



# Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – May 2016

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## Fire Danger Season – Ends 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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From midnight on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the Fire Danger Season ends across the rest of the State including the Mount Lofty Ranges and so backyard burning is now allowed.

It is 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.**

### PLEASE NOTE:

- **These are EPA regulations, not CFS or The Barossa Council regulations.**
- **The Barossa Council administers the regulations along with the EPA and SA Police.**
- **The local CFS Fire Brigade only puts out the fires.**

If you require further information on domestic or rural burning, pick up a "fact sheet" from your local Council Office or call Jamie or Chadd at The Barossa Council on 8563 8444.

**Think, before you burn a hole in your pocket.**

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# Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – June 2016

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## Winter Fire Safety!

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### 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 meters 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 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, don't use the electric blanket.
- Damaged internal wiring which 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.

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## House / Structure Fires

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Besides a fully functional Smoke Detector – there are other items of fire safety equipment that are useful to have around the house.

These are a **Fire Blanket** and a **Fire Extinguisher**.



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.

### CFS AWARDS

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016  
Five members from Lyndoch  
CFS were awarded with  
“**Life Membership**”

Neville Kies  
Jacque Edwards  
Shane Emms  
Gavin Laycock  
Vaughn Elsworth

These members were  
presented with a Certificate and  
Badge for services exceeding  
20 years

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## Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – September 2016

### Rules for Backyard Burning

Spring is here and it is likely that many of us have stockpiled rubbish ready to burn and we would like to remind residents of the following.

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3. The EPA does not allow any burning on a Sunday.
4. **Only perfectly dry wood, paper and pruning's can be burnt** in a clean hot burn.
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#### RECRUITING NOW

##### LYNDOCH CFS IS LOOKING FOR NEW FIREFIGHTERS

We need additional members trained up before the next Fire Season

If interested please come down to our Station on any Wednesday night and talk to Jacque

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## Grapevine Article – October 2016

### Be Fire Ready

Now's the perfect time to prepare your home and family for the bushfire season, it's not long until Summer.

Although bushfires are an unfortunate reality of Australian Summers, nearly 50 per cent of people living in bushfire-prone areas don't fully understand the threat posed to them. Here are some ways you can prepare your home now!

#### CLEARING OUT AROUND YOUR HOME:

- Clearing out leaves and debris from your roof and gutters.
- Prune overhanging branches close to your home.
- Mow and slash back grasses and flammable undergrowth.
- On rural properties keep a firebreak around the boundary of your property.
- Remove woodpiles, unused gas bottles or any flammable items near the home.

#### BURNING OFF:

- Burn off any dried wood branches, prunings and clippings under Barossa Council Regulations. If you require any information on domestic or rural burning, pick up a "fact sheet" from the Council Office or call Jamie or Chadd at The Barossa Council on 8563 8444.
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#### HOME IMPROVEMENTS:

- Embers from a Bushfire may be small, but can cause significant devastation if they enter your home.
- Seal all gaps in your roof, around your windows and doors where possible.
- Fit a wire mesh screen over windows, doors, roof vents and skylights.
- In high fire risk areas it is also recommended to have fire screens fitted to your ducted evaporative cooling units.

#### UPDATING YOUR INSURANCE:

In the worst case scenario that your preparation isn't enough, being properly covered will provide some comfort. Now's a good time to check your insurance policy is up to date and that you have the correct cover for your home, contents, garages and outbuildings.

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## Grapevine Article – November 2016

### **An Extended Wet Season**

*We and many parts of South Australia have suffered extensive damage due to the continuous rains and strong winds.*

*Since the middle of May we have received continuous rains with some cold fronts dropping 30, 40 and even more than 50mm of rain over a day. With these rains it had left our soils water-logged and our creeks and rivers flowing. The continuous rains and strong winds had produced another problem; many trees became weak and were being blown over in the strong winds.*

*On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 18:50 hrs Lyndoch CFS responded to heavy flooding on the Barossa Valley Way. Both Lyndoch CFS appliances blocked the road and maintained traffic control until Department of Road Transport could officially implement a road closure with traffic signs.*

*The two CFS appliances with crews had been standing in the rain for about an hour when the Lyndoch Creek had burst its banks and was flooding through the main intersection of Lyndoch with businesses and homes under threat. Jeff, from The Lord Lyndoch, was desperately trying to keep water out of his front door. Water was already entering the rear residence of the Post Office and a local resident asked for help with 400mm of water entering through her back door. The calls for help from other residents went on for the next several hours.*

*The alarm was upgraded with immediate assistance from numerous CFS Brigades, MFS, SAPOL, SAAS and SES to assist with a swift water rescue when a person had driven through a road under water. Local people and CFS members also came to the aid with their private utes to transport over 700 sandbags to the homes and businesses in the town under threat and potential threat.*

*By 3:00am the threat had eased in Lyndoch, but with all the creeks flowing into the North Para River, South Para River and onto the Gawler River the threat increased downstream and continued.*

**THANKYOU TO EVERYONE THAT ASSISTED ON THE NIGHT, WELL DONE!**

*Clearing out around the home is just as important in wet weather, as it is in preparing for Summer. Multiple emergency calls have been received over the last several months with water entering the rooves and ceilings collapsing. This is mainly due to excessive debris in the gutters, downpipes and valleys on the roof. Before Summer and Winter ensure your roof and gutters are cleared of leaves and debris. Call a tradesperson to do it every six months, if you can't get on the roof yourself.*

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# Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – December 2016



## FIRE DANGER SEASON

**Fire Danger Season for the Mount Lofty Ranges is from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING..... Are You Prepared for what might be?**

With previous fires in recent years we pose the question – Are You Prepared for a fire in or around your property?

Do you:

- Know where a Bushfire Safer Place and Last Resort Refuge are for your area?
- Have you developed a bushfire action plan with your family?
- Understand what is meant by Severe, Extreme and Catastrophic Conditions?

If you can answer yes to all of these, then well done – if not, don't panic – there are a number of places you can go to get help with this information.

Go to [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au) and or click on the **Prepare of Bushfire** Icon as shown on the right.



If you click on the link you will find all sorts of information on:

- Know your risk
- Know what to do
- Know your Community

If you click on the **Bushfire Safer Places** image – you will see that there is now a hierarchy of Bushfire Safer Places in SA

- Bushfire Safer Place
- Last Resort Refuge

You can enter your location and it will show you what is around the area. The image below shows the Bushfire Safer Place (blue) within the township of Lyndoch as an example



The CFS website also shows the current incidents, Fire ban districts and their level of alert. If you have the opportunity, please spend some time looking at this site.

Have a smartphone - then take the time and download the AlertSA App (available for iPhone and Android). Click the image to take you through to the website.



# PREPARE.....ACT.....SURVIVE.....

## LYNDOCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

We hope to see you all at this years' **Lyndoch Christmas Party** on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

This year we are holding a static display with Lyndoch Fire Appliances, Barossa Car 1, Barossa Bulk Water Carrier, Region 2 Incident Communications Vehicle & a Community Fire Safe spokes person.

**We wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas!**



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