



**Feedback Survey. Q 4 What is the most important thing you learned from this session?**

**Dr Kevin Tolhurst AM**

- 1 Future years of FDI rating and impact on our environment.
- 2 Why Nillumbik has such severe fire risk.
- 3 Pragmatic.
- 4 Fire danger is high and is increasing in Nillumbik.
- 5 Better understanding of local and Victorian fire risk.
- 6 Availability of CSIRO modelling.
- 7 The level of fire danger in my area.
- 8 I need to prepare a better plan.
- 9 The amount of fire risk and where it is in the state.
- 10 Nothing was unimportant!
- 11 Radiant heat cannot go round corners.
- 12 Nillumbik location relative to fire risk parameters. Stay and defend?
- 13 The risks associated with bushfire.
- 14 The statistics of the potential of fire in the Nillumbik area.
- 15 Geographical aspects of Victorian fires.
- 16 The information regarding past bushfires in Nillumbik and Victoria, plus the information of forecasting for 2050 was extremely good.
- 17 We are in a high bushfire area mostly managed by private land owners. Many factors contribute to house destruction or survival. Many make the mistake of focusing on one.
- 18 The high fire risk and likelihood of fire in Nillumbik in particular.
- 19 Planning for what to do when confronted with a fire.
- 20 Kevin's maps and graphs really brought home that bushfire season is only getting worse; and based on fire behaviour and our local area we are best leaving.

- 21 Planning for fire!
- 22 Topography corridors and Kilo Watt potential for our area.
- 23 Embers 80%.
- 24 The fire burn corridor that Hurstbridge is a part of.
- 25 Increasing bushfire risk.
- 26 Excellent mapping and information.
- 27 The risks associated with living where we do and the likelihood of a major event happening.
- 28 Importance of triggers to leave.
- 29 The strategies he provided.
- 30 Expect a fire in Nillumbik & plan accordingly.
- 31 Causes of ignition, expected change of event history as affected by climate change, risk analysis with climate change, BAL rating via Australian Standard.
- 32 All about different types of fuels.
- 33 I took notes on trends to help focus my medium term plan.
- 34 An evidence based analysis establishes Nillumbik's existing and future risk.
- 35 Tall trees reasonably close to the house can reduce ember attack.

**Michael Vermuelen**

- 36 Radiant heat is deadly.
- 37 Not to presume a fire will behave in a certain way or come from a certain direction.
- 38 Quality of info already available.
- 39 Leave before a fire starts.
- 40 Importance of having a plan and sticking to it.
- 41 Really great comprehensive safety information.
- 42 Practise my our plan.
- 43 Complacency has no place each year and the preparation of the action plan must be shared between all of family, practised and implemented.
- 44 How to make a plan.
- 45 The importance of triggers in helping to assess decision making.
- 46 Be prepared.
- 47 Reinforcement from previous sessions.

- 48 Plan, revise/options, re-plan, etc. Stick to plan!
- 49 Create a plan a, b, c, d plan before the onset of summer.
- 50 Advise is readily available to make important decisions.
- 51 A reminder rather than a learning to ensure you have two or three TRUSTED sources of information on any given fire danger day. Take notice of friends/family and local neighbours on social media but always verify with at least one trusted source i.e. CFA social outlets, ABC 774 or TV news.
- 52 The nature of ember attacks and radiant heat.
- 53 The strength and effects of radiant heat.
- 54 The parameters for defending successfully and whether they might be met. In our case no. Micheal's video's got to the crux of the fire event itself, and the dangers involved & whether one is physically and mentally prepared for it, something people might not have considered. I think Malcolm's comments reiterated this.
- 55 Ember and radiant heat effects!
- 56 More of a reinforcement to take in what already know and DO THE PLAN.
- 57 radiant heat what a killer!
- 58 How easy it is to make a plan - going to CFA website for it. And how important it is to write it down. Plus how to take refuge in your house if you do get stuck there.
- 59 Strategically plan your bushfire plan for different scenarios.
- 60 Strong message of awareness.
- 61 I don't want to be at home and to review our "caught out" plan.
- 62 Triggers to leave vs stay and defend.
- 63 Reinforced how to look after ourselves.
- 64 Heard most of it before through Fireguard Group. Too much focus on "don't be there"! but this doesn't take into account possible scenarios when you don't have a choice.
- 65 That I cannot print out free copy of AS 3959 but did not learn why not.
- 66 Had to leave session part way through. Much of the CFA material was a repetition of previous briefings and advice. Wrong audience, better placed at Session 1.
- 67 It reinforced Justin and Kevin's opinions.