Understanding our changing bushfire weather

Feedback Survey

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

Summary of responses

People are revisiting and strengthening their bushfire preparedness—installing screens, covering assets, improving gutters, and reducing fuel loads.

Many are updating fire plans, planning to leave earlier on high-risk days, creating grab bags, and becoming more vigilant with weather forecasts and fire danger ratings.

There's a strong desire for clearer, actionable advice tailored to personal circumstances.

The webinars increased awareness but left some wanting more practical application to individual fire plans.

Individual responses

Revisit our fire plans and the go/no go decision points. Also be more conscious of the 30/30/30 scenario.

As a Community Liaison Bushfire Engagement presenter for CFA, I find the webinars excellent for keeping up to date with the science behind what we present to the public and what other resources are available to refer people too e.g. the BOM site and the information it offers.

It has assisted to understand a lot of concepts e.g. Pyrocumulonimbus cloud, future weather earth changes, this seasons outlook, the cross over of FDR and FBI and the correlation with deaths, property loss, weather and the FDR and FBI.

Review my bushfire action plan.

Harden up my house and garden.

I would start checking the FDR more regularly I would start to understand my weather district and think about which parts are the most fire prone - is it my own surroundings? I would change my bushfire plan to leave early on “catastrophic” days I would also pay more attention to the weather maps on the nightly news/BOM website.

Make better use of online weather information.

Monitor fires in different areas due to wind change impacts, and water garden at night during long dry spells. Also look into the 30/30/30 idea, and perhaps formalise it into our bushfire preparation plan. This is especially relevant as we live in the Yarra Ranges, the far eastern point of the Central District, and most of our FBI ratings are based on Ballarat area (that being a lot drier). This will enable us to take into consideration the conditions in our own area, as well as the broader FBI.