



# Lyndoch CFS

## Grapevine Article – February 2011



### Are you still prepared?

All because we have not had the extremes of weather, we should not drop our guard. The rains over Summer have added to the underlying growth thereby providing more readily available fuels. It doesn't take much for these fuels to dry out and it doesn't require extremely hot days to do this.

**PREPARE.  
ACT.  
SURVIVE.**



We need to be constantly vigilant. To that end CFS has put together a **Top 10 Hints** for your preparedness

1. Understand the environment in which you live - is your house surrounded by - or near - bush, grass or coastal scrub? Do you travel through or plan to holiday in bushfire-prone areas?
2. Sit down with your family now and write a **Bushfire Survival Plan** - your life could depend on it..
3. Make sure you understand - and are familiar with - the national **Fire Danger Ratings** and what those ratings mean for your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.
4. Practice your Bushfire Survival Plan with your whole family, including your strategies for dealing with stock or large pets such as horses.
5. Create and maintain as much defensible space as possible around your home by managing vegetation, including grass and shrubs.
6. Be aware that should you plan to defend your home in accordance with Fire Danger Rating guidelines, you need to be physically capable and mentally prepared.
7. Take the time to put together your family's Bushfire Survival Kits, including a Relocation Kit and a Recovery Kit containing the things you'll need to survive in the first 24 to 48 hours after a bushfire. You'll find all the details and fact sheets on the CFS website.
8. Learn as much as you can about bushfire warnings and safety - ask your local CFS about forthcoming community meetings or alternatively, visit [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

9. Update your home and contents insurance and leave a copy of your policies in a secure place away from your home.
10. **Prepare. Act. Survive.**

### Bulk Water Carrier

You may have seen a new vehicle at Lyndoch over the past couple of weeks. Lyndoch CFS now houses a 13,000 litre bulk water carrier (BW13). This is a joint used vehicle being able to be used by not only the Barossa CFS Group (Concordia, Eden Valley, Lyndoch, Mt Pleasant, Springton & Williamstown) but also the neighbouring groups of Northern Barossa (Angaston, Tanunda, Nuriootpa, Truro) as well as Gumeracha Group (Gumeracha, Forrester, Birdwood, Kersbrook, etc). This vehicle has had a number of tours of duty since it arrived at the back end of January.



### Welcome

We have been a little remiss in welcoming new members into the brigade over the last couple of newsletters.

- Shane ROBINSON – Firefighter
- Roger EDWARDS – Brigade Operational Support
- Alexander MANSFIELD - Cadet

We warmly welcome all these people and hope their time with the CFS is an enjoyable one.

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## Grapevine Article – March 2011

### Call 000 in an Emergency

Knowing how to call Triple Zero (000) for a fire or rescue emergency can be the difference between life and death, or a building or other property being saved or destroyed.

The triple zero (000) service is the quickest way to get the right help from emergency services and should be used to contact Police, Fire or Ambulance services in life threatening or time critical situations.

Calls to '000' are free and can be made from mobile phones, home or work phones or payphones.

#### The simple steps in making a Triple Zero (000) call to report a fire:

- Stay calm and call Triple Zero '000' from a safe location.
- A Telstra operator will ask you if you need [Police](#), Fire or [Ambulance](#). Say 'Fire'. If you are calling from a mobile or satellite phone the operator will ask you for other location information.
- You will be connected to an Emergency Services Operator to provide more details.
- Stay on the line, speak clearly and answer the Operator's questions.
- Give them details of where you are including:
  - Street number
  - Street name
  - Nearest cross street
  - Locality
  - In rural areas it is important to give the full address and distances from landmarks and roads, not just the name of the property
  - If travelling on a Freeway, Expressway or on a rural road, know the direction you are travelling and last exit or town you passed through to assist services to correctly locate the incident



If possible wait outside a pre-arranged meeting point or prominent location for Fire Services to arrive to assist them in locating the fire.

#### Other things everyone should know in an emergency:

- If a person is unable to speak English, if they call Triple Zero (000), say "fire" and leave the phone off the hook the call will be recorded and traced and a fire appliance will be sent to that address.
- Record the Triple Zero (000) emergency number beside the telephone at home and work.
- Take time to teach children and overseas visitors how to make an emergency call.
- Callers with hearing or speech impairments can call the one zero six (106) text-based emergency call service using a textphone.
- **112** is the GSM international standard emergency number which can only be dialled on digital mobile phones. 112 can be dialled anywhere in the world with GSM coverage and is automatically translated to that country's emergency number.

#### In an emergency fire situation DO NOT call:

- A CFS Regional office
- A CFS Control Centre
- A CFS Fire Brigade
- Any volunteer members
- Your local Fire Station

**This action could lead to a delayed response or inappropriate resource being sent.**

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Do not hang up until the Operator has all the information they need.

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# Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – April 2011



## Suspicious Fires

Over the last 2 months Lyndoch CFS has responded to 4 suspicious fires, 2 around the railway track and 2 around the King St and Appellton Street area, In 3 of these cases, SA Police and Fire Cause Investigators have been involved with information being passed to Operation NOMAD.

It was fortunate that in a number of cases members of the public were able to put out the fire and thereby limit the potential for significant damage.

Even though it can be argued that we are out of our summer weather, we still must remain vigilant as there are still significant fuel loads around the area.

As a reminder, should you see anyone acting suspiciously call 131 444.



If you see smoke or fire then ring 000 and undertake any firefighting actions to defend yourself or your property.

### Lyndoch Pump Trailer

Starting with a second-hand 6x4 trailer provided by the CFS, Lyndoch volunteer Glyn Schirmer has designed and built a Pump Trailer which will be housed at the Lyndoch CFS Station.

Over 500 hours were spent on the project which has been funded by the Lyndoch Brigade using volunteer generated funds.

The equipment included in the Pump Trailer allows for flexible operation including assisting with fire fighting operations and flooding.

Key equipment includes:

- Two portable pumps each with a capacity of approximately 1000 litres per minute.
- Floating foot-valves to access clean water in dams and other open water.

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- Removable foot-valves to access tanks and confined spaces.
- A 5000 litre portable dam.
- Generator and floodlights to allow night-time operation.

The Pump Trailer complements existing appliances and the Barossa Group's recently delivered BWC 13, a bogie drive tanker with a capacity of 13000 litres and a 7000 litre portable dam.

The flexible design of the Pump Trailer provides an opportunity to release appliances from pumping duties at static water supplies.

The combined capacity of the two portable dams will release the tanker to transport water and improve turnaround when water has to be trucked into an incident. The tanker can drop its water into the portable dams and the Pump Trailer pumps can then be used to fill the appliances.

Lyndoch CFS brigade would like to thank Air Diffusion Agencies for supplying custom built metal boxes and cladding for the trailer. This was a very significant contribution to the project.

More photos are available at [http://www.lyndochcfs.com.au/special\\_events](http://www.lyndochcfs.com.au/special_events)

### Well Done!

In March, Valerie Koch and Roger Edwards successfully completed their Basic Firefighting Course at Williamstown. Well done to all.

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## Grapevine Article – May 2011



### Chimney / Flue Fire Prevention

We are all breathing a sigh of relief that the 2010 / 2011 Fire Danger season is over. Fortunately even though we had a number of bad weather days, we were lucky that there were no significant fires.

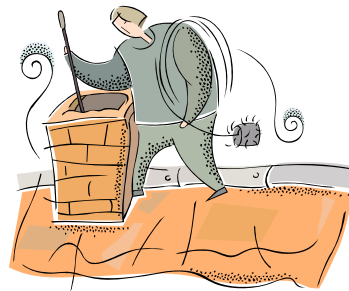
With some colder nights starting to occur and even some days, it's noticeable that some households are starting to stoke up the combustion heater.

#### Now is a good time to check if the flue or chimney needs cleaning!

A pre winter check for wood fires includes:

##### Flues:

- Clean the flue using a cylindrical wire brush available from most hardware stores
- Check the flue for corrosion, particularly the sections that are out of sight in the roof cavity
- Check that the flue is central in the heat shield and if the conical shroud on the external heat shield has been dislodged, check for bird nests and accumulation of leaf litter



##### Chimneys:

- Clean the chimney using a wire brush and look out for big chunks of mortar or brick in the soot which will indicate decay inside the chimney
- Check the section of chimney within the roof space for loose or missing bricks or mortar

While you are thinking about your wood heater, consider the distance to the nearest flammable material like a lounge, cupboard or curtains. Has something been moved closer to the fire over summer that may now present a danger? If you are unsure on what is a safe distance, consult the Operators Manual or check with the supplier

Should your chimney catch fire, please call the fire service immediately and ensure all occupants are accounted for and safe.

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Then, use a fire extinguisher if available and where possible, restrict the flow of air to the fire by closing doors and windows. Beware when using water because it will create steam, which can also cause burns.

### Burning Backyard Rubbish

It's also likely that many of us have stockpiled rubbish ready to burn and we would like to remind residents of the following.

#### FIRST: THINK FIRE SAFETY!

1. Please ensure there is a four metre clear space around and above your rubbish heap.
2. If you think your rubbish heap is too big or too close to trees or buildings, make several smaller heaps in safer areas. Smaller heaps are likely to burn more efficiently anyway.
3. Please ensure you have a rake or shovel on hand together with a water hose that is capable of reaching to the far side of the fire.
4. Please do not leave the fire unattended at any time.
5. Please be considerate of your neighbours with regards to wind direction and smoke.

#### SECOND: THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) HAS STRICT RULES FOR DOMESTIC BACKYARD BURNING!

1. Backyard burning is only allowed **Monday to Saturday**.
2. Fires **must not be lit before 10am**.
3. Fires **must be completely extinguished by 3pm**.
4. **Only perfectly dry wood, paper and pruning's can be burnt** in a clean hot burn.
5. Leaves, lawn clippings and other garden refuse should be composted or disposed of via the "Green Waste" pickup service. The Barossa Council encourages these options.
6. It is an offence to burn Treated Pine and items containing plastics.
7. Smoke that is offensive to neighbours is reportable.
8. The only fires allowed at night are home heaters and outside fires principally used for cooking or "comfort fires" not exceeding 1 metre by 1 metre, using clean dry wood.
9. Penalty - on the spot fines may be issued by The Barossa Council or the EPA.

**Bonfires at locations outside township boundaries must not be burnt at night and must comply with items 1 to 7 above.**

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# Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – June 2011



## Winter Fire Safety

### Do you dry clothes in front of the heater?

Radiant heat from domestic heaters will readily ignite fabrics particularly synthetics, including clothes, towels and curtains. Please ensure that:

- If damp clothes are dried overnight in front of a slow combustion heater that they are kept at least two metres from direct radiant heat.
- Freestanding heaters are placed so that they cannot be accidentally tipped over or bumped up against furniture or curtains.
- A fire screen is used in front of an open fire is to reduce the risk of a fire being started from sparks or a piece of timber rolling out of the fire.

### Do you have candles burning in your home?

If so, please observe basic precautions which include:

- The candleholder is solid enough and stable enough to hold the candle securely.
- Not leaving candles unattended near soft furnishings or curtains.
- Not using candles as night-lights for children.
- Making sure candles are extinguished before you leave the room.
- Make sure candles are extinguished before you go to sleep.

### Have you checked your electric blankets?

Each winter electric blankets cause a number of house fires. Some of the causes are:

- Frayed wiring at the controller or where wiring is attached to the mattress. If you see frayed wiring do not use the electric blanket.
- Damaged internal wiring. This can result from electric blankets being stored with tight folds, which damages the insulation around the heating coils.
- Electric blankets left switched on for extended periods. The heat build up can be enough to ignite the mattress or bedclothes.

## House / Structure Fires

Unfortunately in the last couple of weeks Lyndoch CFS has responded to a number of incidents involving domestic premises. It is unfortunate to see a loss of property; we breathe a sigh of relief that in these incidents no lives were lost.

It does however highlight the importance of knowing not only **WHAT TO DO**, but also **WHAT EQUIPMENT** may assist in dealing with the fire should it be caught in the early stages.

Two valuable pieces of equipment are a **Fire Extinguisher** and a **Fire Blanket**.

A **Fire Blanket** is useful in the kitchen for dealing with hot oils on the stove that are contained within the pot. Once the item has been covered the fuel source should be turned off and the Fire Service called. A Fire Blanket is usually a single use device and can cost as little as \$20.00



A small **Dry Powder Fire Extinguisher** is another useful piece of equipment which can be used on a majority of the combustible materials, fuels and electrical fire that may occur either in the home or in the car or caravan. A small 1kg to 2.5kg extinguisher is all that is needed. One in the shed may also be useful. A small extinguisher may cost as little as \$30.00.

These two items are available from most hardware stores and even Australia Post stocks these items at their larger Post Offices.

## Lyndoch Station

Over the next 6 months, all things being equal, significant development should be seen on the site. The new station that has been on the drawing board for a number of years is now going ahead. Please note that while work will be going on at the Site, Lyndoch CFS will still be responding as normal and training will be continuing.

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## Grapevine Article – July 2011

### Winter Weather Advice

During storms and periods of wet and windy weather people should take the following precautions:

- Ensure loose items such as outdoor furniture and children's play equipment (e.g. trampolines and cubby houses) are put away or secured, so they do not become flying objects.
- Park vehicles undercover or away from trees.
- Stay indoors and away from windows at times when weather conditions are severe.
- Stay away from fallen powerlines (it should be assumed that they are live - fallen powerlines should be reported to ETSA Utilities on 131 366).
- Keep clear of creeks and storm drains.
- Do not ride or walk through floodwaters.
- Check that any hazardous substances are stored above ground level in case of flash flooding.
- Check that building and contents insurance is current and adequate.
- Put together an emergency kit that includes items such as a battery-operated torch and radio (plus spare batteries), first aid supplies and a list of useful telephone numbers.
- Consider pets and make sure there is an appropriate shelter for them.

It is also important for motorists to exercise additional care during wet weather. Motorists should:

- Observe all road signs.
- Be alert to sudden changes in road conditions.
- Be aware of any fallen trees, branches and debris.
- Drive carefully on wet and slippery roads.
- Turn on their headlights if visibility is poor (and remember to turn them off upon arrival).
- Be aware of emergency services workers and others who may be working on the side of the road.

- Avoid driving in extremely adverse conditions unless it is absolutely necessary. If it is, maintain an increased safe driving distance and slow down.
- Never attempt to drive through floodwaters.

During periods of fine weather home owners are advised to:

- Trim overhanging branches.
- Clear gutters and downpipes of leaves and debris.
- Ensure roofing is properly maintained and there are no loose roof tiles.

### Dealing with LPG

LPG is a common fuel used for cooking, heating and for powering cars, trucks and forklifts. While equipment malfunctions are rare, there are some basic things that you can do if confronted with the smell of LPG and or a white vapour in the vicinity of LPG gas cylinders or LPG gas powered equipment.



- Firstly, evacuate people from the area without switching on or off any electrical device or using a naked flame that could ignite the gas. Close the door behind you.
- Next, call **000**. Do this on a mobile phone or use a neighbours phone if a house is involved, do not re-enter a house or shed.
- If accessible from outside the house or shed, turn off the gas at the cylinder, or each cylinder if multiple cylinders are involved.
- While waiting for emergency services make sure nobody re-enters the building and warn neighbours about what has happened.
- Remember, LPG is heavier than air and will settle in low-lying areas including cupboards, wall cavities and across floors. This will need to be ventilated.

A word of warning. Ventilating a building is best left to trained firefighters. LPG mixed with air is extremely explosive and opening a door or window may produce a mix that could flash or explode on contact with an ignition source.

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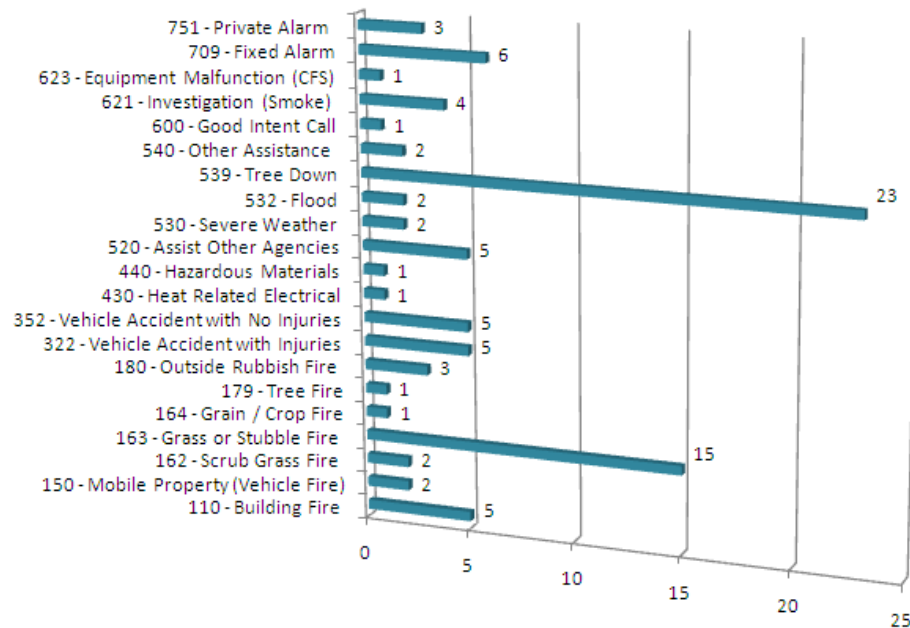
# Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – August 2011



## Statistics for 2010 - 2011

The statistics for 2010 – 2011 make some interesting reading.

Lyndoch CFS responded to a total of 90 incidents for the period. This is a 14% drop compared to the 105 recorded incidents for the preceding 12 months.



Grass or Stubble fires showed a 46% decrease – down from 28 for the same time last year.

Tree's down increased by 35% going from 17 to 23.

Private and fixed alarms numbers have not changed over the past 3 years – remaining constant at 9 events over each 12 month period.

If we look at the total number of jobs and removed all those that are “Rural related” then approximately 40% of our incident responses are domestic or commercially related.

It highlights the fact that as an Emergency Services we are an “All Hazards” agency.

### Brigade AGM

A reminder to all Operational and Support Members that the AGM for the Lyndoch CFS Brigade is scheduled for a 1930hrs start on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011. As this is an election year, all positions have been declared vacant. Nomination forms are available from the Brigade Administration Coordinator and where possible should be submitted 24 hours prior to the day of the AGM.

It is also important that we ensure that we have a minimum of 15 members present on that night to achieve the quorum required under the constitution.

If you are unable to attend please notify the Brigade Administration Coordinator or Brigade Captain.

### House Fires

You will see from the 2010 – 2011 statistics that Lyndoch responded to some 5 structure fires. Already this financial year Lyndoch has responded to 2 structure fire incidents. In the first of these incidents an electrical fault was identified as the cause – the use of a powerboard possibly overheating was the most likely cause – this resulted in some \$400,000 plus damage to the family home. In the latest incident a home owner had emptied the ash from the combustion stove into a plastic bucket and put in under the “lean-to” at the back of the main shed. The ash was not quite cool and the rag left in the bottom of the bucket ignited and spread to the surrounding area resulting in approximately \$4000 damage. In this case the home owner was able to put the fire out resulting in only a small amount of damage.

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# Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – September 2011



## Brigade AGM

The Brigade Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 10th August 2011 and all positions were declared vacant. It was excellent to see such a positive turnout to the elections this year. At the conclusion of the meeting the following people were successful in the positions as indicated and are office holders until 2013. We wish them all well over the next 2 years

- Captain.....Neville Kies
- Lieutenant 1 .....Shane Emms
- Lieutenant 2 .....Gavin Laycock
- Lieutenant 3 .....Vaughn Elsworth
- Senior 1.....Reuben Batten
- Senior 2.....Wayne Koch

- Administrations Coordinator .....Jacque Edwards
- Training Coordinator .....Vaughn Elsworth
- Assistant Training Coordinator .....Wayne Koch
- Communications Coordinator .....Shane Emms
- Logistics Coordinator .....Reuben Batten
- Equipment Coordinator .....Valerie Koch
- OH&S Representative .....Brenton Edwards
- Brigade Liaison Officer .....Wayne Koch
- Cadet Coordinator.....Valerie Koch

### Management Committee

- President.....Brenton Edwards
- Vice President.....Andrew Nesbitt
- Captain (Ex-Officio).....Neville Kies
- Admin Coordinator (Ex-Officio).....Jacque Edwards
- Brigade Representative 1 .....Shane Emms
- Brigade Representative 2 .....Gavin Laycock
- Brigade Representative 3 .....Andrew Watson

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## Replace Your 10 Year Old Smoke Alarms



Smoke alarm legislation in South Australia first made smoke alarms compulsory in new homes in 1995, and then progressively (in 1998 and 2000) they became compulsory in all homes. As a result there are a large number of smoke alarms in the community which are now around 10 - 13 years old and with every year which passes that number increases.

**Both hard-wired (mains powered, 240 volt) and battery operated smoke alarms are only manufactured to a standard that requires them to perform for 10 years.**

South Australia's fire services (the SA Metropolitan Fire Service and the SA Country Fire Service) advise that **all** smoke alarms need to be replaced after 10 years - smoke alarms don't last forever even if they are 240 volt mains powered!

### What Happens to Smoke Alarms as They Age

Smoke alarms are manufactured to a standard (AS 3786) which specifies an effective life of 10 years. After that time smoke alarms may malfunction and their efficiency may be compromised with accumulated dust, insects, airborne contaminants and corrosion of electrical circuitry. They should be replaced every 10 years.

Many homes in South Australia have smoke alarms which have reached the end of their recommended life.

**The limited lifespan of smoke alarms applies to ALL smoke alarms regardless of power source (battery or 240 volt) or the type of smoke alarm (ionisation or photo-electric/photo-optical).**

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## Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – October 2011



### Are you prepared?

At this point in time the Fire Danger season for the Mount Lofty Ranges will start in December this year as it did last. This may be subject to change and closer to the Fire Danger Season these dates will be officially published. It is therefore important that you think about preparing your house and surroundings now rather than leave it to the last minute. The rains have prompted consistent growth and this should be dealt with before we enter the Summer months. A couple of days of moderate temperature with strong breezes will start the drying process and provide an increase to the fuel load.

It might seem early to be thinking about this – but look at it this way it's about 13 weeks to Christmas and 14 to the New Year; With people starting to think about BBQ's as the weather starts to warm – time will fly by so preparing now is probably a good idea.

Where do we start? This is usually one of the first questions and in some cases this may depend on the size of the house block you live on.

Consider this though – for a fire to start on your property it needs fine, dry fuels and where might it find those – the roof. Leaf litter collecting in the gutters and valleys on the roof, drying out with the winds provides a ready source of fuels – with this in mind remember the safety precautions when climbing ladders and working from heights.

.It is also time to spray grass around the home, sheds and fence lines as part of your fire prevention strategy. Once the grass has died off, removal of dead grass, leaf litter, twigs and old timber will remove a potential path for fire to reach your buildings

In some parts of the State this may already have started, but in preparation for haymaking, please check mowers, rakes and balers and do pre-season maintenance on bearings, belts, chains and drive shafts to minimize the chance of overloaded or overheating equipment. While you may prevent a fire, you will probably also avoid costly damage, downtime and repairs. While you are checking the machinery, don't forget to fill, check and test Firefighting equipment

that you may rely on if a fire does start. The right equipment and quick action to extinguish a small fire have obvious benefits.

Realistically, as residents of the township and for its immediate surrounds, the likely impact of fire will come from ember attacks, so preparing around the home is extremely critical.

#### Other Actions you should consider, include:

- Thinking, "fire safe" for all activities.
- Clean up around houses, sheds and fence lines with a view to eliminating paths for fire.
- Disposing of rubbish adjacent to buildings that could provide fuel for a fire.
- Discussing with your family or employees your plans to "**Prepare, Act & Survive**" in the event of a major fire.
- Developing or revisiting your escape plans, both for your home and for your property. This applies to everyone.
- Filling and testing firefighting equipment and making sure potential operators know how to use it safely and efficiently.
- Preparing a suitable firefighting pack including clothing, food and drinking water.

If the risk is from a neighbouring property then firstly talk to the owners about what your concerns are. If no action occurs or in some cases the block is undeveloped and you have taken all reasonable steps, contact the Fire Prevention Officer at the Council. It's quite possible that they are aware of the issues in the local township as they do undertake regular drives of the towns to check on properties that pose risks. If you contact the local CFS or the CFS Regional Office they will in the first instance refer you to the Fire Prevention Officer. We are there to put the fires out, not administer the legislation.

For more information, check the CFS Website under the heading **Community Information & Education**. Once on that page follow the appropriate links.

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## Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – November 2011



### We Want You!

Lyndoch CFS is actively seeking new members to undertake firefighting operations. We are particularly interested in members of the community who are available during the day.

#### The requirements

A firefighter needs to be a minimum of 18 years old and pass a mandatory police clearance check. Once this has been completed the members needs to be elected into the brigade to then enable them to undertake training. The SA CFS is an equal opportunities community service organisation – when you are in the Yellow Turnout Gear you are firefighters irrespective of your gender. Those holding a MR or higher licence are also welcomed.

#### Training & Equipment

The minimum level of training prior to being able to respond on the CFS appliances is Basic Firefighting 1 (BFF1) which is a 2 – 2½ day course usually run over a single weekend.

Once the BFF1 is successfully completed, a full set of PPC (Personal Protective Clothing) – Boots, Turnout Clothing, Gloves & Helmet are issued.

Once this basic training is out of the way, the opportunity exists for additional specialist training in the areas of chainsaw, Breathing Apparatus, Compartment Fire Behaviour, Road Crash Rescue and Senior First Aid.

At Lyndoch training occurs every Wednesday night from 19:30 – 21:30 / 22:00. It is however not mandatory to attend every training night. A minimum expectation is 12 training nights a year. A 3 monthly training program is available from the Lyndoch CFS Website



#### Expectations

All we ask for is some of your time in assisting the community. There are opportunities for people to go interstate as part of CFS contingents to assist others in bushfire fighting needs. These opportunities are if you like some of the rewards that are available.

#### What do I do?

If you're interested please make contact with the brigade on a training night by visiting the CFS Station or contact the Brigade Captain on the number at the bottom of this article.

#### Understand Your Bushfire Risk

The Country Fire Service (CFS) has launched this year's Bushfire Action Week. CFS Director of Operations Andrew Lawson said the campaign has been made more direct compared to previous years in an effort to combat complacency after a mild bushfire season last summer.

"Bushfire safety is a shared responsibility and people need to be proactive in assessing their own bushfire risk and taking action ahead of the next Fire Danger Season," Mr Lawson said,

The CFS TV adverts will begin airing on commercial television throughout South Australia from next Sunday October 30, while the CFS's new smartphone app will be available through the Apple iTunes store on Wednesday 26 October.

The CFS has also begun communicating public safety messages via an official Twitter and Facebook account as a means of using more avenues than ever before to further spread community safety updates and warnings.

"It's everyone's responsibility to prepare for bushfires and the best way to do that is by having a Bushfire Survival Plan and rehearsing it with family, friends or neighbours.

"The CFS is made up of thousands of volunteers and they put their lives on the line when they respond to incidents. Property owners need to take responsibility to clear potential fuel loads and ensure their property is defensible."

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## Bushfire Prevention - Information

The following brochures are available from the CFS Website – go to the link [http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bushfire/reference/brochures\\_and\\_dvds.jsp](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bushfire/reference/brochures_and_dvds.jsp)



### GUIDE TO BUSHFIRE SAFETY (3.21Mb)

This booklet is a guide to help protect your home and the lives of your family.

It explains ways of making your property less vulnerable to bushfire attack and will help you make the correct choices if a bushfire threatens.

It incorporates a template for your Bushfire Survival Plan.



### HOLIDAY SAFETY & SURVIVAL (178Kb)

Bushfires can occur without warning and can quickly impact your holiday location. If you are planning a holiday, you need to think about bushfire safety. This leaflet will help you to prepare if a bushfire does occur in the area.



### BUSHFIRE SAFETY FOR TRAVELLERS (468Kb)

If you are planning to travel in the country you need to think about bushfire safety.

This leaflet will help you manage your country travel plans and help you prepare yourself and your vehicle in case a bushfire does occur.



### BUSHFIRE SAFETY IN OUTBACK SA (625Kb)

Are you visiting or travelling through the outback this bushfire season?

This leaflet will help you know your risk, be prepared and know what to do if you encounter a bushfire.



### REDUCING FIRE RISK IN GARDENS (3.95Mb)

Urban landscapes, including parks and gardens, can be planned and designed to minimise vulnerability and strengthen resistance to fire. Careful attention needs to be paid to design, plant selection, materials and product selection and the maintenance of our garden environments.

The Botanic Gardens of Adelaide [Sustainable Landscapes Project](#) has produced this informative guide to planning and designing a garden to minimise risk from fire.

A number of these brochures are available in **LARGE** print as well as **TEXT** only (suitable for screen readers).

The **Guide to Bushfire Safety** and **Holiday Safety & Survival** are also available in other languages.

### Additional Fact Sheets

Also visit [http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bushfire/reference/fact\\_sheets.jsp](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/bushfire/reference/fact_sheets.jsp)

## FIRE DANGER SEASON

The Fire Danger Season starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011 and continues until the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 for the Mount Lofty Ranges

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