

Safety actions for the fire season



Feedback Survey

Q11: What actions will you take as a result of this webinar to improve your bushfire safety?

- 1 Harden up the leeward side of my home.
- 2 Continue on my written plan covering preparation in detail. For instance water and food supplies, clothing. Being aware of weather for next 4 days and learning my trigger point for leaving (no matter what the time of day).
- 3 New and improved plans for my new home/property. I just think the awareness is motivation.
- 4 Discuss, formulate and apply the suggestions made such as putting the plan in a prominent place, organizing our personal effects early. Maintaining the garden/green areas in an effort to reduce fuel.
- 5 Write updated plan in a variety of forms, responding to various triggers. Look at locating 'risky' items away from house e.g. spare fuel, cars etc.
- 6 Review and update my checklist of preparing for the event of an emergency, review insurance cover, book storage facilities to remove important items earlier than in previous years. I will also bring forward home maintenance issues.
- 7 We will sit down with the kids and get our written plans drawn up - then test them out to see how long it takes to do what we have set out in our plan. Then we may have to modify if the plan is taking longer than what would be ok in an emergency situation. Get our emergency kit ready for the season ahead - packing list dealt with.
- 8 Practise plan more than once, have an emergency kit with change of clothes etc ready now, have all items to take together by rear door.
- 9 Cut back and clear foliage from house. Buy plugs for drains. Talk and get clear as possible about plans with partner. Get evacuation kit ready.
- 10 Talk to my kids more about our plan and practise it until they are familiar with it.
- 11 Ramp up pre-season planning including practise run, have emergency information (8 P's) posted up on walls, and work on preparing critical papers and memorabilia in easy to find packs.
- 12 We had only thought about a plan to leave early, we haven't given any thought about what we would do if we had to stay.
- 13 Prepare several exit routes Be aware of the risks involved in becoming complacent and not evacuating every time.
- 14 Revise/ include a "its too late to leave" option in our plans simplify down to dot points then put a copy onto the fridge. Practise in the dark for the various plans around the property and outside the house.
- 15 Review my bushfire plan and probably rethink the amount of practise we do especially for when the plan goes haywire.

- 16 I will write the plan with other family members. We will practise the plan (one of us will set off an alarm which will indicate we have 15 minutes to pack the car and get out of the house and be on the road. I will do this at 8pm at night!
I will keep posting your info to our FB page to encourage community members to be informed.
I already have allocated 5 boxes for evacuation and in 2019 I drove everywhere with them in my car in case I couldn't get home when I was out and about. I finally unpacked them over the last couple of days to sort and resort.
I will invest in top quality leaf guard gutter guard to give me better quality tank water and also stop build up of leaves. From last webinar, I have trimmed trees close to the house.
- 17 Make plan A, B, C and D. Practise our plans before it gets real. Talk about it with our neighbours and friends. Find out if they want to stay or go and share our plan with them. Find out in our neighbourhood who has generators, UHF radios, static water supply, etc.
- 18 Low fuel zones and safer fuel storage, all ember burnable areas to be cleared, plans to be simple and tested, things going wrong to be tested in better readiness. Purchase a generator. Roof sprinkler system will be installed. Ensure all precautionary equipment is working at all times.
Ensuring we have drinkable water and plenty of it and food just in case.
- 19 Practising the fire plan, and asking the question 'what if I cannot do that', what will be my options.
- 20 Revise our plan and clarify routes to take to evacuate. Revise our bushfire kit.
- 21 Go through a plan to leave if situation gets to Catastrophic.
- 22 Finally put our plan in writing rather than just discussion. Thought the 5 pages of action plans was a great idea - better than completing the book.
- 23 Keep up preparation.
- 24 Revise and practise my Plan!!!
- 25 Review our written plan and practise it.
- 26 November time reviewing of the fire plan and hopefully practising elements of the plan.
- 27 Modify bushfire plan for a holiday house.
- 28 Review and revise my fire plan with my wife.
- 29 Review our plan.
- 30 Identify trigger points and document plans for different scenarios.
- 31 We will be looking at scenarios for really bad days - may decide to leave on those days.
- 32 Rewrite our plan with different scenarios and hopefully practise, practise, practice.
- 33 Revisit current plan with a view to turning into a 5 point plan.
- 34 Changing format of written plan: have practise session.
- 35 We will have another look at our plan to see if it needs any changes.
- 36 Re checking the validity of plan A.
- 37 Convince my husband that we need a plan and get ready for the fire season.

- 38 Communicating further with neighbours about being unable to help. Aiming to practise at night. Be more specific in planning.
- 39 Build better than planned protection for pumps, buy a generator, talk about stress and helping each other perform better under stress.
- 40 Restructure and present plan as per speaker one. Examine and test plan for contingent events. Practise!
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- 42 The webinars (mainly) reinforce things I planned to do anyway, but are well worth watching as 'revision'.
- 43 Started writing a plan as I watched!
- 44 Talk about a fire plan with my son: property protection, green lawns, clean gutters, buy spout traps, tidy up and fuel reduction. Make lists of things we would take including memorabilia, ID. Consider building a pump shelter.
- 45 Plan to leave early. Every time!
- 46 I've already begun talking with my daughter and I'll write a plan. I took lots of notes. I'll also ensure the outside is clear. I haven't checked for a couple of years.
- 47 Install a shed to store fuel away from the house.
- 48 Really get property ready. Make a plan. Get those things ready that are important to take.
- 49 Backup generators for pumps, essential communications, start preparation weeks in advance.
- 50 Investigate how we can ensure reliable starting of petrol engines (240 Volt generator and fire pump) in surroundings of very hot air.
- 51 Create a plan with family and practise.
- 52 As a family we will commit to discussing and coming up with a proper fire plan, something we have put off for 2 years since we moved to a bushfire-prone area.
- 53 Mental preparedness to stay and defend.
- 54 Write out a fire plan, share with family and practise the steps, especially going out to the sheds in the dark.
- 55 Review cleaning up. More practise of plan.
- 56 Triple review my plan to defend especially at night in the dark.
- 57 Revisit our fire plan and update some pre fire components.
- 58 Keep on top of leaf and bark litter. Buy new batteries for my phone. Invest in a better torch. Have containers of drinking water in the house and car. Check emergency bag and pack a backpack of emergency clothes etc. Take precious possessions to safe place now.
- 59 Keep maintaining/reviewing our plans.
- 60 Review my fire plan.
- 61 Rewrite old plans to a 5 page plan that aligns with leading up to and including high fire danger days.
- 62 Will look at webinar again. Review fire plan to simplify.

