

AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

LAUNCESTON TASMANIA

PUMP APPLIANCE & COLLECTOR EVENT - 4 COMPETITORS

ECHUCA	8.80	DORRIGO	10.99	TRANGIE	11.22	PT MACQUARIE	11.52	SILVERDALE	11.70
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FIRST AID REEL & PUMPER EVENT - 4 COMPETITORS

MELB MFB 1	34.39	GLEN INNES	34.65	DEVONPORT	36.52	DORRIGO	36.92	MELB MFB 2	37.11
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SIAMESE VALVE - 4 COMPETITORS (Tas)

MELB MFB 1	41.01	KELSO	43.28	SILVERDALE	44.06	MELTON	44.55	BERRY	45.96
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PUMP RESCUE - 4 COMPETITORS (Tas)

ECHUCA	30.30	BERRY	31.11	BEGA	33.17	DORRIGO	33.66	TRANGIE	33.93
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WET HOSE MARSHALL EVENT - 4 COMPETITOR

SILVERDALE	18.71	MELB MFB 1	20.24	DEVONPORT	20.28	PROSPECT	21.26	MOONBI/ KOOTIN	21.95
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HOSE & HYDRANT EVENT - 2 COMPETITORS

MELB MFB 2	12.63	BERRY	13.24	KELSO	13.31	SWAN HILL	13.71	MELB MFB 1	14.06
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HOSE & HYDRANT EVENT - 4 COMPETITORS

KELSO	16.79	SWAN HILL	18.17	MOONBI/ KOOTIN	18.43	MELTON	18.59	BERRY	18.60
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HOSE, HYDRANT & EXTINGUISHER - 3 COMPETITORS

ECHUCA	35.79	MELB MFB 2	38.11	MOONBI/ KOOTIN	39.62	MELTON	39.78	KELSO 2	40.02
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HOSE, HYDRANT & PUMPER EVENT - 4 COMPETITORS

ECHUCA	21.79	MELTON	21.83	MELB MFB 1	23.61	BEGA	25.27	SILVERDALE	25.85
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PUMP SUCTION EVENT 4 COMPETITORS

BEGA	22.49	BALCLUTHA	23.95	DORRIGO	24.61	SILVERDALE	26.33	MELB MFB1	26.43
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AGGREGATE POINTS - AUSTRALASIAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2013

MELB MFB 1	116.5	ECHUCA	101.5	KELSO	94.5	DORRIGO	89.5	SILVERDALE	81.0
BERRY	79.0	BEGA	66.0	MELTON	64.0	MOOMBI/KOOTIN	61.0	SWAN HILL	59.5

COMPETING TEAMS

ALICE SPRINGS (NT)	BALCLUTHA (NZ)	BEGA (NSW)	BERRY (NSW)	BUSHY PARK (Tas)
CLAREMONT (Tas)	DARFIELD/TAIRUA (NZ)	DEVONPORT (Tas)	DORRIGO (NSW)	ECHUCA (Vic)
GEELONG WEST (Vic)	GLEN INNES (NSW)	KELSO (NSW)	KINGSTON (Tas)	LAKES ENT/BAIRNSDALE (Vic)
MELTON (Vic)	MOONBI/ KOOTINGAL (NSW RFS)	MFB 1 (Vic)	MFB 2 (Vic)	NEW NORFOLK (Tas)
PORT MACQUARIE (NSW)	PROSPECT (Tas)	ROKEBY (Tas)	SASSAFRAS (Tas)	SILVERDALE (NZ)
SWAN HILL (Vic)	TRANGIE (NSW)	WERRIBEE (Vic)	WYONG (NSW)	

1873 FIRE BRIGADES' DEMONSTRATION IN MELBOURNE

"The demonstration of the united fire brigades of the colony...was inaugurated on the 26th May by a grand torchlight procession... The various up-country contingents arrived at the Spencer Street station in the course of the afternoon and evening, and shortly before the hour fixed for assembling the suburban brigades put in an appearance...where they formed in line between the Railway Station and the foot of Bourke St...being watched by a large and rapidly increasing crowd. Torches having been lit...the men formed in two open lines about six yards apart, the signal was given, and the march taken up into Bourke St. Although an immense crowd accompanied the procession, the largest assemblage had gathered in the vicinity of the Post Office, and a loud cheer [went up] as the first lights of the hundreds of flaming torches, and the discharge of coloured fire, interspersed with rockets into the air [was seen]. As the whole line came into view descending Bourke St towards Elizabeth St, the effect was grand in the extreme, the almost dazzling glare from the torches having the effect of throwing into strong relief the crimson and blue uniforms of the brigades and the immediately surrounding sea of faces. Upon reaching Spring St there could not have been fewer than between 5000 and 6000 people surrounding the procession on all sides. Passing the premises of Mr Walter Draper, pyrotechnist, Elizabeth St, some magnificent red and coloured fires were burned, and scores of rockets sent into the air; and at the Exchange Hotel, Swanston St, the landlord...formerly lieutenant of the Daylesford brigade, there was another really fine discharge of fireworks. In Swanston St, between Collins St and Flinders Lane, the procession halted, and the bands having played the National Anthem, the men dispersed, the crowd giving them three hearty cheers as the lights were extinguished."

Illustration Australian News 26/5/1873

The next day the brigades again assembled at the Spencer St station and marched to the site of the demonstration in Spring St.

"The review of the united fire brigades of Victoria...was in every way a great success. The citizens of Melbourne had for the first time an opportunity of witnessing what a really efficient volunteer brigade could do. At 11 o'clock the Ballarat City brigade...on the signal being given a rush was made to the fire plugs in front of the Princess's Theatre and the Imperial Hotel. Hose reels were run out with great rapidity, and ladders were fitted together and run up to the roof of the Imperial Hotel, which was mounted by the firemen within 60 seconds from the time of starting. The rapid manner in which this feat was performed excited the most enthusiastic applause from the great body of spectators that circled the ground and crowded the roofs and windows of all the houses in the neighbourhood. The Ballarat Fire Brigade was the next to appear. ... Three ladders were fitted together, and the men were on top of the Imperial Hotel within a minute from the time they started from the centre of the square. A jumping sheet composed of stout canvass was held out, and one of the company threw himself from the second floor window and was caught without any trouble. Another fireman jumped from the ladder a few feet higher up, and then amid the most enthusiastic cheering a member of the brigade...sprang from the parapet on top of the hotel, and was safely caught in the sheet... The Creswick brigade worked two lengths of hose, but the ladders they had would not do for high buildings. The Sandhurst Temperance brigade also accomplished scaling the hotel walls and adjusting the hose ready for playing on a fire within one minute from the time of starting. ...The No.1 Sandhurst brigade, with escape ladders, several lengths of hose, and fire engine, next set to work, and, in point of quickness, were fully equal to any of their rivals... The Ballarat Fire Brigade then started a fire engine, and though the water had to be pumped, a good stream was sent through the hose almost as quickly as if it had been simply attached to the main. The Ballarat City brigade was indulged in another trial, which, for the speed with which the lengths of hose were made ready, was not beaten during the day. The fire escape under the management of the police was then run to the top of the hotel, and the method of descending illustrated. The jumping sheet was brought out, but on this occasion it was not so successfully used as under the management of the Ballarat brigade. A heavy fireman belonging to the Melbourne brigade...jumped from the top of the hotel, but from the men not managing the sheet as well he came with great force on the flags. ...he was at once conveyed to the Melbourne Hospital. Though the man received a severe shock, it was found that none of his bones were broken."

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