

EMERALD

FIRE

BRIGADE

ANNUAL

REPORT

1998/1999

PRESIDENTS REPORT

This being the inaugural Annual Report of the Emerald Fire Brigade to provide an insight into the running of the Brigade and its support to the community of Emerald may I firstly welcome you, the reader, and trust that this report will be of interest to you.

Following the elections of 1998, the Brigade had changes to nearly every management position resulting in probably the youngest group of Officers in the history of the Brigade. There was some concern that this may be to the detriment of the Brigade but I can now assure all doubters that the enthusiasm, keenness to learn and maturity that evolved in our younger team has proven that your Brigade is maintaining its high level of achievement and that the Community of Emerald and surrounds is in very good hands.

Captain David Cleator, his team of Officers and all Firefighters are to be congratulated on the fine effort put in over the past twelve months and this has been reflected in the excellent results of our recent Brigade inspection by the Region.

There is currently a lot of publicity created by the Union criticising the ability and response times of the CFA volunteers and I can readily assure you all that the level of training of this Brigade leaves nothing to be desired and that a check of our records will show that our turnout times are excellent with the first appliance at most times mobile within three minutes of a call and on scene in under the eight minutes allowed.

The next few years will see some major changes occur with the Emerald Fire Brigade with probably the largest being a new Fire Station which may be in the form of a combined emergency services centre, including CFA, SES and the Ambulance Service also we hopefully will have replacements for our Tanker and possibly the Pumper also. The other change will be in the personnel area where we will be introducing a broader membership which will allow non -firefighting members who will assist the Brigade in administrative, instruction, welfare and some other areas as required.

I now invite you to read on and gain a greater insight into the workings of the EMERALD FIRE BRIGADE.

Eric Donald
President

CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Captain David Cleator

Responsibility:

To successfully manage and ensure the appropriate training and response capability of the brigade.

My first 12 months as captain has been challenging, rewarding and extremely hard work, a much harder role to fulfil than anyone can imagine until they have been there. The major change in officers in the last elections saw the brigade with three young lieutenants and comms officer. This meant a high priority of mine was to ensure these officers received leadership training at an early stage. This was achieved by holding several additional officers training nights which on several occasions went into the early hours of the morning. These included personnel management, both on the fire ground and at a personal level, also fire ground scenario training which was extremely rewarding for all involved. (These sessions were later extended to include some of our leading firefighters, more to come this year.) Unfortunately late last year we saw the departure of Paul Buxton, our previous Comms Officer who many felt had great potential. His position has been very ably filled by our youngest Comms Officer yet in the form of Kate Sleeman, ably assisted by Holly Harris as assistant Comms Officer.

All the officers have handled their new positions and responsibilities extremely capably, both on and off the fireground, and I am very grateful for the effort, the extra hours and long meetings put in by them. Their capability and the resultant training at several major exercises including Puffing Billy workshops and Emerald Secondary College (which featured in CFA brigade news) have stood the brigade membership in good stead when attending actual fires and incidents both in our brigade area and when supporting neighbouring brigades. The comment often comes back to me from neighbouring Captains that it is great to see Emerald roll up to support them at their jobs as they know we are usually fully crewed with well trained, disciplined, capable firefighters. This has resulted in some neighbouring brigades amending their response plans to include Emerald in areas not previously our support area. This is a reflection of the level of

commitment by the majority of our firefighters who are prepared to train and turn out to all types of incidents, day or night, whether it be the snow and ice on the road on Paternoster hill as occurred twice on the one day in October, the potentially disastrous laundry fire at Alice Berry nursing home in July, the fully involved house fire in Jacka road in October, the dirty fire in the sawdust hopper at Emerald Secondary College in August or the particularly nasty mva in Emerald Beacy road in March where the car was actually broken into two halves on impact.

Probably our most unusual call for assistance was to shut off all the gas meters in the area, this saw over 30 firefighters operating in the Emerald area for almost 12 hours and the first use of our I.C.C. as a control centre. This was as a result of the explosion and fire at the Longford refinery which saw 2 of our firefighters Greg Jones and Greg Lemmon working at that site for 2 days. Earlier in the year in August the severe floods in East Gippsland saw Cliff Duncan spend time there during the recovery phase. This once again highlights the commitment by the members of this brigade to assist the community whenever a problem arises and I feel this community is fortunate and should feel secure in the knowledge that a group of highly trained individuals are available in Emerald.

Our number of calls this year is less than last year at 122 currently with the type of call changing significantly with greater emphasis on road related incidents both MVA'S and oil wash aways which have made up approximately 50% of our calls in recent months, the other increased call type has been to trees and powerlines down as a result of storms. This has seen an increase in involvement by the brigade with the SES, Police and Ambulance locally, this was particularly the case at the near disaster when a large tree fell across Puffing Billy carriages injuring several tourists, many good comments have come back to me about the performance of our members on that day, the co-operation between all the emergency services in our town is something we should all be proud of.

The CFA is changing in many ways, some of which will be as a result of the tragic loss at the Linton fires of 5 of our fellow Firefighters from the Geelong West brigade, their deaths I am sure will see many changes to the way crews are assembled and trained to tackle the Wildfire situation. The resultant memorial service saw myself, Nathan Kuys and Holly Harris assist on the day with ushering etc. This was one of the most emotional times for

me in over 20 years of firefighting and has made more determined than ever to ensure our members are well trained to cope with all types of events. Another major change about to take place is in the make up of the membership of brigades generally, the new Broader Membership Program will enable all brigades to recruit people from the community as full brigade members to undertake specific roles within the brigade such as community education, administration, fund raising, driver training and any other role without the necessity for these people to be firefighters. This will eventually result in a brigade structure with a group of highly trained firefighters and a group of trained support team members.

Finally I would like to thank each and every member for their dedication, determination and involvement in the Emerald Fire Brigade and I am proud to be your Captain.

Thank you!

DAVID CLEATOR

1ST LT'S REPORT

1st LT Paul Yandle

Responsibilities:

Driver Training

Burn Offs

Station Maintenance

The last twelve months has been a busy period for the brigade with an increasing workload in all operations, training, and administration areas for both officers and members.

My areas of responsibility have included:

BURN OFFS

Emerald brigade has always had and continues to have a very active fuel reduction and burning off program with approximately 30 hours being committed at burn offs during the 98/99 season.

The program varies between specific burning off in strategic areas to provide fire protection and safety, as well as assisting private residents, land owners and the local shires to maintain their properties in a fire safe manner. Many burnoffs have also been conducted for elderly or ill-equipped members of the community.

The junior brigade has also shared the workload by assisting the seniors with some of the smaller burn-offs.

Our burning-off program has contributed to the brigade finances with approximately \$ 1500.00 being donated from residents during the 98/99 season.

Burning-off duties has also provided an invaluable source of training for fire fighters and officers alike. Many of us have our first experiences with heat, flame and smoke, when attending burn-offs; this training is the most realistic way of learning what to expect on the fire ground.

Several major burning operations were planned during the year but due to unfavorable weather conditions had to be postponed:

1. The Emerald quarry area between Monbulk Rd and Sunnyside Tce will be periodically burnt over several years in conjunction with the Cardinia Shire prescribed burning system in their fire management plan for the area.
2. After several years of persistent requests to Melbourne Water the brigade was granted permission to conduct fuel reduction burning within the catchment area of the Cardina Reservoir. Several attempts were made for

this burn to be done with many supporting brigades ready to assist, but several wet days put and end to our efforts for the season. With these burn-offs still in the pipeline, as well as the usual requests for assistance I am sure the 99/2000 season will again prove to be a very busy one.

DRIVER TRAINING

A trend is emerging within the C.F.A for fire fighters to be trained and accredited for various tasks within the brigade. Emerald brigade is well prepared for this with regards to driver training, as we have an ongoing commitment towards training new drivers and assisting them to obtain their truck licences as well as maintaining the standards of existing drivers to ensure a safe and responsible attitude towards driving emergency vehicles. Throughout 98/99 various members have obtained endorsed licenses and code 1 accreditation through the brigade.

The brigade continues to use its own driver evaluation and grading system to ensure that all drivers operating vehicles under code one conditions are fully competent to do so.

I would like to thank f/f's David Davidson Little and John Carr for the many hours they have spent assisting and instructing new drivers, their input has certainly contributed to the high standard of ability and competence of our brigade drivers.

STATION MAINTENANCE

Future plans for Emerald include a new fire station, so most efforts to date have involved maintaining our station in an operational and usable condition until a new station is built.

Some works that have occurred include:

- improved signage around the station to assist parking for members
- extra lighting around the station area
- installation of new locks and keys to improve security
- continual cleaning and repairs due to unfortunate vandalism and graffiti
- fitting out of the meeting room for use as an incident control centre during major exercises
- planting of garden beds and plants in rear yard

As the new station is still several years away some improvements have been planned for the near future they include:

- painting of both buildings (paint has been donated and supplied by region)

- Landscaping at rear of station to improve access to the hose tower and to make the rear yard/garden area more useable, including the construction of a permanent brick BBQ and seating around the existing tree. Brigade members will complete these projects at several working bees.

In general I feel the brigade has had a typically busy year. Even considering a relatively quiet fire season we always seem to be busy with the usual array of call outs, training, fundraising, public awareness and general duties around the station.

The last twelve months has seen a period of change and adjustments within the brigade with several new officers being elected for the first time and lots of new members completing probationary training and commencing their volunteer fire service careers. It is encouraging to see so many new people that are so keen and committed to serve their local community via the C.F.A. I have personally been very pleased to see the professional and efficient way in which the brigade has presented itself to the general public and other emergency services at incidents and community events. All Emerald members should be proud of their efforts and achievements and likewise the community in general should be proud that they are protected and served by such a committed group of people.

I would like to thank my fellow officers and all brigade members for their assistance and great efforts over the last twelve months.

Paul Yandle
1st LT
Emerald Fire Brigade

2ND LT'S REPORT

2ND LT Shane Harris

Responsibilities:

Community Awareness

Assistant Burn Offs

Quartermaster

Juniors

The last twelve months has been a great challenge and learning experience for myself. Since being elected to officer status for the first time at last years elections, I now see the brigade from a different perspective and can fully appreciate the level of commitment and responsibility involved in being an officer of the brigade.

Juniors

- Juniors is currently full with 20 junior members
- The juniors participated in two major competition days being Emerald Winterfest and the CFA Big Day Out. Juniors excelled themselves in both competitions winning one out of two trophies at Emerald Winterfest and the Big Day Out seeing Emerald take out two of the four trophies and also taking out the overall trophy for the second time in a row.
- Juniors are having on-going fundraising and now have a healthy bank account.
- Juniors training is to a high standard for this age group. They are taught responsibility, leadership, discipline and they learn the same training as the seniors.

Since my time as juniors coordinator I have seen five juniors come up into seniors and can see them as a great asset to our brigade. I would like to thank Gregg Smith, David Davidson Little (Doc) and Matt Cree for all their help during the past twelve months.

Quartermaster

- We now have most members equipped with one pair of work overalls and one good pair of overalls, latest turn out coats and gloves, rural helmet and structure helmet.

- Gear is now being removed and issued to members based on turnouts and attendance at training. I believe this is working quite well.
- We now have fifteen pair of overpants on order and these will be allocated to the appropriate members.

Community Awareness

I have had on-going community awareness duties these have included:

- * Display days at school fetes
- * On-going visits to Avonsleigh Pre - School
- * Brigades in school
- * Winterfest
- * Puffing Billy Photo Shoots and several other tasks involving community awareness. One of my goals now is to work on community awareness in our local schools with evacuation procedures and general fire safety.

I would now like to take this opportunity to thank the members and officers of Emerald Fire Brigade for all there help and support in helping me through my first year as an officer. Without the help and understanding of all members I would have not been able to achieve the goals and tasks I have had before me. I now know that I can look forward to the next twelve months of my term knowing that I have the support of the officers and members and are looking forward to working together with everyone at Emerald. Once again thank you all.

Shane Harris

2nd LT

Emerald Fire Brigade

3RD LT'S REPORT

3RD LT Nathan Kuys

Responsibilities:

Apparatus

Recruits

Blue Light Disco

First Aid

This being my first time as an officer, I wasn't quite sure what to expect? I must say that the workload has been quite a lot more than I first expected, but at the same time enjoyable, when seeing the finished results.

Apparatus

There haven't really been any major changes on the apparatus front, but that does not mean that not much has been done. There is always so much to do on the maintenance side of things. Constant testing of hoses and hose repairs always takes up a lot of time. This year all of our 38mm hoses have been marked clearly with our brigade's name and also with either an 'A' or 'B' on each end. This was done to make our job easier when repairing them by making it easier to locate which end the problem lies. All of our brigades equipment has now also been colour coded. The reason we decided to do this was to make it easier to identify our brigades equipment, from our neighbouring brigades, when we have either inter brigade training or multi brigade turnouts. Another recent innovation, which we have introduced this year into apparatus, is to have all of our torches, pumps, generators and chainsaws operating times recorded in separate logbooks. This is a great idea when you can look at what we can find out. It will show us how long they have been run, when they were last serviced, when they were last filled with petrol and oil. With the torches it helps us to keep them all charged by constantly discharging then re-charging them in alphabetical order, which also helps to keep the batteries memory. The usuals were also carried out, chainsaws were serviced, generators and fans were all checked over and all of the hand tools and trucks equipment have all been stripped, cleaned, sharpened and replaced.

Recruits

Two separate recruit courses have been completed successfully this year with a total number of eleven members coming through these courses. The first recruit course ran from July 98 to November 98 which saw two of our members successfully complete their course. These two members came up from our own junior brigade. The second course consisted of an amazing nine members. This course ran from February 99 to June 99. Four have been junior members coming up to the seniors and five new members from the public. It is fantastic to see so many new members keen to join our brigade.

The final day for the course was held at Carrum C.F.A. Training Ground, with various exercises including gas attacks and fuel storage incidents just to name a couple.

Blue Light Disco

The blue light disco is an on-going program, of which our brigade has continued to support. Our brigade's involvement with the blue light consists of various meetings on the running of the blue light disco, and our brigades support on the running of the event on the night. Our members normally meet the buses out the front of the station and ride on them down to the hall. When we arrive we generally look after security and help with the cleaning up of the hall.

First Aid

During the last twelve months we have had nine of our members do their update for their first aid certificates through the Red Cross. We also had six new members pass their first aid course for the first time with LHK first aid. With the brigade already having a couple of other members accredited, this now brings our total number accredited up to eighteen.

I would like to thank all of the members and officers for their large amount of support throughout the past twelve months. It has been great working side by side with so many dedicated people as a team, to all achieve the same goals.

Nathan W Kuys
3 RD LT
Emerald Fire Brigade

4TH LT'S REPORT

4th LT Greg Jones

Responsibilities:

Fire Plugs

Training Records

Weather Recording

During the course of the first year, I have made some changes to Sunday mornings, particularly fire plug inspections. Thanks to Margaret Johnson's work as the previous 4th Lieutenant, much of the addressing of plugs is resolved. It is planned to have a computer system keep track of the plugs, along with the ability to search for plug locations in a street.

Another change relating to plugs is the appointment of an Assistant Plug Officer to help me in the duties of plug inspections. This has been of good benefit, with the current member holding this task, responsible for finding eight major problems and rectifying them within two days.

The role of Assistant has been highly successful, and the maintenance of plugs in good order has been fairly quick on most occasions. All the work not falling on just one person. My thanks to Paul Woodhouse for committing to some regular responsibility in this area.

This year also saw the Brigade purchase a new DAVIS weather station, a highly accurate system capable of providing a large amount of information, useful during the fire season. As part of my role in keeping this data, I encouraged the Brigade to purchase the data kit, which permits downloading of the weather information to computer, and the printing of reports which can be used by both Ranges Group and Region 13 HQ.

Sunday mornings have been used regularly for vehicle inspections and plugs for a long time. This year we also introduced some Sunday morning training, with this responsibility shared among all officers.

Finally, I undertook specialist training late last year to become a qualified CFA Aerial Observer, manning the fire reconnaissance aircraft flown by Region 13 during the summer period. This aircraft, known by the callsign **Fire Spotter 13**, is used to assist in the detection and control of major outbreaks during high-risk weather. As these skills are not too common in the authority, I am pleased that Matt Cree has agreed to undertake the training to gain accreditation in this

discipline. Both Region and CFA HQ appreciate the time and effort put into this important task.

Greg Jones

4 TH LT

Emerald Fire Brigade

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Communications Kate Sleeman

Responsibilities:

Radios

Pagers

Internal & External Contact Numbers

Station Signage

It has been a busy year in communications. There have been five Group Communications meetings over this time. These meetings have been very interesting and have informed our brigade of many changes that we need to know about.

Emerald Fire Brigade has thirty-nine alphanumeric pagers and seven Telstra pagers, which have been distributed amongst the members of our Brigade. Thirteen alphanumeric pagers and one Telstra pager have been put in for repair over the past year.

We have had a lot of communications training over the year. Everyone is getting better, you can tell that the training has helped when you listen to the radio at turnouts. Well done everyone!

Many things have happened over the past year these include:

- The resignation of our original Communication Officer, Paul Buxton.
- New control point boards in all of the vehicles and the subbase for use at turnouts and in training.
- We now have mobile phones in all of our trucks.
- The CFA was put onto a new radio system, which meant that we now have to use channel 57 and 54 instead of R13 Best and GOTO 2.
- We had an extension speaker installed in the motor room, which allows us to be able to monitor, channel 57 when we are in there.
- The portable batteries were found to be losing their charge, therefore they had to be rejuvenated or replaced. They are currently waiting to be rejuvenated properly.
- The brigade purchased a new portable battery and charger. This means that all portables now have a spare battery each.

- The Mobile Control Unit (MCU) is now called the Mobile Control Vehicle (MCV) to keep in line with the CFA.
- Holly has been looking after all of the Strike Team and Task Force availabilities over the year. Luckily we have not had to use it. Thank you for that Holly.

Thank you to everyone for your support in my first year as Communications Officer, your understanding has been great!!!

Kate Sleeman
Communications Officer
Emerald Fire Brigade

TREASURER'S REPORT

The past twelve months have been financially very positive for Emerald Fire Brigade.

The closing balance in our cheque account on 25th May 1999 (The most recent balance received to date) was \$7247.82. We also have funds invested in two term deposits with The Commonwealth Bank. These term deposits are for \$10,000 and \$5,000, both maturing in September 1999.

Some significant events with regard to The Emerald Fire Brigade's finances are as follows:

- We changed banks from The ANZ to The Commonwealth Bank due to the introduction of fees on our accounts by The ANZ Bank.
- With the introduction of the Ritchies Community Benefits card in the Emerald store, in July 1998, we have received approximately \$700 per month in donations from this fund.
- The Emerald Fire Brigade has been really well supported by other local businesses. In particular, Foodway Emerald and St. Marks Opportunity Shop Emerald. Examples of their generous support would be when during the gas shut off, Sally and Jim of Foodway Emerald provided lunch for over 70 people at considerable cost to themselves. The Fire Brigade Auxiliary at St. Marks worked tirelessly all last year and were able to assist us with a donation of \$5000.00 at last years presentation dinner.
- At the annual Christmas Carols, we received \$1937.01 for donations, sales and from the raffle. We were able to send a donation to the Linton appeal of \$740.00.
- Expenses remained constant during the year with no major capital acquisitions or projects.

Liz Sammut
Treasurer

SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING

It gives me great pleasure in presenting the first social and fundraising report for the Emerald Fire Brigade.

It is my belief that a brigade without teamwork, social activity and fundraising would not survive and because Emerald Fire Brigade has all this and more we can stand proud.

Since taking on the role as social and fundraising coordinator in November 1998 the brigade has been busy with the following activities.

Melbourne cup day: good time had by many punters.

Kids Christmas party: very wet day and moved back to the station but santa still found where to go.

Members break up night: one of the best nights had by everyone except bee sting man. A visit from Santa with a feminine twist and hot entertainment by the amazing fire twirler.

New years eve: numbers growing and enjoyable night.

Swim night: a fantastic night, which really showed how much teamwork the brigade, has and most members attended this.

The brigades fundraising has been pretty quiet at present with only the christmas raffle going ahead and this raised about \$900 without much effort, stay tuned for our major fundraiser soon.

We continue to receive Ritchies community benefits which is great, as well we are very very grateful to the wonderful ladies auxiliary whose help through the year when required is fantastic especially the job they do at the op shop raising much needed funds.

Other very important people who should be thanked in assisting the brigade in donations, fundraising or just helping out in a big way are as follows.

Jim and Sally Foodway Supermarket

Emerald Fish and Chips

Wandin Gully Plant Farm

Gem Signs

Miter 10 Emerald

Village Meats.

A very big thankyou to Holly and Rowan for their help during the year and to all other members thanks for making Emerald Fire Brigade the brigade that it is and we can only get better.

Trevor Ireland

Social and Fundraising Coordinator

RECRUIT TRAINING REPORT

At the heart of almost every Victorian community, no matter how small, you will find CFA. The Emerald Brigade has earned a reputation for being both professional and competent in its role of fire prevention and suppression within the township and surrounds.

The business of recruiting and training new members is a vital one, as they bring with them many new ideas and skills much needed to keep the Brigade continually evolving and improving.

The Recruit Training Program takes interested members of the community and young men and women from the Junior Brigade and, through a series of theoretical and practical sessions, turns them into capable new members of CFA.

From that point on, we continue learning from our own experiences and the experiences of others.

This course was developed from the initiative of members of the Emerald, Kallista, Monbulk and Macclesfield Fire Brigades as a means of drawing on a larger pool of expertise, fire fighting experience and resources. This is not the usual recruit training situation, as most brigades take responsibility only for their own recruits, but one devised to provide the best, most thorough program possible and to provide an opportunity for recruits from several brigades to mix and get to know each other.

The topics covered during the five months were:

- Introduction to CFA & Brigade Management
- Brigade Equipment & Hose Laying
- Hand Tools, Small Gear & Ladders (otherwise known as "101 Uses for a Shovel")
- Communications
- Fire Behaviour & Rural Fire Fighting
- First Aid & Basic Life Support
- Extinguishing Media & Urban Fire Fighting Theory
- Water Points, Drafting & Boosting
- Safety & Survival

After completing the program, we had a good grasp of the basic fire fighting techniques and were keen to spend more time practising these new skills. The general feeling was that a more "hands on" teaching approach would have

been beneficial with some topics but the size of the group (20 recruits) was prohibitive. This is one drawback of a combined group but, obviously, recruit numbers are not something that can be predicted in advance. In some cases smaller groups could have provided a more effective learning environment as each person would have had more time to practice skills such as using different branches & hoses, pump operation, opening hydrants etc. It was also felt that more frequent access to the South Eastern Training Ground would help, by providing realistic experience with a variety of supervised "incidents" and by having the luxury of someone at hand to correct mistakes.

The group consisted of a good mix of recruits from Junior Brigades and from the general community. Those with several years experience in the Juniors freely shared their knowledge with the rest of the group and often added extra information and different perspectives to that given by the instructors. This gave greater depth to each session, reinforced the importance of learning from each other and illustrated the benefits of working as a team, ensuring no point is overlooked - something invaluable on the fire ground.

Emerald recruits don't seem to be the "shy, retiring types" as we could be heard answering questions, asking questions and giving opinions freely at every opportunity! When instructors were looking for input, the phrase "someone other than Emerald, thanks" came up more than once! This can be attributed to the strong encouragement given to the recruits by the other Brigade members, especially the Officers, who gave us all the confidence to get as much out of each session as we possible could. It should be noted that the Emerald ex-Junior recruits within our group regularly demonstrated their exceptional skill and competence during the course and displayed a level of expertise which should be congratulated. Emerald Brigade should be extremely proud of these young men who are destined to become outstanding fire fighters.

Training within our own Brigade proved to be both enjoyable and very interesting. We were included in many activities from map-reading to mock incidents - experiences that many recruits felt they learnt more from than some of the official training sessions. We quickly learnt that there was "no such thing as a stupid question" and that brigade members were always keen to help us to become familiar with the different appliances and the large amount of equipment used in incident control. It is this willingness to help and the warm acceptance of recruits into the brigade that makes it a place where we feel comfortable and amongst friends. Serving the community is a pleasure in such an environment.

RECRUITS

June 1998 – Nov 1998

Daniel Hogan
Daniel Maloney

Feb 1999 – June 1999

Jodie Lewis
Gavin Lewis
Richard Van Iersel
Robert Mitchell
Graeme Mitchell
Leanne Slobodiuk
Katrina Slobodiuk
Phillip Burnell
Daniel Dalton

LIFE MEMBERS

H. Mickleborough
O. Coles
F. Grattidge
G. Ryberg
R. Jones
G. Legge
W. Richman

OFFICERS

CAPTAIN – David Cleator
1ST LT – Paul Yandle
2ND LT – Shane Harris
3RD LT – Nathan Kuys
4TH LT – Greg Jones
COMMS OFF – Kate Sleeman
SECRETARY – Graeme Legge
TREASURER – Elizabeth Sammut

MEMBERS

Christine Bendall
Paul Bendall
James Brown
Phillip Burnell
Daniel Carr
John Carr
Geoffrey Champion
Matthew Cree
Lee Cunningham
Daniel Dalton
Derek Dalton
Miranda Dalton
David Davidson-Little
Eric Donald
Clifford Duncan
Jay Gaywood
Holly Harris
Prue Hearn
Daniel Hogan
Jodie Lewis
Gavin Lewis
Trevor Ireland
Margaret Johnson

Gregory Lemmon
Jacqueline Lord
Kylie Maher
Daniel Maloney
Graeme Mitchell
Robert Mitchell
Rowan Montoneri
Barry Morssinkhof
Peter Naughton
Gary Novak
Terry Ryan
Mark Sampson
Bryan Simm
Gregg Smith
Katrina Slobodiuk
Leanne Slobodiuk
Peter Tovey
Wayne Van Trojen
Scott Whitbourn
Roy Wilson
Ian Woodhouse
Paul Woodhouse
Richard Van Iersel

Tony Fairbridge

JUNIORS

Capt. K. Maloney

1st Lt. N. Green

2nd Lt. R. Grocot

3rd Lt. M. Osbourne

J. Cope

B. Dalton

S. Grocot

A. Mochon

B. Osbourne

V. Ritt

A. Van Rijn

C. Degroot

A. Degroot

S. Mc Gregor

B. Paterson

S. Davies

M. Percec

G. Yates

S. Palmer

C. Van Kamper

There is also a strong group of members and some non-members who support the brigade in the form of the Auxiliary, headed by the current president Annette Campbell.

AWARDS 1998

Fire Fighter Of The Year – Paul Buxton

Runner – Up Fire Fighter – Kate Sleeman

Officer Of The Year – Paul Yandle

Best First Year – Rowan Montoneri

Most Improved – Wayne Van Trojen

Encouragement Award – Holly Harris

Merit Award – Cliff Duncan

David Kelly Award – Margaret Johnson

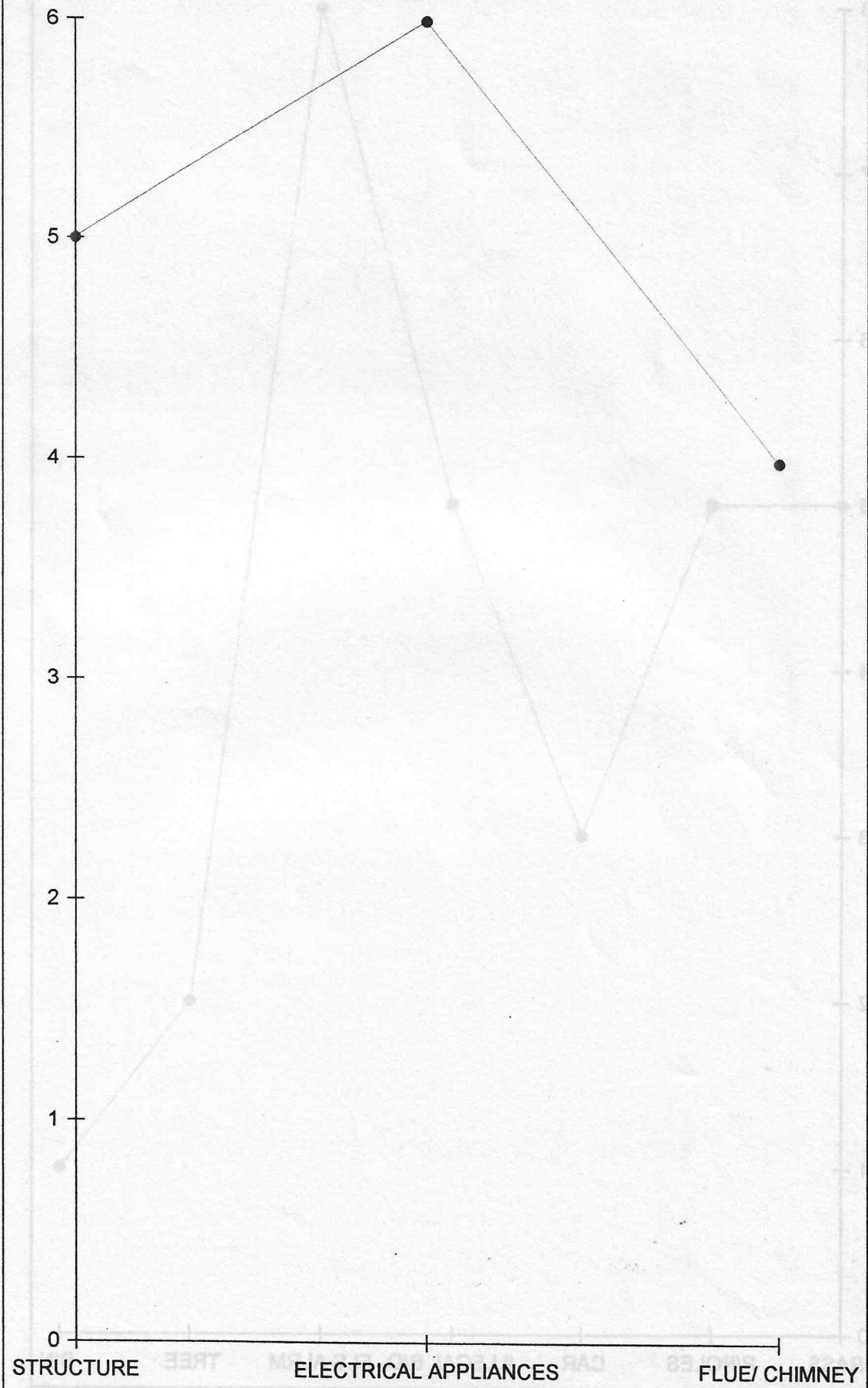
Service To Juniors – Gregg Smith, David Davidson Little and Matt Cree

New Member Certificate – Daniel Watson, Rowan Montoneri, Paul Woodhouse, Clint Ripley, Peter Tovey, Gary Novak, Kylie Maher and Terry Ryan.

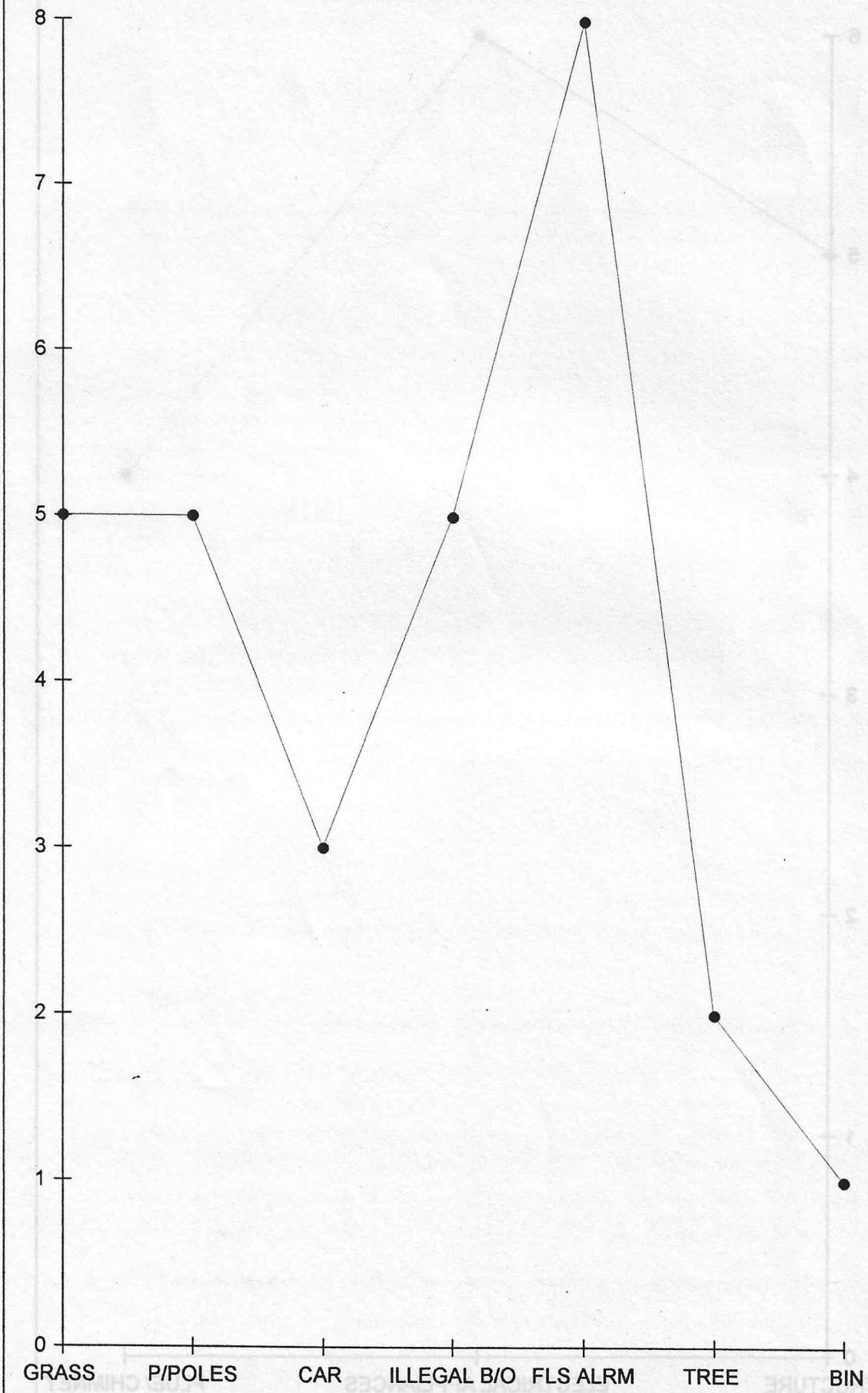
20 Year Badge – David Cleator, Tony Fairbridge, Paul Bendall

Gnome Award – Eric Donald

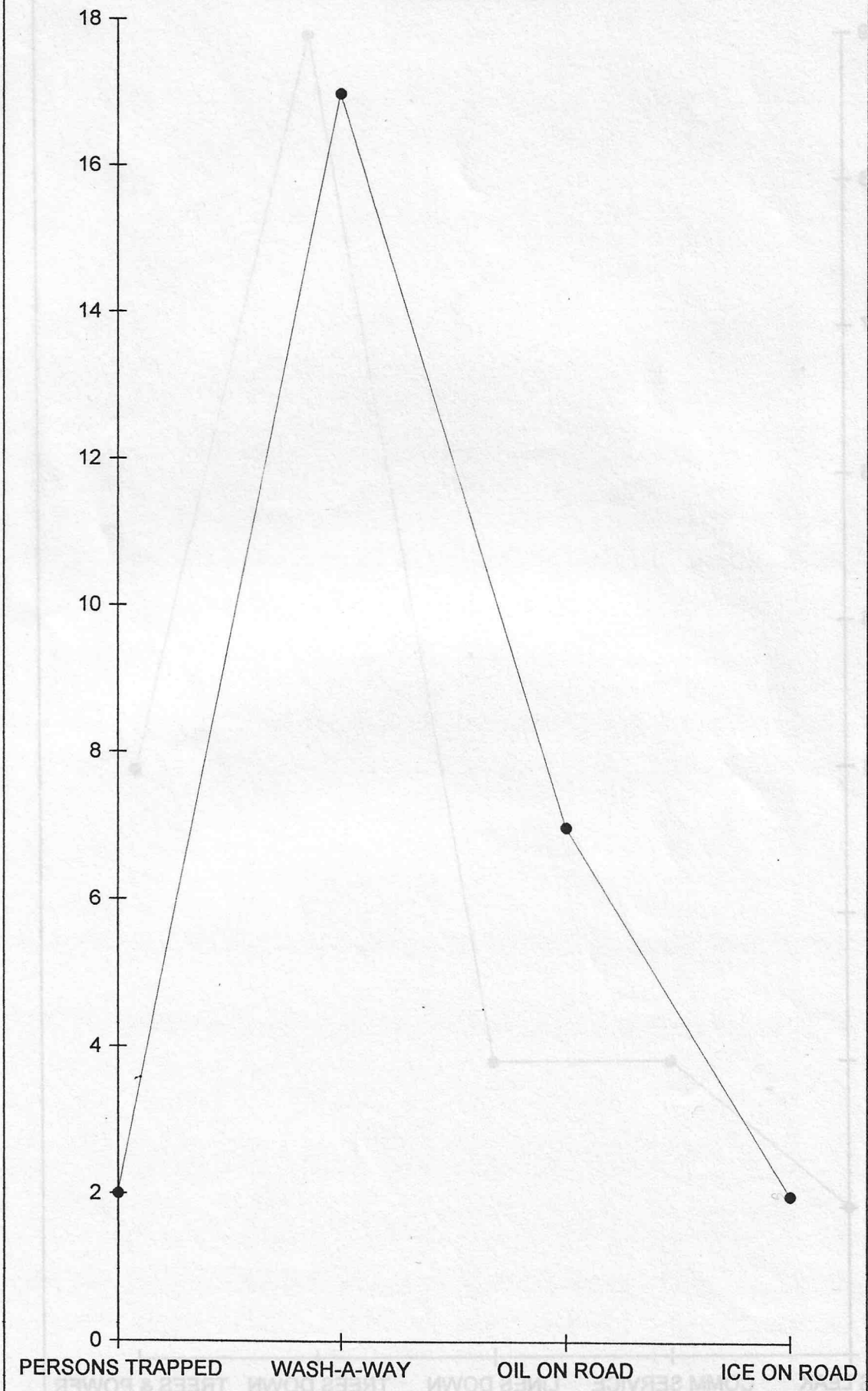
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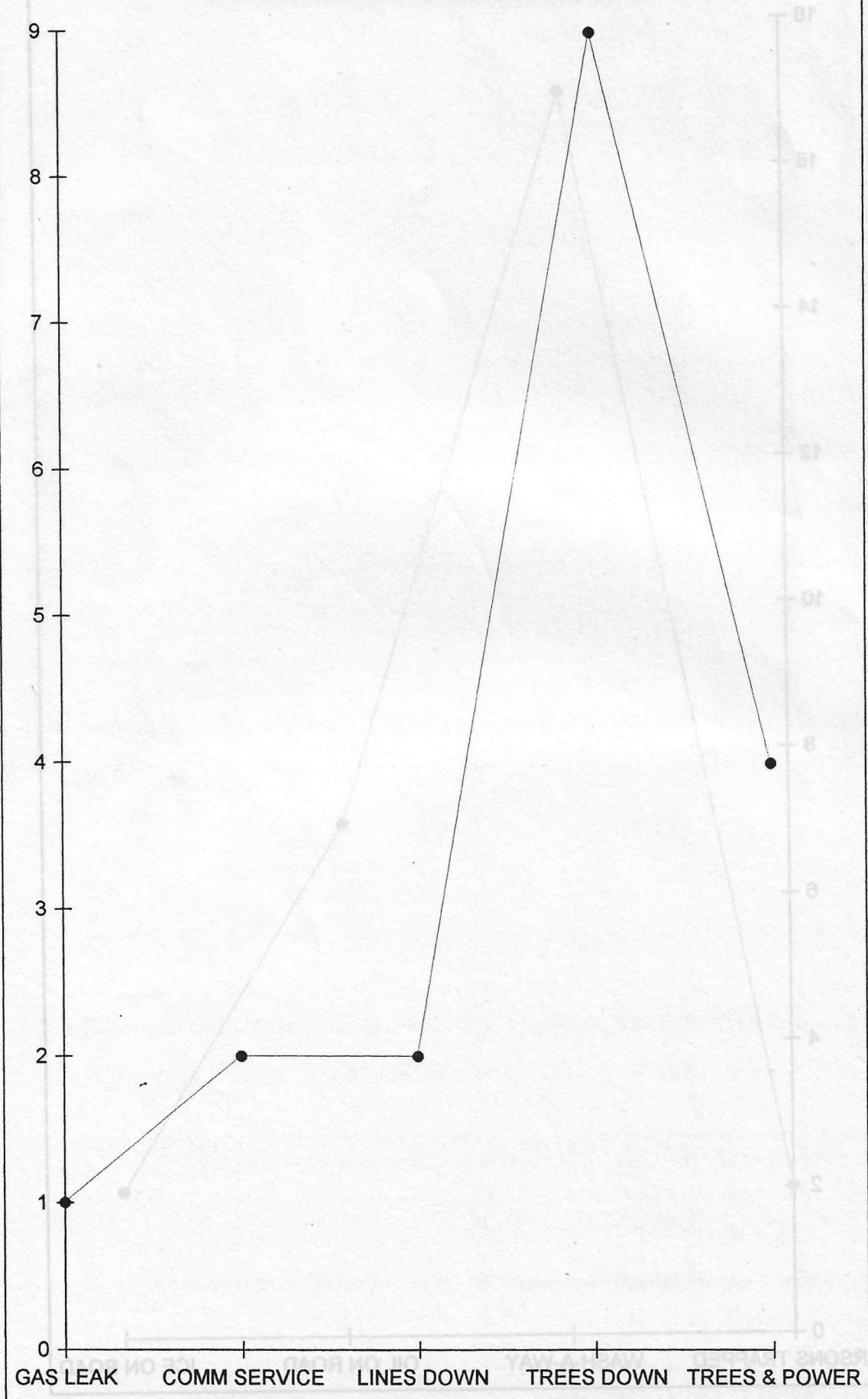
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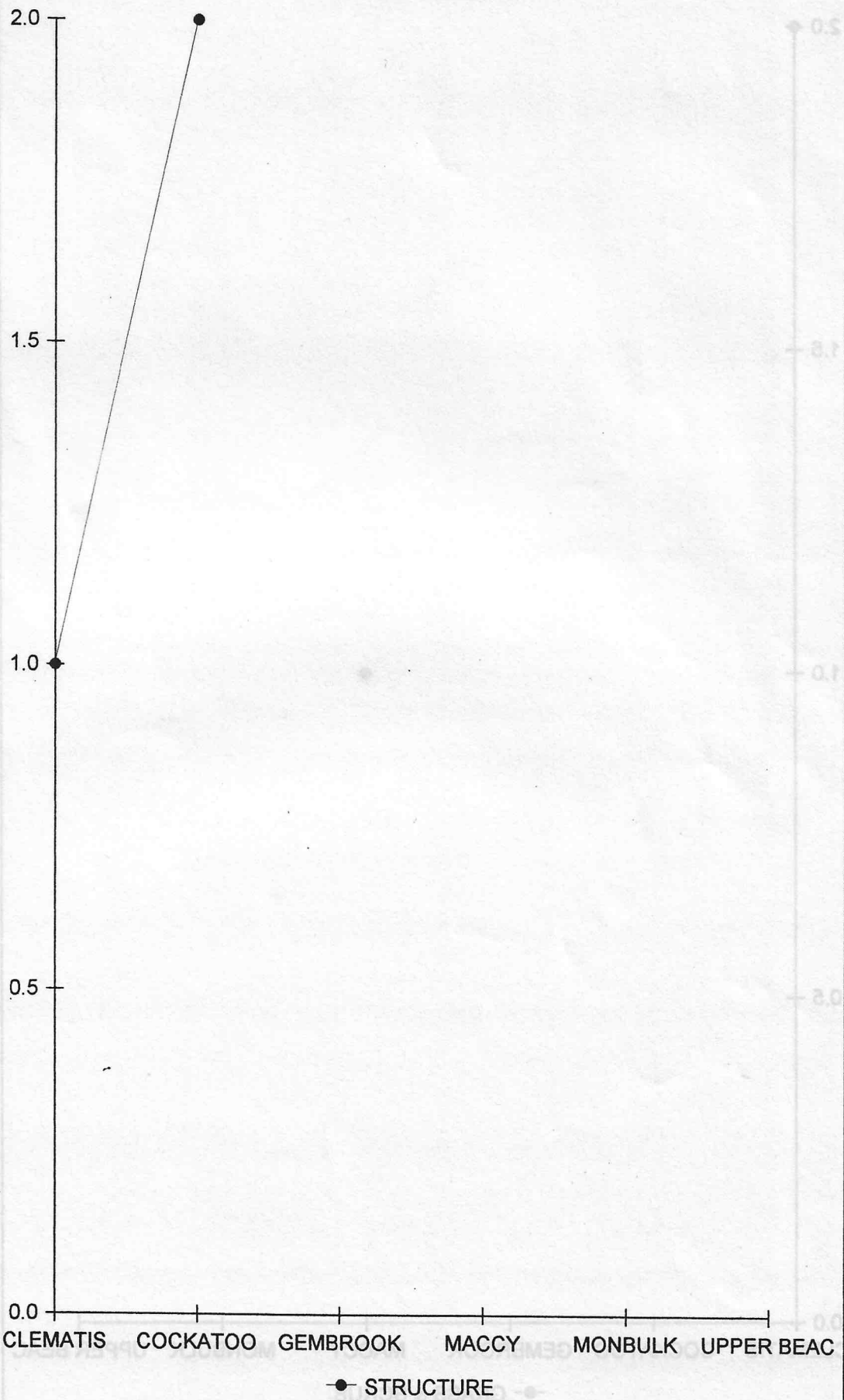
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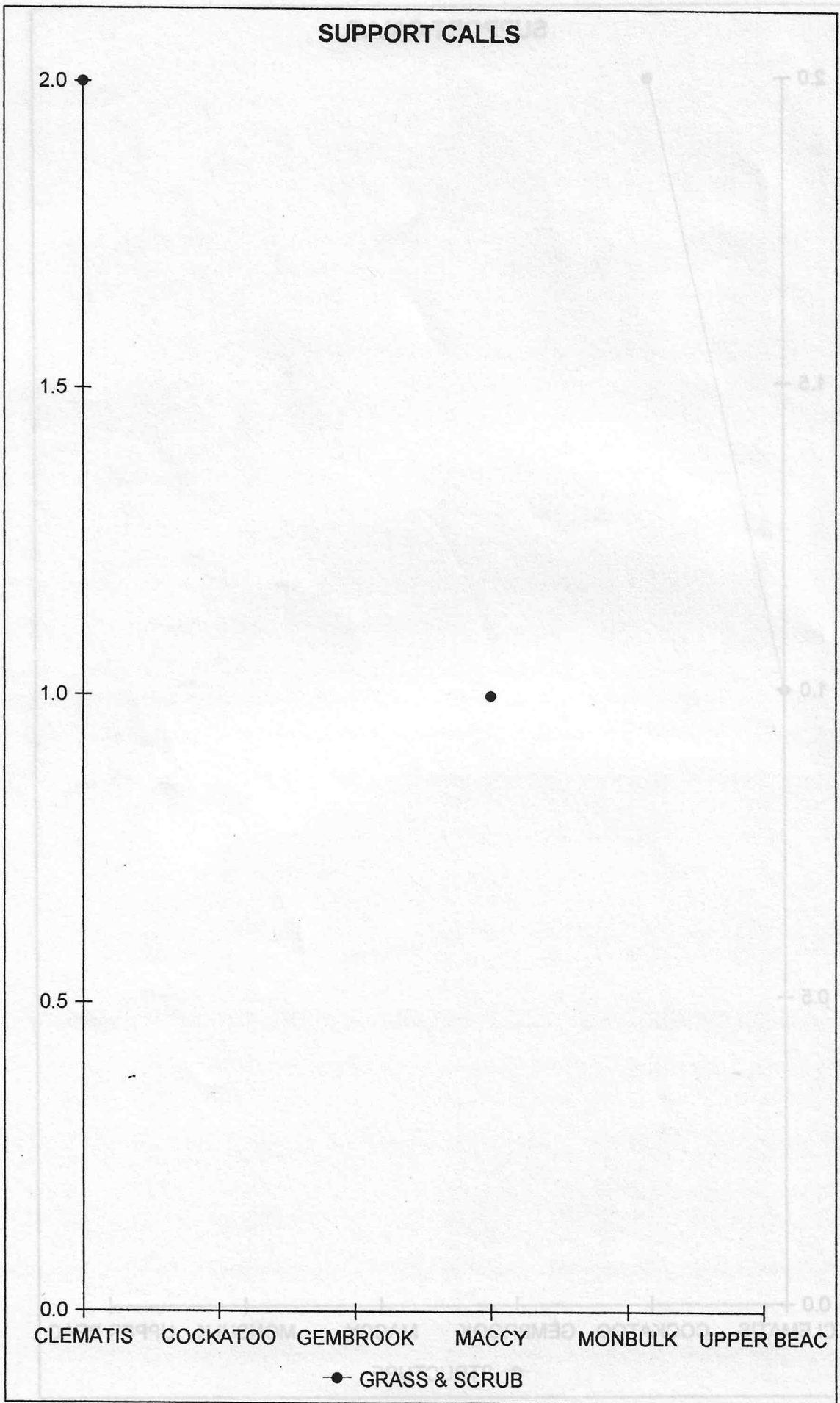
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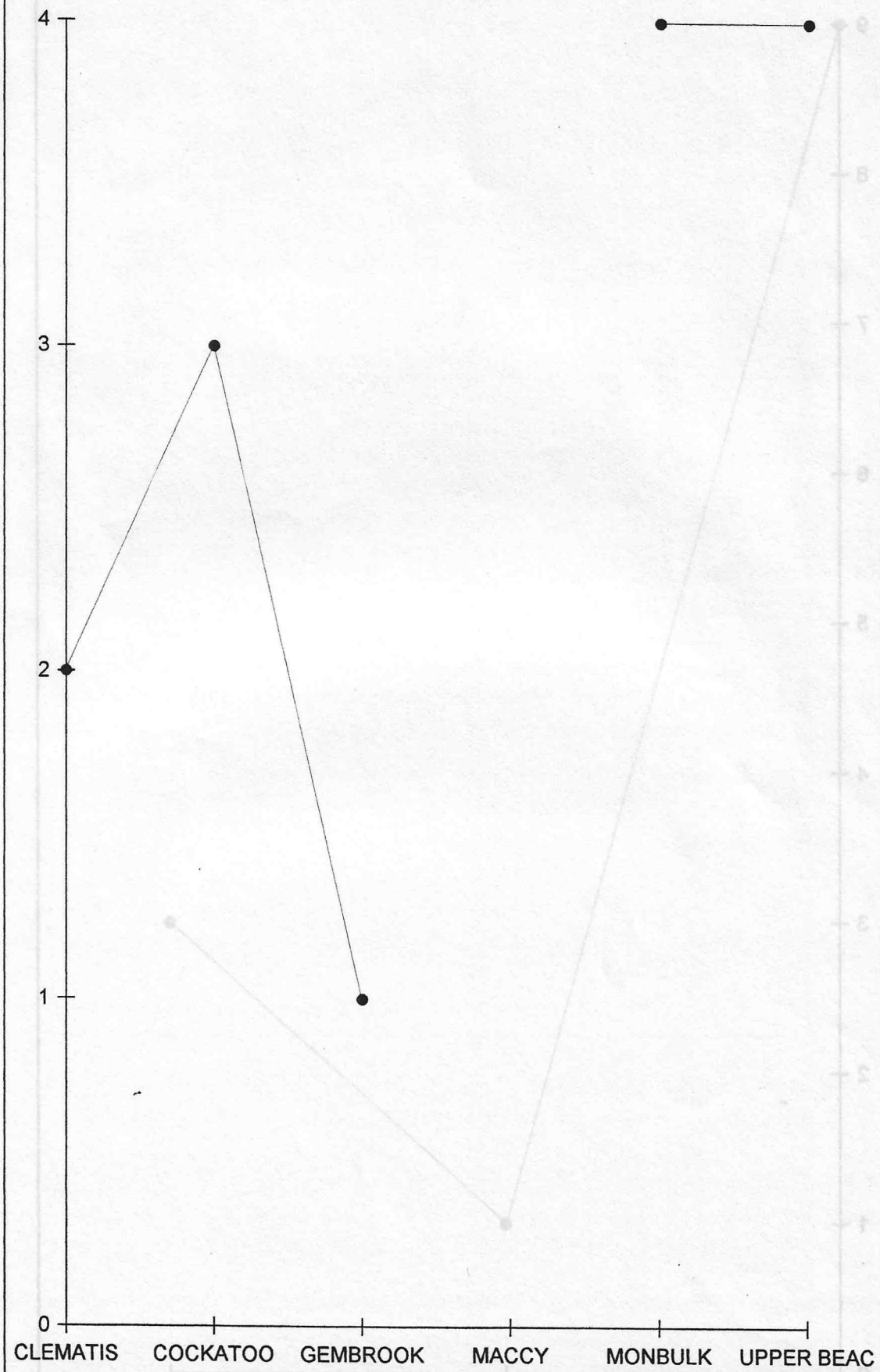
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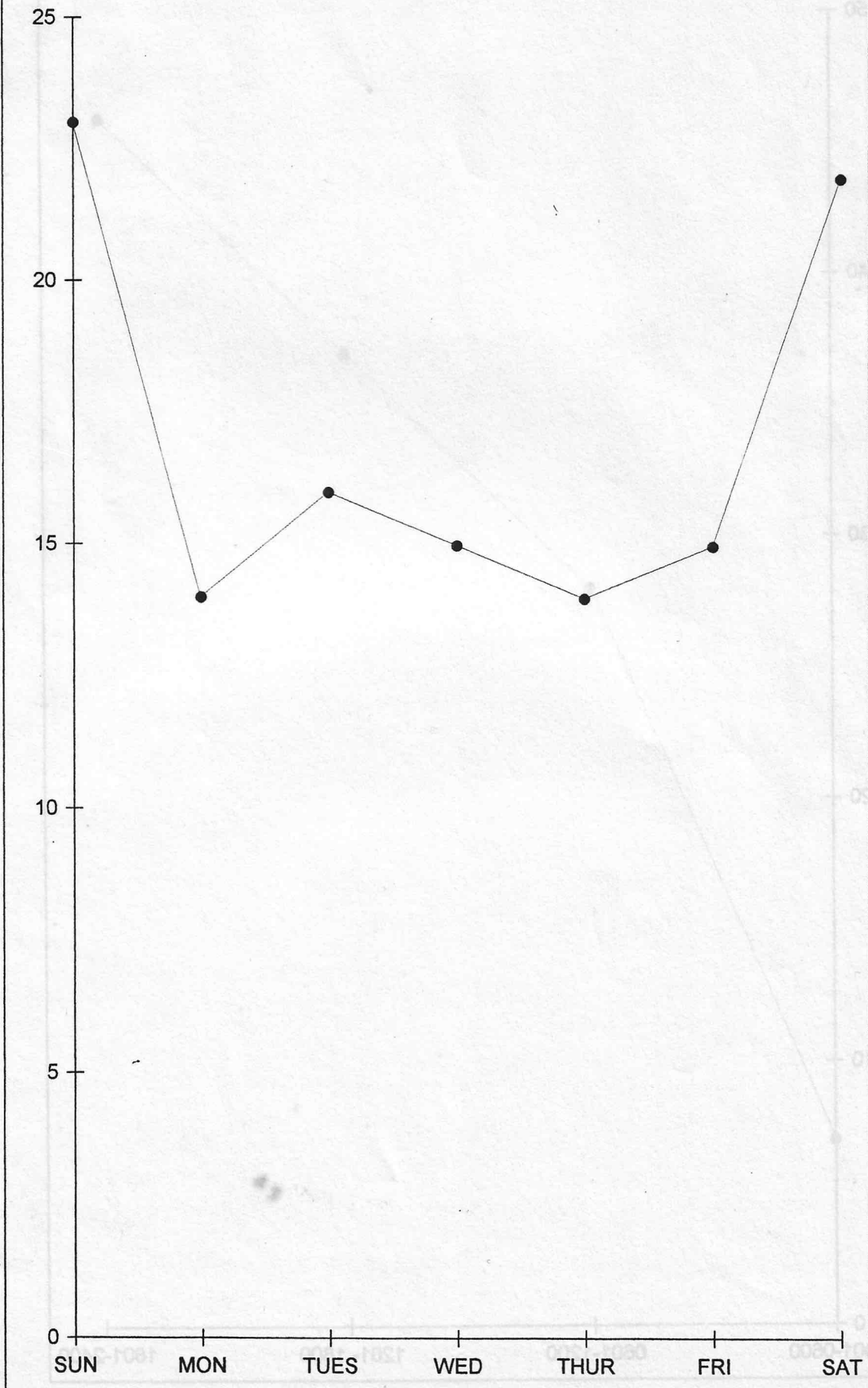


PROTECTED PREMISES

● OTHER

GOOD INTENT

DAYS OF CALLS



HOURS OF CALLS

