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# Central Tilba Community Protection Plan

## ARE YOU PREPARED?

The south-east region of Australia remains one of the most bush fire prone areas on Earth. In the last 30 years alone over 300 people have lost their lives and some 7,500 homes and buildings have been destroyed. The frequency of extreme bush fires has increased in the last 10 years, meaning human life is becoming more and more under threat.



### THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE IS HERE TO HELP YOU

While it is your responsibility to prepare yourself, your family and your home for the threat of bush fire, your Rural Fire Service is here to provide you with help, support and advice. We want to develop a community protection plan and get your views on what is required. We would like to get the communities understanding of what you can do to best prepare for a bush fire as well as what you and the community need to do in case of a fire.

### There Are Four Key Objectives When Developing a Community Protection Plan:

1. Increase community understanding of bushfire risk and the need to have a Bush Fire Survival Plan.
2. Develop contingency options.
3. Develop and depict risk treatment options with community input.
4. Access vulnerable facilities such as schools.

One key part of preparing for a bush fire is having a **Bush Fire Survival Plan** in place for your family. As part of your Bush Fire Survival Plan you need to make the decision to either **Leave Early** or **Stay and Defend**. Regardless of your decision you must prepare your property to give you and your family the best chance of survival.

### PLANNING AND PREPARATION

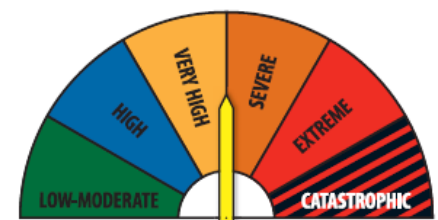
There are important planning and preparation activities that you should undertake to dramatically increase the chances of surviving a bush fire. You must understand your own level of risk.



**By understanding your own level of risk you will be able to make informed decisions that are right for you and your family.**

**Complete your Bush Fire Survival Plan today and protect the lives of the ones you love.**

### FIRE DANGER RATING TODAY



### ON DAYS OF CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER RATING

- **Even well prepared and constructed homes will not be safe on Catastrophic fire danger days.**
- **On days of Extreme Fire Danger only specially design constructed and defended homes can provide some protection.**
- In these conditions fires will likely be uncontrollable, unpredictable and very fast moving with highly aggressive flames extending high above tree tops and buildings;
- Fire can threaten suddenly and be incredibly hot and windy. It will be difficult to see, hear and breathe as the fire approaches. The sky will turn black and be full of embers that are being violently blown into and around homes causing other fires to start rapidly and spread quickly People in the path of the fire run a risk of dying or being injured
- Expect power, water and phone networks to fail as severe winds bring down trees, power lines & blow roofs off buildings well ahead of the fire.

**On Catastrophic and Extreme days the safest option is to Leave Early**

For further information contact  
NSW Rural Fire Service – Far South Coast  
District  
**Chris Anderson – 6494 7400**  
Or  
**Matthew Ross – 4472 0600**

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## The NSW Rural Fire Service invites you to attend a Community Protection Planning Meeting

### SESSION DATES & TIMES

We are running a meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022, in Central Tilba

- **Date:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April
- **Time:** 6pm – 7:30pm
- **Venue:** Central Tilba Hall

### A MEETING FOR ALL RESIDENTS

Bush fires and grass fires impacts can be mitigated – they occur at certain times of the year, and, depend on the prevailing conditions, however fires can travel quickly and erratically.

This means we need to plan.

**To help you get prepared for a bushfire, the RFS will lead a discussion about:**

- Where we live, what it means, what you can expect
- Bush fire survival plan
- Property preparedness and treatment options
- Contingency options.
- Vulnerable communities

**So come along to a session to:**

- Have your questions answered
- Contribute your thoughts
- Talk about these issues with your neighbours, and
- Gain an appreciation of the role all of us must play to help prepare ourselves and our properties against the threat of bushfire.



In the meantime, for further bush fire-related information, visit [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

## We look forward to meeting you!

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