

# PREPARE EARLY.



## SIX THINGS YOU CAN LEARN FROM BUSHFIRE READY.

- How to prepare a Bushfire Survival Plan
- How to prepare to leave early for a safer place or prepare to actively defend your property
- What to do to make your property safer
- What to do to keep your livestock and pets safe
- How to protect your home from embers
- Where to access information during a bushfire



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and work together  
to prepare for bushfires



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# BUSHFIRE READY.

During a major bushfire, firefighters will be working to stop the fire.

A fire truck may not be available to defend your home.

It is your responsibility to reduce the risk to you and your home, and take actions to survive the bushfire.



## WHAT IS BUSHFIRE READY?

BUSHFIRE READY is a local community action program aimed at encouraging local residents to work together in preparing and protecting their families and properties against bushfires.

You and your neighbours can learn about the fire risks in your area and what you can do to reduce those risks, individually or as a group through BUSHFIRE READY.

## WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN YOUR LOCAL BUSHFIRE READY GROUP.

The benefits of forming or joining a BUSHFIRE READY group are many.

- Learn how to prepare and protect your family and property from bushfire.
- Develop your own Bushfire Survival Plan.
- Reduce fire risks around homes, streets and the immediate surrounding bush land in your area.
- Create opportunities for meeting neighbours to develop support networks that may be needed in a bushfire emergency.
- Help raise awareness amongst your neighbours to prepare for bushfires.
- Learn about bushfire behaviour and preparedness strategies.
- Reduce the cost that bushfires have on life, property and the environment.
- Develop realistic expectations of the capabilities (and limits) of the emergency services during a bushfire.



## THE BUSHFIRE READY PROGRAM IS SELF MANAGED.

It is flexible and community driven.

It is supported by local Fire Services personnel.

It is coordinated by a trained volunteer BUSHFIRE READY facilitator.

It is unique and self-governed. Members decide when, where and how often they meet and what components of the program they wish to use.

## YOUR BUSHFIRE READY GROUP IS ACTIVELY SUPPORTED.

Career and volunteer firefighters are critical in providing technical advice, property guidance, inspections and local knowledge.

Fire Managers supply resources and information to BUSHFIRE READY facilitators.

They can identify local areas where a BUSHFIRE READY Group would benefit the community as well as assess potential Facilitators.

## BECOME A BUSHFIRE READY FACILITATOR.

After training by DFES, your role may be to help develop new BUSHFIRE READY groups. You may be responsible for a number of BUSHFIRE READY groups. You will also work closely with BUSHFIRE READY Street Co-ordinators to ensure that groups are run smoothly.

## BE YOUR BUSHFIRE READY STREET COORDINATOR.

Upon completion of training by your BUSHFIRE READY Facilitator, you would work within your street area to promote the BUSHFIRE READY program and organise group meetings. You need reliable and current information on occupancy in your area, past fire history and broad community information.