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The Bush Fire Season Starts on 1st October...

ARE YOU PREPARED?

The south-east region of Australia remains one of the most bush fire prone areas on Earth. In the last 30 years alone over 300 people have lost their lives and some 7,500 homes and buildings have been destroyed. The frequency of extreme bush fires has increased in the last 10 years, meaning human life is becoming more and more under threat.



YOUR LOCAL FIRE BRIGADE IS HERE TO HELP YOU

While it is your responsibility to prepare yourself, your family and your home for the threat of bush fire, your local fire brigade is here to provide you with help, support and advice. We want to make sure you understand what you can do to best prepare for a bush fire as well as what you need to do in case of a fire.

There Are Four Key Considerations When Dealing With Bush Fire:

1. The safety of you and your family.
2. The defendability of your property.
3. The protection of irreplaceable valuables and important documents.
4. The maintenance of adequate levels of insurance.

One key part of preparing for a bush fire is having a **Bush Fire Survival Plan** in place for your family. As part of your Bush Fire Survival Plan you need to make the decision to either **Leave Early** or **Stay and Defend**. Regardless of your decision you must prepare your property to give you and your family the best chance of survival.

PLANNING AND PREPARATION

There are important planning and preparation activities that you should undertake to dramatically increase the chances of surviving a bush fire. You must understand your own level of risk.

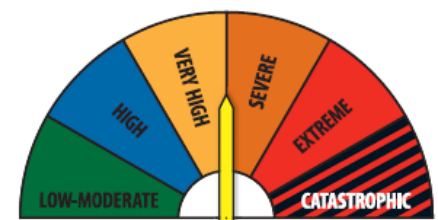
The NSW Rural Fire Service has created the **Bush Fire Household Assessment Tool** to help you calculate your risk based on your particular circumstances. This tool is available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au



By understanding your own level of risk you will be able to make informed decisions that are right for you and your family.

Complete your Bush Fire Survival Plan today and protect the lives of the ones you love.

FIRE DANGER RATING TODAY



ON DAYS OF CATASTROPHIC OR EXTREME FIRE DANGER RATING

- Even well prepared and constructed homes will not be safe.
- fires will likely be uncontrollable, unpredictable and very fast moving with highly aggressive flames extending high above tree tops and buildings;
- the sky will turn black and be full of embers that are being violently blown into and around homes causing other fires to start rapidly and spread quickly up to 20km ahead of the main fire front;
- fire can threaten suddenly and be incredibly hot and windy. It will be difficult to see, hear and breathe as the fire approaches. People in the path of the fire run a risk of dying or being injured
- Expect power, water and phone networks to fail as severe winds bring down trees, power lines and blow roofs off buildings well ahead of the fire.

On Catastrophic and Extreme days the safest option is to Leave Early

For further information contact Wamboin Volunteer Rural Fire Brigade Captain (Andrew Dunn): 0409 991 340 www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/firebrigade/

And come along to one of the information sessions listed overleaf.

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The Wamboin Volunteer Fire Brigade invites you to attend a **Bush Fire Information Session**

SESSION DATES & TIMES

We are running a number of sessions over the next few months

- **Saturday 20th November 2010** at the Fire Station (112 Bingley Way Wamboin)
- **Saturday 11th December 2010** at Bidges Rd (cnr Bidges Rd & Old Goldmines Rd) – bring a chair
- **Saturday 19th February 2011** at the Fire Station (112 Bingley Way Wamboin)

Each session begins at 11:30am and finishes at 1pm. Refreshments will be provided as well as a chance to win a helpful **lucky door prize**.

A MEETING FOR ALL RESIDENTS

Bush fires and grass fires are largely unpredictable – they can occur at any time, any where and, depending on the prevailing conditions, can travel quickly and erratically.

This means that anyone could be affected.

To help you get prepared for a bushfire, the brigade will lead a discussion about:

- where we live, what it means, what you can expect
- bush fire survival plan
- property preparedness
- personal preparedness
- staying informed.

So come along to a session to:

- have your questions answered
- talk about these issues with your neighbours, and
- gain an appreciation of the role all of us must play to help prepare ourselves and our properties against the threat of bushfire.



In the meantime, for further bush fire-related information, visit the brigade's website at

www.wamboincommunity.asn.au/firebrigade/

We look forward to meeting you!

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