



Lyndoch CFS

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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
or visit www.barossa.sa.gov.au for a fact sheets**

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FIRE DANGER SEASON 1st DECEMBER 2017 ~ 30th APRIL 2018

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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

If you are planning to cook outside then please note that gas or electric barbeques can still be used on a Total Fire Ban providing it meets the following requirements:

- **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):

- **NO Lighting of Outside Fires (Penalties Apply) Contact the Council.**

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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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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

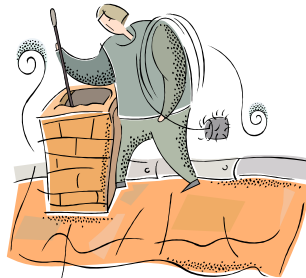
Now that we are experiencing some cooler weather, you may be looking at lighting your combustion heater.

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.



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!

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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