

Your sheltering options



Feedback Survey. Q7: What actions will you take as a result of this webinar to improve your bushfire safety?

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| 1 | It saved me from outlaying several thousands on sprayers on our big shed, although I think the ones that were there before the fires helped in its survival. it will inform my placement of my garden watering system, a well watered garden was instrumental in slowing the fire around the house. (we have brick paths immediately adjacent.) |
| 2 | Plan and have a plan B, C. |
| 3 | re assess the plan for sheltering in place IF we haven't been able to leave early/day before |
| 4 | Leave early. |
| 5 | add more shelter options and clear pathways to them and clearings |
| 6 | Will purchase a higher level of respiratory protection for my wife and I to help avoid of even a short term exposure to smoke within the bushfire general smoke that might come from burning plastics etc around the property. |
| 7 | In earlier bushfires in East Gippsland we stayed and defended while it was pitch black, smoky and the roar of the fire ten minutes away sounded like dozens of freight trains. Last December/January we packed the car immediately and evacuated for two nights, returned and then evacuated on two more occasions. When given a choice it is not worth trying to stay and defend leave early is the best advice. |
| 8 | Revisit plan to look at range of possible scenarios e.g. a second/third shelter option if others fail Audit/consider/plan for possible burning materials that could be toxic around the place Just review how burning stuff around the property could impact the house as a shelter set up the woollen blankets in cars & house organise goggles & extra gloves in case panic/misplace/kids are over & caught out! |
| 9 | I will bring my family together to work out a plan for leaving early and one for getting caught and having to shelter at home. We will practise steps for securing our pets, packing the car, leaving the house as prepared as possible to weather a firestorm. We will identify places around home that could be prospective shelters and make a plan for how we would manage the pets and exits from the house. I will find fire safe clothing to fit both my teenage sons and put it in a place with other fire gear. I will communicate with the rest of my neighbours to find out about their fire plans too. |
| 10 | Add more layers and contingencies to our fire plan |

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| 11 | Nothing new. We were fully prepared in 2009 in all respects. We just did not know the wind changed causing the fire to roar down the valley behind the hills, not visible to us - so we were caught in the house for 3 hours while it burned down room by room. Our plan was always to leave but that only works if you know the situation. When the whole state is on fire it is very hard to know where to go. |
| 12 | Leave early, my house is not defensible |
| 13 | Spend more time looking for somewhere to shelter outside my house |
| 14 | Practise going into the bunker at night in the dark without a torch |
| 15 | Whilst I don't live in a fire prone area just now, most of my family do. I'll pass on information I've learned to them. Thank you |
| 16 | I will be looking at more places outdoors to shelter from radiant heat if inside the house becomes unsafe. We will be re-assessing our plan by looking at the safest rooms within the house and we will be reconsidering our options to shelter within our cars. |
| 17 | More scenario planning for different situations. Talk through a plan for shelter in place and how we would manage it (our bathroom is directly adjacent to laundry/back door and has a large window) |
| 18 | Being acutely aware of when to shelter from radiant heat. Taking every precaution to avoid the potentially fatal consequences of smoke, heat and exhaustion |
| 19 | Explore additional options for sheltering, despite plan A to leave early, plan B to shelter in the home which has been constructed with fire hardness a high design criterion. |
| 20 | Stick to the plan I have already decided on. |
| 21 | The key point is taken from the webinar was to develop multiple plans and practise them. |
| 22 | We will review our current written fire plan and make alterations as deemed necessary. |
| 23 | Reassess the integrity of the structure of the house (post and beam construction). Alter our fire plan to include additional fall back shelters as the local NSP is not an option if there is fire close by - inaccessible because of roads and vegetation. |
| 24 | Update our fire plan |
| 25 | Explore more than one option |
| 26 | Improve plan Increase options |
| 27 | Add another option which will be closer to the house |
| 28 | Cut down trees immediately around my house. Work out a shelter in place plan if the house catches fire. Think about the radiant heat |
| 29 | Most definitely work on or plan to allow for multiple scenarios. Organise an emergency bag, including woollen blankets - keep them accessible at all times. Practise and make sure all equipment works. |

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| 30 | A new sheltering review and plan. |
| 31 | We would leave even earlier than we previously thought. |
| 32 | Work out different options in a safety plan |
| 33 | Share with my family |
| 34 | Speak with local CFA - ask where are the safe refuge places. |
| 35 | Rewrite our plan with more detail |
| 36 | I'm planning a structure that will be close enough to the house to reach safely and to take shelter in but far enough away from the house should it catch fire. |
| 37 | Continue with my existing plan which starts prior to the fire season. |
| 38 | More water stored in bunker. Better pre-planning |
| 39 | Better sealing of micro gaps against smoke. Effects of smoke, heat, dehydration on being able to function. Determination to get the highest quality smoke masks possible. Further plans for sprinklers. Go further along our existing survival plans. |
| 40 | To try and persuade my husband to review our plan and to practise it. |
| 41 | Prioritize tidy up around the house outside. |
| 42 | Had already identified our laundry as away from potential fire front with exit. Will now ensure exit from laundry cleared and potential for 2nd shelter from laundry behind close by concrete water tank also ready and 3rd option of having 4x4 on short grass nearby with blankets and water on board if other shelters failed. |
| 43 | Plan and practise |
| 44 | Review fire plan and practise |
| 45 | Add more contingency plans around sheltering - e.g. more explicit alternatives for if house fails - like "behind tank", "in car" etc. |
| 46 | Work on our plan, including a couple of back up plans/sheltering locations. |
| 47 | Reassess our immediate environment and identify possible problems with exiting. Practise. |
| 48 | We will go through our action plan again and take up the advice to practise the plan. |
| 49 | Suggest to local fireguard group that we trial concept of pre-mortems. |
| 50 | Watch the previous webinars, make a plan, have some important discussions |

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| 51 | Continually updating our plan. Research and possibly install an approved fire bunker. |
| 52 | Make sure I have decided when to leave if not staying to defend |
| 53 | Have already realized our own home won't cut it, and that a neighbours will provide more robust shelter, plus a cleared area. Now we have to practise getting there in low visibility. If there were a little more time, then maybe the local place of last resort would work, but I concede there could be many roadblocks to get there, so I think knowing other options along that route also a good idea as part of plan A thru Z. |
| 54 | More practising the plans |
| 55 | Refine our written bushfire plan/s for different scenarios. |
| 56 | Do more planning |
| 57 | To make plans, pack cases ahead of time in case you had to leave in a hurry, make lists prior to the forecast bad fire day. Maybe take valuables and paperwork to where you are going to go at the start of summer. use cases with wheels in case you need to get out and walk if tress across road. keep the water and the blankets in the car and out ready in the house. |
| 58 | Buy new goggles and mask |
| 59 | Think about & discuss active sheltering options |
| 60 | Revise our Bushfire Event Plan to include multiple options of shelter. |
| 61 | Rework our plan and prepare for the unexpected |
| 62 | Revise plan to include goggles and P2 mask |
| 63 | Practise, practise and review of plan to see if improvements can be made |
| 64 | Improve our current Bushfire Survival Plan |
| 65 | Check ,update and practise fire plan |
| 66 | I will develop fire plans for both my house in Eltham and my holiday house that include: leaving; staying and defending; and sheltering. |
| 67 | Plan, prepare, practise |
| 68 | Check my sheltering options onsite and nearby |