



Barossa Airshow Training

The 2017 Barossa Airshow, organised by St Jakobi Lutheran School, is on Sunday April 2nd with many interesting aircraft on display, showing off their skills with stunts and Barossa Helicopters providing joy flights to the crowds.

With the large amount of aircraft and general public on the day it increases possible risks.

Every Airshow the Tanunda & Lyndoch CFS have appliances and crews on active standby should the need arise.

Recently we have carried out three weeks of training relating to:

- March 15th - Theory session covering Aviation Fire & Rescue Response.
- March 22nd - Visit to Barossa Helicopters to discuss Helicopter shut down procedures and risks.
- March 29th - Practical training at St Jakobi School using the plane shell for our response procedures with aviation.

Chimney / Flue Fire Prevention

With some colder nights starting to occur, it's possible that some households will be 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.

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



We are looking for new Fire-Fighters / Interested in joining?

If you are interested in joining, please come along on any Wednesday training night and we are more than happy to spend some time talking to you and showing you what we have to offer.

Also, feel free to contact the Brigade Captain.

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FIRE DANGER SEASON – MOUNT LOFTY RANGES

The Fire Danger Season started from 1st December 2016 and continues until the 30th April 2017

Fire station attended:

7.30pm to 9.30pm Wednesdays - Phone (08) 8524 5623 Fax: (08) 8524 5128

Training:

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Backyard Burning Regulations - Refer to the Barossa Council

Legislation is in place which govern burning in the open, outside of the Fire Danger Season. Refer to the Barossa Council for full details. However, the following guidelines should be adhered to.

PILE BURNING FOR FUEL REDUCTION:

- Fires may only be lit between 10:00am to 3:00pm Monday to Saturday and MUST be completely extinguished by 3:00pm.
- NO Fires can be lit on a Sunday under the 'Clean Air Policy' which is governed by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) – Penalties can apply.
- All fires must be of dried timber, paper or dried garden prunings in small, manageable piles. Materials being burnt MUST NOT be green or wet.
- Nuisance Fires – Penalties can apply for excessive smoke if it causes a nuisance to the community.

COMFORT FIRES:

- Fires may be lit outside the 10:00am to 3:00pm rule for the purpose of personal heating or cooking, and the fire should be of a manageable size of 1 metre x 1 metre.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS:

- The following are examples of materials which MUST NOT be burned: Rubber, plastics, lawn clippings, general refuse, composted materials, timbers containing plastics, glues or adhesives, timbers treated with copper chromium arsenate (CCA) or other chemical preservatives.
- Penalties can apply for illegal burning.

CFS must comply with regulations if responded to an incident / SAPOL or Councils will issue expiation fines

Winter Safety!

DO YOU DRY CLOTHES IN FRONT OF A 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 or any form of radiant heater, that they are kept at least two metres from direct radiant heat.
- 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? (Consider using battery operated lights instead.)

If so, please observe basic precautions which include:

- 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.

HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR ELECTRIC BLANKET?

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

- 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.

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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 SA Power Networks (SAPN) on 131 366.
- Keep clear of creeks and storm drains.
- Do not ride, walk or drive 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 service workers and others who may be working on the side of the road.
- When 'RED & BLUE' flashing lights are being used by emergency persons it's compulsory to Slow Down to 25 km / hr when passing the incident.
- Avoid driving in extremely adverse conditions unless it is absolutely necessary.
- **REMEMBER:** Keep the 'BRO-MANCE' Alive! (As per MAC television campaign).

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 neighbour's 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 fire-fighters. 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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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.

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.

Backyard Burning

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.

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 The Barossa Council on **8563 8444**, **before you burn a hole in your pocket**.

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INTERESTED IN BECOMING A FIRE-FIGHTER? - WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS

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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 or their families. 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 Steven at The Barossa Council on 8563 8444.
- 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.
- 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.
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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 you have the correct cover for your home, contents, garages and outbuildings.

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If interested in becoming a CFS Volunteer Fire-Fighter call or come down to the Station on Wednesday nights, between 7.30 – 9.30pm and talk to Jacque ☺