



## **Feedback Survey**

### **Q5 - Please provide details of the most informative parts of the webinar**

1. The different mechanisms for bushfire attack - prior to the webinar I only really focussed on flame and ember attack. The practical design tips and maintenance that can be done that are feasible to implement.
2. The concrete example and photos of practical solutions for making homes safer; The Q&A section which raised excellent relevant issues.
3. All good. Throughout the presentation I noted down things that I need to do around the house.
4. All of it was helpful. The lived experience, case scenario examples and photos always help to embed the information.
5. All of the webinar, Justin Leonard is such a wealth of information.
6. As organisers of a local Community Fireguard Group that had good support from the CFA, we were well informed before the webinar. So we found the webinar a good review and noted some points of particular relevance for us to address. One item for us to consider is the protection of our skylights that Justin dealt with and showed a photo of a "drop over mesh box" to enclose the skylight. Also it was useful to have a review of what was only partially or not considered in the Bushfire Building Regs e.g. adjacent buildings. We were not aware that there was a fire-rated silicon product either. Comments about the hazard or otherwise of solar panels was interesting as was the throwaway statement that wheelie bins may be a significant hazard that must be dealt with. We would suggest that greater use of photos or diagrams would be helpful. There were a number of names of products/building components that were assumed to be known and we suspect that they might not be generally known.
7. Being made aware of the hazards and priorities to get ready for fire season.
8. Being made aware of the space around the house and the different products and techniques that reduce the fire and ember attack problem. Interesting talk about glass and its vulnerability. Would like some information about awareness of escape routes from a threatened house. Thanks for the presentation.
9. Data on number of homes affected by non direct fire front, 80%.
10. Debris minimisation. Windows and coverings.
11. Discussion about surface fire and fuels.
12. Discussion of ember issues.
13. Ember attack prevention. Skylights.
14. Ember attack Not to rely on the building codes to fire proof your house The complexity of making a house fire safe.
15. Ember attack protection.
16. Ember behaviour and protection.
17. Ember penetration, ideas for protecting windows.
18. Ember proofing houses.

19. Embers.
20. Everything Justin says is informative!
21. Fantastic session we are new owners in a bushfire zone. Such great info.
22. For those of us that have taken an interest in Fire Management there is always a lot of info that we have seen before. Not a problem as it reinforces what we have gained. Always good to hear the current advice.
23. Gaining a better understanding of how fire spreads, and its effects on certain materials (building). Avoiding build up of fire sources, rooftops, on the ground etc and the situation constantly evolving through the seasons. So one needs to be aware of the state of ones surroundings Regulations may not cover all aspects fire preventions (eg how close houses can be to one another) so one needs to use commonsense and gain knowledge of what are the critical factors based on one own situation and surroundings.
24. Good breakdown of the attack list, while we always only think about ember and fire front. Q and A love the questions.
25. Hard to isolate any one section: all was extremely informative.
26. How to prepare my property for the fire season.
27. How unsatisfactory roof tiles are under ember attack.
28. I am a bushfire presenter and listened to pick up any further knowledge. All Justin's presentation had important information woven through it. Thanks Justin.
29. I appreciated the various breakdowns / groupings of information and what is / isnt considered in the fire code.
30. enjoyed the entire webinar and found all of it to be on topic. Maybe a few more slides that depict the topic being discussed.
31. I found it all informative and I can listen to Justin any time.
32. I found most parts of the webinar informative but the real "take away" was just how at risk my 40 year old house in Eltham is to a bushfire. I did write down a number of things to do before the next bushfire season. I also got a number of things to do for my house at Marysville which is built to the BAL 29 level after I rebuilt following Black Saturday.
33. I found the whole lot interesting.
34. I have toughened double glazed windows but hadn't thought of the rubber beading around them melting in a fire.
35. I watched 2020 webinars. The information was excellent most changes are very achievable. Jason Leonard's presentation this year and answering question about products gave a bit more information. I am changing my gardens close to the house and maybe my decision 'to stay and defend'. Thanks M.
36. In general, the house fabric detail, useful for both new builds and for retro-fits. Things such as toughened glass instead of float glass, steel mesh gutter guard, screwed on, nylon brush edge seals for garage doors etc. dangers with sarking below tiled roofing, fire-season guards over sky-lights, mesh guards across window glass (didn't emphasise steel fire-rated mesh rather than nylon mesh though this should be common sense). The two real-time polls, with commentary from Justin afterwards also informative.
37. In particular to my situation, the discussion on tiled roofs.
38. Information about property protection was useful and well presented.
39. Information about surface fire and wind debris which I was not previously aware of.
40. Information relating to ember attack reduction and window protection was very useful.

41. Information was fantastic and presented calmly and thoughtfully and most importantly based on evidence.
42. It was all informative but the topics of interest to me were The issue of mulch/vegetation close to house Overhanging trees Types of glass used in windows and the composition of window frames advising that the CFA have a list of vegetation of concern or otherwise. All very helpful.
43. It was all very informative and very well delivered by Justin'
44. It was informative - knowing what building materials etc should be used'
45. Justin Leonard is so informative and has great answers to all questions. he explains things at an appropriate level using technical information that he has from trials of products he has done'
46. Justin Leonard's advice was balanced and quite informative. The sealing off of roof spaces and wall vents has a negative effect on the ventilation of buildings and compensating measures need to be considered. Practical measures taken to reduce the combustible material around the dwelling to prevent surface fires, Gutter guards can be more of a problem than a solution if not maintained and made of a non-combustible material. Window shutters and the type of glass installed will have a major bearing on the windows ability to resist radiant heat.
47. Justin Leonard's awareness, thoroughly answering questions, and his attention to fine detail was really awesome'
48. Justin's checkpoints were an excellent way to focus our attention on the main reasons for property loss. Keeping this theme throughout the presentation added consistency. Although much of this information was already known to us, we picked up further hints for 'fire-safe' improvements to our house.
49. Justin's detailed knowledge in general is a draw card. Information on ember proofing for new builds and retrofitting existing buildings - detail on ember types and sizes, sunlight barrier solutions and engaging neighbours at a street level for collective approaches and planning where houses are in close proximity to one another.
50. Justin's presentation was very informative. He has such a calm, measured and detailed approach - it's excellent, and I actually find it reassuring. What he says is logical and always well explained. He supports his points with good examples of practical ways that we can reduce bushfire risk to our homes - and he explains these well, along with good photos'
51. Justin's talk with slides.
52. Justin's specific knowledge of the issues is always worth listening to.
53. Knowledge of the presenter was fantastic.
54. Learning about the components of a fire that place your house at most risk.
55. Learning of the ways fire can imperil a house, what to look for in the make up of the house, (windows, eaves, crevices, timber) and how to remedy that.
56. List of attack methods.
57. Materials to protect skylights. Effect of fire on sunroof roofing. Ember proofing the roof.
58. New way of looking at fire threat.
59. Outstanding presentation, my wife and I learnt a lot as we are new to the area and have no experience with bushfire prep. Very detailed and informative, certainly opened our eyes. Keep up the great work.
60. Overall information provided.
61. Presentation with more practical examples and images to explain the key concepts.
62. Q&A.

63. Really good information, with plenty of thought provoking things to think about.
64. Reminder re ember involvement in house loss & the 2mm size of an ember entry Shutters as a next step for our house useful hints re silicon -fire rated & traditional canvas awnings For our kids' house the talk about skylights & garden mulch Everything!
65. Risk of debris build up inside roof cavity and ingress of embers during a fire.
66. Risks to property checklist.
67. Simple low cost things to do to protect house. Things like replacing timber windows and putting shutters on is a major expense we can't see happening in the near future.
68. Some good tips on things to consider which I had not thought of.
69. The 2mm spark, the prioritised list of dangers in fires Building retrofitting tips.
70. The Q&A were informative and extensive in terms of covering a range of enquiry. Photographs of detailed examples of vulnerable objects and preferred set up against ember attack were instructive. Understandably one would consider ember attack and surface fire can result from the strength of the wind and amount of vegetation feeding in the path of the fire around the property. There were preventative measures and tips to protect the property against ember attack.
71. The checklist of how houses catch fire.
72. The checklist. Whilst I understood the basics of keeping the property clear of potential hazards/debris, the checklist provided additional avenues that I hadn't considered when assessing my properties risk.
73. The detailed answers to questions and gentle navigation towards the importance of ember attack.
74. The detailed information on addressing each of the bushfire threats to buildings.
75. The different options available to protect your house.
76. The evidence based presentation.
77. The factors that mainly lead to damage to house and property when a bushfire occurs, and what measures can be taken to minimise damage.
78. The importance of preparing for ember attack. Overall perspective on all the risk elements to develop an overall picture. Q+A opportunities- informative even though not always relevant to personal circumstances.
79. The information on ember attack, tree and outbuilding proximity was really food for thought in our personal situation.
80. The key role played by wind.
81. The problem caused by the size of embers.
82. The risk list was very informative, and reinforced ideas that I had developed through experience.
83. The second half of presentation was particularly informative digging into each of the areas introduced.
84. The threats that occur with every fire.
85. The webinar has given us a solid starting points to make some necessary improvements around our property.
86. Things to be aware of in preparing for the bush fire season. What the dangers are and the more effective steps to combat it.

87. This was an excellent session with Justin stepping up to set out practical observations just as he did last year. The discussion on complexities of mulch was a high point. Living in a fire prone district we have to be aware of the reality of what it takes to be safe. If it was an intention to scare you out of town the reality what it takes to build in truly fire resistant windows would do that.
88. This webinar provided the rare opportunity to listen to and seek advice from an expert in the area of house bushfire risk mitigation. So valuable and yet difficult to obtain from usual sources.
89. Very credible presentation with factual information.
90. Was all very informative. Sound quality was down at times.
91. Was good how the threats were broken down and priorities set.
92. We learned something from every section. Very knowledgeable presenter so we felt confident with his information.
93. Clearing the ground.
94. Good description of all the critical issues that relate to fire hazards on a property.
95. Ideas on stopping ember entry.
96. It provided good detail on ember entry into roof space, in particular tiled roofs. it was also good to hear Justin talk about types of trees as well as their bark exterior. The presentation was well done by the use of a checklist which with each point being dealt with individually. I was presented in a manner that most people should understand.
97. Speaker great, question time very useful. As from SA I missed the first part due to a Time error. Plan to share with others in the area of the upcoming workshops if ok?
98. The way embers can build up on any part of a house during an ember attack and the need to seal off all cracks etc greater than 2mm in size. also the risk mulch can play in a garden bed nearby.