



# Lyndoch CFS

## October 2017

### 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.
- Please do not leave the fire unattended at any time.
- Please be considerate of your neighbours with regards to wind direction and smoke.

#### 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.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR LOCAL CFS BRIGADE, VISIT OUR WEB SITE

[www.lyndochcfs.com.au](http://www.lyndochcfs.com.au)

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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 ☺**