



Lyndoch CFS

January 2018



BE PREPARED, BE READY.... BUSHFIRE SAFETY

Prepare.....Act.....Survive

Recent studies were undertaken by the University of Adelaide and UniSA for residents in bushfire prone areas for property preparedness.

The study found residents were hesitant to clear their property of vegetation fuel load due to the fear of losing native plants and animals.

However, there are simple things people can do to make their properties more bushfire ready, and this doesn't mean clearing your entire block of trees and shrubs.

Some simple things can be clearing gutters of leaf litter, cutting over hanging tree branches, raking leaf litter and fine fuels under existing trees so fire doesn't have a clear path to your home.

- **Know and understand your bushfire risk.**
- **Home and Property Preparation.**
- **Prepare a Bushfire Survival Plan for yourself and your family.**

**Contact the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361
or visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au**

FIRE DANGER SEASON

**Fire Danger Season (1st December 2017 to 30th April 2018):
NO Lighting of Fires (Penalties Apply)**

**Contact the Barossa Council 8563 8444
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FIRE DANGER SEASON 1st DECEMBER 2017 ~ 30th APRIL 2018

BE PREPARED, BE READY.... BUSHFIRE SAFETY

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- *Are you and your family bushfire ready?*
- *Know and understand your bushfire risk.*
- *Home and Property Preparation.*
- *Prepare a Bushfire Survival Plan for yourself and your family.*
- *Understand Fire Regulations.*
- *Plan to Survive on Fire Danger Days.*
- *Understand Bushfire Warnings.*
- *Plan to Survive at home, work and on holidays.*

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RESTRICTIONS DURING THE FIRE DANGER SEASON

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- *It is within 15 metres of a domestic premises.*
- *The BBQ is clear of all flammable materials to a distance of 4 metres.*
- *A person that is able to control the fire is in attendance at all times until the fire is extinguished.*
- *An appropriate extinguisher (or extinguishing agent) is kept on hand.*

A solid fuel BBQ (one that uses fuel such as wood, charcoal or heat-beads) cannot be used on a Total Fire Ban day unless you obtain a Schedule 10 Permit.

During the Fire Danger Season (1st December 2017 to 30th April 2018):

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Lyndoch CFS Grapevine Article – March 2018



Call 000 in an Emergency

It's important to provide as much information as you can when you call Triple Zero as you can see from the comments below. There are some common problems that emergency services see that have the potential to cause a delay in response. The biggest fault is inaccurate location information – while we will always get a fire truck to the incident, delays can happen when the nearest truck is not responded based on the information provided.

The simple steps in making a Triple Zero (000) call to report an incident:

- 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 may 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



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

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

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 then be recorded and traced, and a fire appliance will be sent to that address.
- Keep 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 text-phone.
- **112** is the GSM international standard emergency number which can only be dialed on digital mobile phones. 112 can be dialed anywhere in the world with GSM coverage and is automatically translated to that country's emergency number.

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Lyndoch CFS April 2018



Smoke sightings! – What's going on?

Even though Summer is over, the Fire Danger Season is still active in the Mount Lofty Ranges. You may see smoke plumes around the area, so what's going on? DEWNR may undertake hazard reductions in local Conservation Areas and Farmers may undertake burning off in their stubble paddocks but will need to seek permission via the Council – they do however have some obligations.

- 1) They must still seek a permit from the local council Fire Prevention Officer – Schedule 9 for lighting fires during the fire danger season.
- 2) This schedule identifies the obligations they need to abide by which includes the notification of the local brigade on the day of their intention to burn.

FIRE DANGER SEASON
Please remember that the Fire Danger Season for the Mount Lofty Ranges is still current until the 30th April 2018.

The challenge for some of us when we see smoke plumes is that the smoke may look closer than it actually is, and in some cases it's not even in the Barossa Council area.

So, what do you do? If you look on the CFS website it will list current burn-offs, but if you are still concerned, you can ring 000 and ask for Adelaide Fire Service. Based on the information you provide them, they may be able to give information of burn-offs in the area. If no burn-offs are listed, then they will usually ask you a number of questions and respond the appropriate Fire Brigade to investigate the incident.

Chimney / Flue Fire Prevention

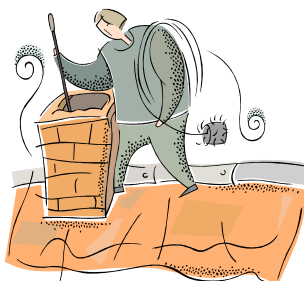
Now that we are experiencing some cooler weather, you may be looking at lighting your combustion heater.

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

A pre-winter check for wood-heaters includes:

Flues:

- Call a local Chimney Sweep to clean and maintain the flue or purchase a flue brush available from most local hardware stores.
- Check the flue for corrosion, particularly the sections that are out of sight and in the roof space.
- Check that the flue is central in the heat shield to protect the wall from heat and check the flue cowl for any corrosion or evidence of birds nesting on the cowl.



Before lighting your wood heater, consider the distance to the nearest flammable materials, like a lounge, cupboard or curtains. Has something been moved closer to the wood-heater 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 wood-heater manufacturer.

If a fire starts within the home, call 000 and request the local Fire Service immediately and ensure all occupants are out of the home, accounted for and safe.

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New Members

Recently we had three new members join Lyndoch CFS and an additional member moved from a cadet member to a full Fire-Fighter.

The three new members completed the BFF1 Fire-Fighters Course on March 16th, 17th and 18th

Well Done to our four new Fire-Fighters to our Brigade.

- Alex Barry
- Sam Brighurst
- Luke Stansborough
- Jye Dobbs

Awesome Effort, Guys!



Lyndoch CFS
May Edition 2018



FIRE DANGER SEASON 1st DECEMBER 2017 ~ 15th MAY 2018

EXTENDED SEASON

**PLEASE NOTE THE FIRE DANGER SEASON HAS BEEN
EXTENDED, DUE TO CONTINUING DRY CONDITIONS
& HIGH FUEL LOADS IN THE MOUNT LOFTY DISTRICT**

FIRE DANGER SEASON, UNTIL 15th MAY 2018

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Extended Fire Danger Season (1st December 2017 to 15th May 2018):

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Lyndoch CFS JUNE 2018



Winter Fire Safety!

Does your family 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.

House / Structure Fires

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.

NEW MEMBERS

LYNDPOCH CFS IS LOOKING FOR NEW FIRE-FIGHTERS

We need additional members trained up before the next Fire Danger Season

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

Or call our Brigade Captain
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0147 245 128

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Fire station attended:

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

Training:

Every Wednesday commencing at 7.30pm at the fire station.



Lyndoch CFS July 2018



CHURCH'S FINAL GIFT TO LYNDPOCH CFS

Lyndoch Baptist Church spirit has continued after it closed its doors over 12 months ago by supporting the Lyndoch CFS with offering to pay for a Defibrillator that the Brigade was looking at purchasing.

The Lyndoch Captain, Neville Kies happened to be talking to a church member and in conversation they asked if the Brigade was looking into any projects. In recent weeks the Brigade Management Committee placed a Defibrillator on high priority to purchase so it could be carried on the larger Fire Appliance, Lyndoch 34P.

We are very thankful of the Lyndoch Baptist Church for buying the Defibrillator which was just under \$2,900.00. It was an amazing gesture and we were very pleased that former pastor Dennis Triplett, deacon Leo Bubner and June Bubner were able to attend Lyndoch Station on a training night to view the equipment that they purchased for Lyndoch CFS.

A Defibrillator has become more of a need because as first responders there are many times when we are first on scene and many of our members are trained with Advanced First Aid. We are always ready to respond from minor incidents to vehicle accidents, structure fires, grass and scrub fires.

OUR DEEPEST THANKS TO LYNDPOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

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.

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

- 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.

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