

**CAAL Bulletin – Fire on our Site – 12 July 2025**

**Hello CAAL Members,**

Last night (Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July), there was a fire that completely destroyed 2 adjacent sheds and their contents, in less than 20 minutes. The fire started about 2300-2315. Fortunately one of our members arrived on site for some late night watering, saw the blaze and did a sterling job of totally extinguishing the fire, before it could spread to adjacent plots. I arrived 2345 to see the embers being doused.

- Yes it is being reported to the police,
- No the Fire Brigade were not called because the fire was extinguished,
- Yes I am investigating whether insurance covers their losses (shed and associated equipment) ... but regrettably I do not hold my breath
- How did it start? We do not know, but:
  - o The gate was locked,
  - o The shed was in the middle not adjacent to the perimeter, so not an opportunistic Molotov cocktail, and there is no evidence of the perimeter fence being breached.
  - o There were no inflammables on site, lithium batteries, yes, so a possibility is a “thermal runaway” with heat build up during the day that triggered the fire. Any experts out there please?
- As more info emerges, I'll tell you.



**Any questions, concerns, just call me.. thanks**

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