



Lyndoch CFS

*** January 2019 ***



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- 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.
- Practice your Bushfire Survival Plan with your whole family, including your strategies for dealing with stock or large pets such as horses.
- Create and maintain as much defensible space as possible around your home by managing vegetation, including grass and shrubs.
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- 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
- Update your home and contents insurance and leave a copy of your policies in a secure place away from your home.

Find further information on:

- **CFS website** www.cfs.sa.gov.au
- **Subscribe to CFS emails to receive Bushfire Warnings**
- **Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 362 361**
- **Social Media – follow @cfsalerts and @cfstalk on Twitter, or like SA Country Fire Service and CFSUpdates on Facebook.**
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We are still experiencing “Severe Conditions” ... Be Bushfire Ready!


- We are just coming towards the end of another ‘Heat Wave’ with extreme temperatures and strong winds. This Fire Season still has a number of weeks of unpredictable weather conditions to come, so don’t become complacent!
- It’s never too late, sit down with your family now and write a **5 Minute Bushfire Survival Plan** - your life could depend on it. Refer to the CFS website.
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Possible Smoke Sightings! – What’s going on?

Even though Summer is over, the Fire Danger Season is still active in the Mount Lofty Ranges, risks are very high and the conditions are extremely dry. You may see smoke plumes in certain areas, 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 fire brigade on the day of their intention to burn.

FIRE BAN SEASON
Please remember that the Fire Ban Season for the Mount Lofty Ranges is current until the 30th April 2019.

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 you 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

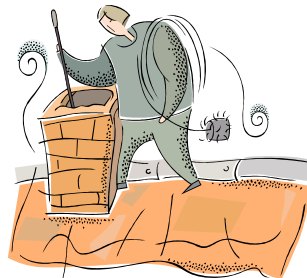
Preparing your combustion heater before the cooler months:

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 cowling for any corrosion or evidence of birds nesting on the cowling.



New Members

Recently we had three new members join Lyndoch CFS and an additional member transfer from another Brigade.

One of the new members attend a BFF1 Fire-Fighters Course and passed all levels required.

Well Done to James Hillcoat for achieving BFF1.

Additional new members will attend a BFF1 Course in the next few months and three existing members are to complete the Breathing Apparatus Course, ready for Structure Fires.

Before lighting your wood heater, consider the distance to the nearest flammable material, 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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LYNDOCH CFS May 2019



Fire Danger Season – Ends 12th May 2019

From midnight on the 12th May 2019, the Fire Danger Season officially ends in the Mount Lofty Ranges. We must still use common sense if, or when lighting a fire, as Regulations still apply.

It is likely that many of us have stockpiled rubbish ready to burn and we would like to remind residents of the following:

FIRSTLY: THINK FIRE SAFETY!

1. Please ensure there is a four (4) metre cleared 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 piles in safer areas. Smaller piles 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.



SECONDLY: 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 Jamie at The Barossa Council on 8563 8444.

Think, before you burn a hole in your pocket!

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June 2019



Awesome Achievement, by our own 'Neville Kies' for over 40+ Years of Service

Recently our Regional CFS Office (Region 2) hosted an Awards Ceremony and Thank You day for the CFS Volunteers. The Awards were for members from Brigades of Region 2 exceeding 40 years of Service. Our Chief Officer Greg Nettleton was there to present the awards for 40, 50 and 60 years of Service to the CFS.

Our own Captain, Neville Kies from Lyndoch was there to receive his **40 Year Clasp** for outstanding service to the Country Fire Service.

Since joining the CFS in 1978 Neville has seen many changes in the Service in his 41 years. He has attended many incidents in this time, including State and Interstate Deployments. With his skills, local knowledge and commitment for the Lyndoch Community it didn't take long for Neville to put his hand up for the Captain's position in the Brigade and has held that position for 27 years. A Captain's position is more than just "going to incidents", it's about being a manager, making sure crews are adequately trained for the tasks ahead, ensuring the safety of his crews and when the community needs assistance, that the CFS is there to help. Neville does all this with 110 percent commitment, and then some....

Neville is never one to look for accolades, but his dedication to the Service and the Community goes further than many and this is reflected in the presentation of the 40 Year Award. We also shouldn't forget all the extra hours Neville has given and time committed with meetings and ensuring that the Fire Appliances and equipment is serviced so it's ready for the next incident.

The CFS Star is symbolic of the activities and qualities of a fire fighter, these are: Tact, Loyalty, Dexterity, Observation, Sympathy, Explicitness, Gallantry and Perseverance, and Neville is true to the Star.



We at Lyndoch CFS hold high respect for Neville - our Captain, our team leader, our friend and most importantly, we know he is there for us.

WELL DONE NEVILLE, VERY WELL DESERVED!!!

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LYNDOCH CFS IS HOLDING A COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2019
ON THE VILLAGE GREEN CARPARK AREA

TIME: 2:00PM – 4:00PM

ATTENDED BY:
LYNDOCH CFS
WILLIAMSTOWN CFS
CONCORDIA CFS
CFS INCIDENT SUPPORT BRIGADE
SA AMBULANCE
SA POLICE

LIVE DISPLAYS TO INCLUDE:

🔥 STOVE FIRE 🔥
🔥 CAR FIRE 🔥

ROAD CRASH RESCUE with JAWS of LIFE



PLEASE COME ALONG & WATCH YOUR EMERGENCY SERVICES IN ACTION....DON'T MISS OUT!

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