



Bush fire season is here. Do you know what you would do during a bush fire?

There are simple things you can do to protect yourself and your family this bush fire season.

- Discuss with your family what you will do if a fire starts near you
- Prepare your home and get it ready for bush fire
- Know the bush fire alert levels
- Keep key information like websites and emergency details handy. Download the Fires Near Me app.

If you are you planning to leave, have you considered:

- When will you leave?
- What will you take?
- Which way will you go?

If you are planning to stay and fight the fire:

- Have you prepared your property?
- Do you have the right equipment?

Ask your neighbours. Ask your friends. Ask your family. Ask yourself.

## **How fireproof is your plan?**

Take just five minutes to better prepare for a bush fire at:

[www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au)

#myfireplan

#nswrfs

## ***Brigade activity***

We are happy to report that all of our call-outs over the last three months have been out-of-area, in support of our neighbouring brigades. As we all improve our awareness of fire and fire risk, we hope to see a continuation of no call-outs in our area.

**August:** Three trucks attended a grass fire on Jinjera Rd in support of Michelago Brigade.

**September:** Two trucks responded to a grass fire on Jerangle Rd in support of Bredbo Brigade; two trucks attended a bush fire on Badja Road to assist Peak View Brigade; two trucks attended a second grass fire in support of Bredbo Brigade.

Lovely to meet those of you who stopped for a chat at our **“Get Ready”** activity on Ryrie Hill Road, Mt Livingstone Road and Boorona Road in September. If you need more information or support to prepare your fire plan, give Captain Graham, or Senior Deputy Michael a call.

**October:** The Brigade conducted a hazard reduction burn for a landowner on the corner of Bumbalong Road and the Monaro Highway, ably supported by the Bredbo Brigade. Conditions were ideal with light winds and green grass following recent rain.

We conducted the burn under a fire permit – remember that if you want to conduct any burning you **MUST** have a fire permit from one of our brigade Fire Permit Officers.

## ***New members welcome***

If you can give up a little of your valuable time you can become a qualified firefighter in three easy weekends and then about two hours on four weekends each year to stay trained and ready.

### **M & T MOTORS**



**24 Hour Towing - Mechanical Repairs**

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## ***Training***

The Colinton Brigade conducts training every month on the second Saturday at 2.00 pm at the Colinton Fire Shed. Drop in and see what it's all about.

## ***Fire Permit Officers***

***Fire permits are required through to 31 March 2019***

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## ***Stay informed***

Keep up to date with fire risk levels, Total Fire Bans and current bush fire activity through:

[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au) or “Fires near me” App

[www.face-book.com/MonaroRFS](https://www.facebook.com/MonaroRFS)

<http://esa.act.gov.au/community-information/incidents-map/>

Local radio and television

## ***Fire safety for your animals***

Your Bush Fire Survival Plan must include the wellbeing of your animals. Because of the potential stress on animals in a major bush fire we recommend you relocate your animals to a safer location.

If your plan is to relocate your animals, you must do this long before the bush fire is in your area. Make sure your animals are clearly identifiable with your contact details on all labels and tags

# If your animals require any special needs or medicines, make a note of these requirements and put it with your relocation kit

# Before you leave your property with your animals, check the chosen place is still accessible and safe.

# Do not tie up animals during a major emergency – it could be fatal for them

# If you are going to stay and actively defend your property, put small domestic animals in a secure place such as a toilet or laundry with water and food. Choose a room that will be easy to clean after the event. Place a damp towel over birds in cages.

# Move larger animals to a well grazed or ploughed area, preferably near the home and with shelter from winds if possible

# Remove all coverings from stock such as rugs or veils. Embers can ignite these items and burn the animal

# Check your property insurance for animal-related coverage

# DO NOT leave at the last minute. This is the most dangerous option for you and your animals.



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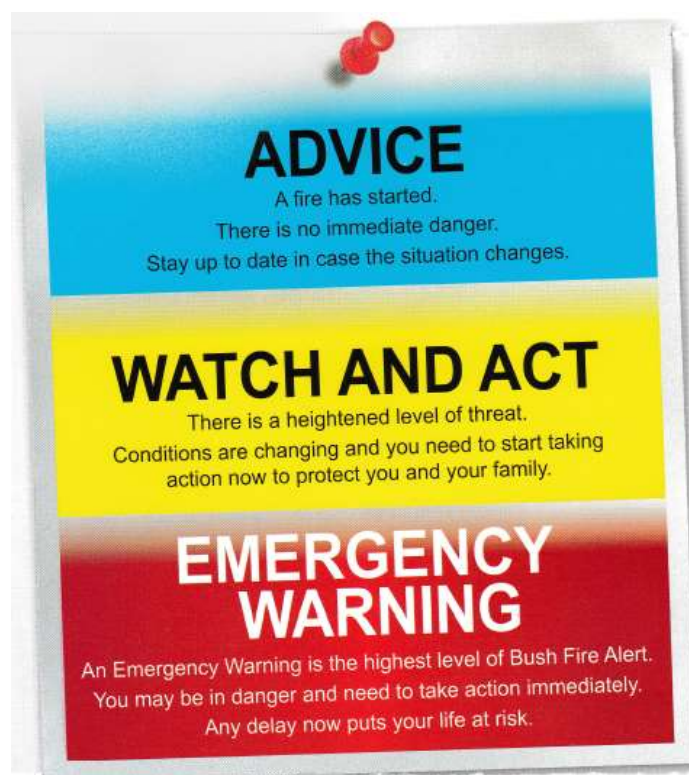
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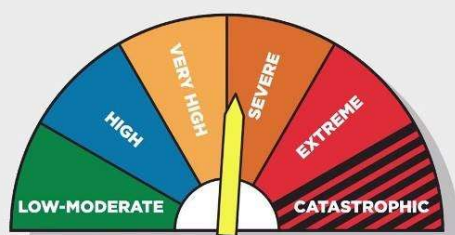
## ***Bush Fire Alerts***

There are three Bush Fire Alert levels to help you make the right choices for your safety in the event of a fire in our area.



***REPORT ALL FIRES - RING 000***

## What do they mean?



### FIRE DANGER RATINGS

<b>CATASTROPHIC</b>	<b>For your survival, leaving early is the only option.</b>
<b>EXTREME</b>	<b>Leaving early is the safest option for your survival.</b> If you are not prepared to the highest level, leave early in the day.
<b>SEVERE</b>	<b>Leaving early is the safest option for your survival.</b> Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – but only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. If you're not prepared, leave early in the day.
<b>VERY HIGH</b>	Review your bush fire survival plan with your family. Keep yourself informed and monitor conditions. Be ready to act if necessary.
<b>HIGH</b>	
<b>LOW to MODERATE</b>	

## Do you have the right stuff?

Defending your home from a bushfire can be challenging. Check that you have all of the following equipment and that it is serviceable and ready to hand.

### Firefighting Equipment

- ✓ A hose/s (should reach around your entire property)
- ✓ Water supply of at least 10,000L (example water tank, dam, pool)
- ✓ Petrol/diesel water pump and fuel (stored in a safe, accessible place)
- ✓ Ladders (to access inside the roof)
- ✓ Buckets and mops
- ✓ Shovels and metal rakes

### Protective Clothing

- ✓ Wide-brimmed hat
- ✓ Eye protection (goggles)
- ✓ Moistened facemask or cloth
- ✓ Gloves
- ✓ Loose, long sleeved cotton shirt
- ✓ Long cotton pants/jeans
- ✓ Sturdy leather shoes or boots

***If you have not ticked off all the above items, then you are not adequately prepared to safely defend your property***

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You Got 'Em? I'll Spray 'Em