in this practice for fours, and Rutherglen second in that for eights, third in the fours fell to Theatre Royal Sydney, and third in the eights to Sydney No3. Geelong Brigade was awarded first prize for the best average in hose events, with nine points, Simpson's Road Ballarat, being second with 6 points.

SYDNEY MAIL 22 March, 1884.

Corowa's first Captain was Peter Ritchie who had served ten years in Geelong Fire Brigade before moving to Corowa. It was his leadership that brought about their involvement in competition. They achieved much success at Demonstrations at Ballarat, Melbourne, Sandhurst (Bendigo) in Victoria and Sydney, Newcastle, Albury and Corowa between 1881 and 1909.

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Organised Brigades began in 1836 in NSW with the formation of the Australian Insurance Company Brigade, other Insurance Companies formed Brigades. The first Volunteer Brigade was the Victoria Theatre Fire Company, the establishment of other Volunteer Brigades led to the formation of the Metropolitan Associated Fire Brigades from the Insurance Companies and the United Volunteer Fire Brigades Association.

The UVFBA held a "Grand Inter-Colonial Fire Brigade Competition " in November 1881. Along with the City Companies, sixteen Victorian and Country Brigades competed in events including; Engine Practice, Ladder Race, Steam Engine Practice, Disabled Ladder Practice and Hose Reel Practice, in a format similar to the Volunteer Demonstrations of today.

The Metropolitan Associated Fire Brigades responded with its First Annual Gathering" in March 1882.

*FIGHTING FIRE
Colin Adrian 1984*

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COROWA

LADDER PRACTICE

R Lambourn SALE	6.98	A Goudie MELTON	7.26	N Anderson BENDIGO	7.46	C Mayled COFFS HARBOUR	7.62	G Kinross MALDON	7.71
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HOSE REEL - 5 COMPETITORS

UNANDERRA	24.98	MELTON	26.44	FINLEY/TOCUMW	26.52	BEGA	27.32	BATHURST/HAY	29.01
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HOSE CART & LADDER 4 COMPETITORS

BATHURST/HAY	25.33	FINLEY/TOCUMW	26.30	DELROY/ARMIDAI	27.22	LAKES ENTRANCI	28.27	ATHERTON	29.37
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WET MARSHALL EVENT 2 COMPETITORS (Victorian Event)

MELTON	11.31	LAKES ENTRANCI	11.74	SALE	11.89	ECHUCA	12.43	BATHURST/HAY	12.97
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HOSE HYDRANT & EXTINGUISHER 3 COMPETITORS

COFFS HARBOUR	48.84	LAKES ENTRANCI	48.87	SALE	53.02	BATHURST/HAY	57.03	UNANDERRA	57.16
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HOSE AND HYDRANT - 5 COMPETITORS (BEDFORD)

FINLEY/TOCUMW	23.75	UNANDERRA	26.55	DELROY/ARMIDAI	26.71	LAKES ENTRANCI	27.16	COFFS HARBOUR	29.87
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AGGREGATE POINTS - FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP

FINLEY/TOCUMW	32	MELTON	31	LAKES ENTRANCI	28	UNANDERRA	28	BATHURST/HAY	24
COFFS HARBOUR SAWTELL	20	SALE	20	DELROY/ARMIDAI	12	BEGA	4	ECHUCA	4

COMPETING TEAMS

ATHERTON Qld	BATHURST/HAY NSW	BEGA NSW	BENALLA Vic	BENDIGO Vic
COFFS HARB/SAWTELL NSW	COHUNA Vic	COROWA NSW	COROWA RFS NSW	DELROY/ARMIDALE NSW
ECHUCA Vic	FINLEY/TOCUMWAL NSW	LAKES ENTRANCE Vic	MALDON Vic	MELTON Vic
MUSWELLBROOK NSW	NURIOOTPA SA	OCEAN GROVE Vic	SALE Vic	STAWELL Vic
TRANGIE NSW	UNANDERRA NSW	WAIKERIE SA	WODONGA/RUTHERGLEI Vic	WONDI Qld