

FIRE AT CLUB KILSYTH, VIC, AUSTRALIA

Saturday, 26 November 2005



At approximately 7:10 on Wednesday morning, Vicfire received multiple calls for a building fire at Club Kilsyth, Victoria, Australia. Initial calls indicated that there was a fire in the main building and that smoke and flames were issuing from the roof. Story by Matthew Taranto.



Scene confronting firefighters on their arrival at Club Kilsyth

En route to the call The Basin pumper requested 'Make pumper 4' and to respond Bayswater BA. Once on scene the call to 'Make pumper 5 aerial appliances 2 and Scoresby Hoselayer' was made.



Looking West from Canterbury Rd

The Platform from Dandenong as well as the Teleboom from Ringwood were responded as the two aerial appliances.



Bayswater Tanker and crews tackle the fire.

At around 8:30 an under control was put on the call, with a stop being placed at around 9:00. Fire crews remained on scene throughout the day mopping up hot spots and awaiting contractors to arrive to make the building safe.

The City of Maroondah Building Inspector was called and deemed the structure as unsafe and placed a demolition order on it.



Crews remained on scene throughout the day. Photo: Matt Taranto

The following CFA resources responded to this incident:

- Bayswater Pumper
- The Basin Pumper
- Bayswater BA

- The Basin Tanker 2
- Bayswater Tanker
- The Basin Support
- Boronia Pumper
- Montrose Pumper
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- Montrose Tanker 2
- Scoresby Hose Layer
- Ranges Group MCV
- Scoresby Car
- Belgrave Car
- Mooroolbark Pumper
- Dandenong Platform
- CFA Fire Investigation
- Region 13 Duty Officer

Other Agency resources included:

- MFESB – Pumper 26 (Croydon), Water Tanker 26 (Croydon) Teleboom 22 (Ringwood) Commander Davies
- Police – Numerous police units were required for traffic and crowd control.
- Red Cross – Provided welfare for firefighters
- Power, Gas and Water companies – Isolated services to allow firefighting operations to continue.
- Maroondah Council – Building Inspector
- Worksafe
- EPA



CFA Fire Investigation team combed through the building remains throughout the afternoon to determine a cause of the fire.

Preliminary investigations indicate that the fire originated in or around an airconditioning unit and travelled throughout the roofspace before being noticed by employees or passers by.



Demolition works continue. Photo: Matt Taranto

The last CFA crews were released at 17:40 and the scene was handed over to the owners.



Armed security crews were on site throughout the day and provided overnight security due to the large amount of poker machines and ATM's on the property