



2026/2027 KURRAJONG HEIGHTS COMMUNITY BRIEFING

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AGENDA

DEFENDING THE HEIGHTS



PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY



PREPARING YOUR FAMILY



NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS





YOUR BRIGADE



• OUR BRIGADE:

- 1 x Cat 1 Tanker
 - Delivered January 2023
 - 5 crew
- 1 x Cat 7 Tanker
 - 3 crew
- 66 Brigade members



Events are managed by the RFS using a Computer Aided Despatch system

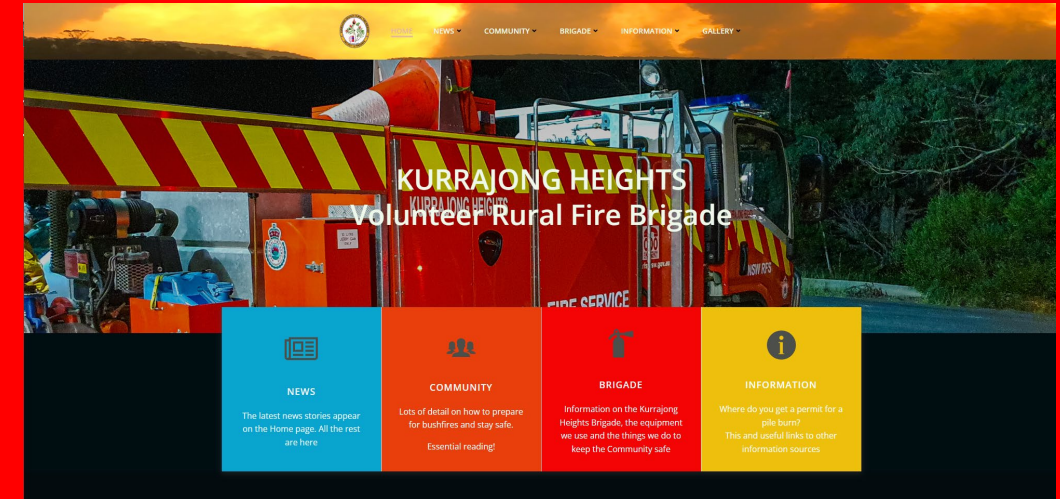
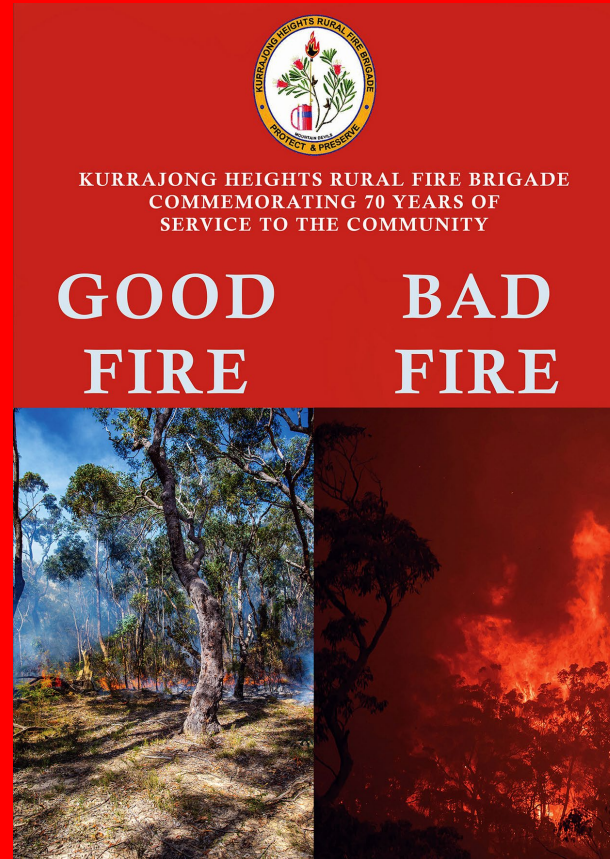
When our brigade is called to an event our firefighters are paged on a mobile app called RFS Activ. They can accept or decline the page



BRIGADE PUBLICATIONS



- Website:
<https://www.khrfs.org/>
- Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/KurrajongHeightsRFS>
- Good Fire Bad Fire
The 70 Year History of
Kurrajong Heights:
<https://www.khrfs.org/good-fire-bad-fire/>



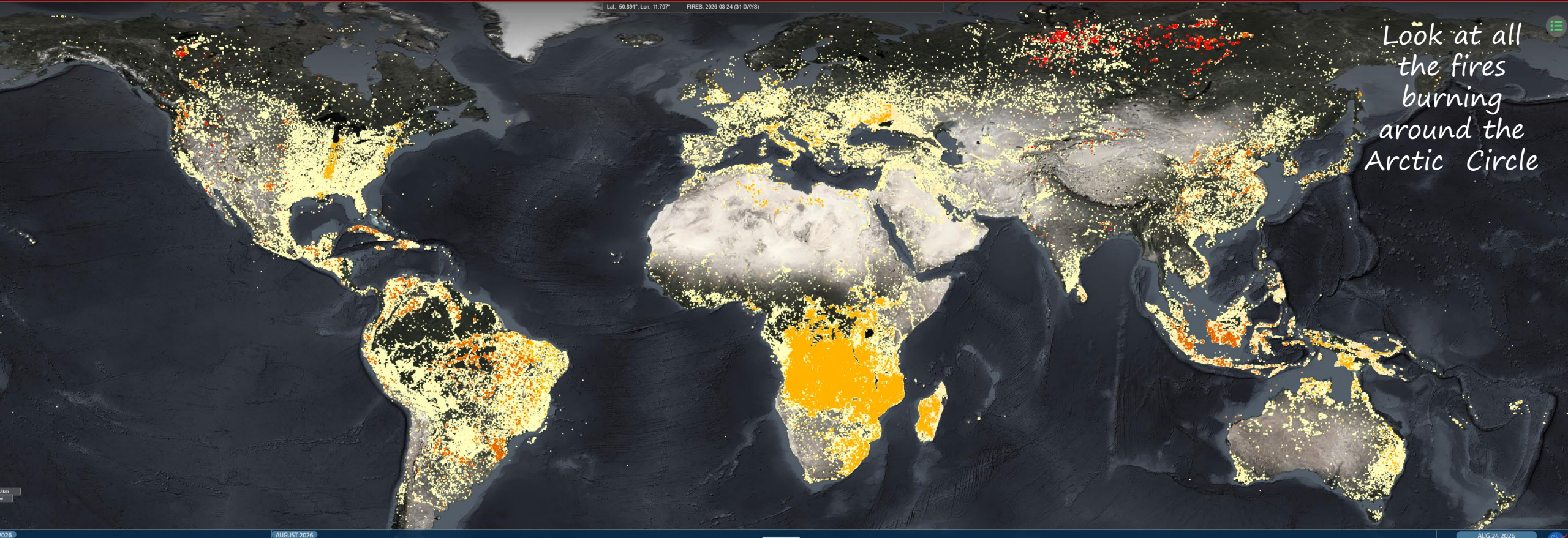


WHOLE WORLD IS BURNING



 **FIRMS**
Fire Information for Resource Management System

 Quick Search  Announcements  Feedback

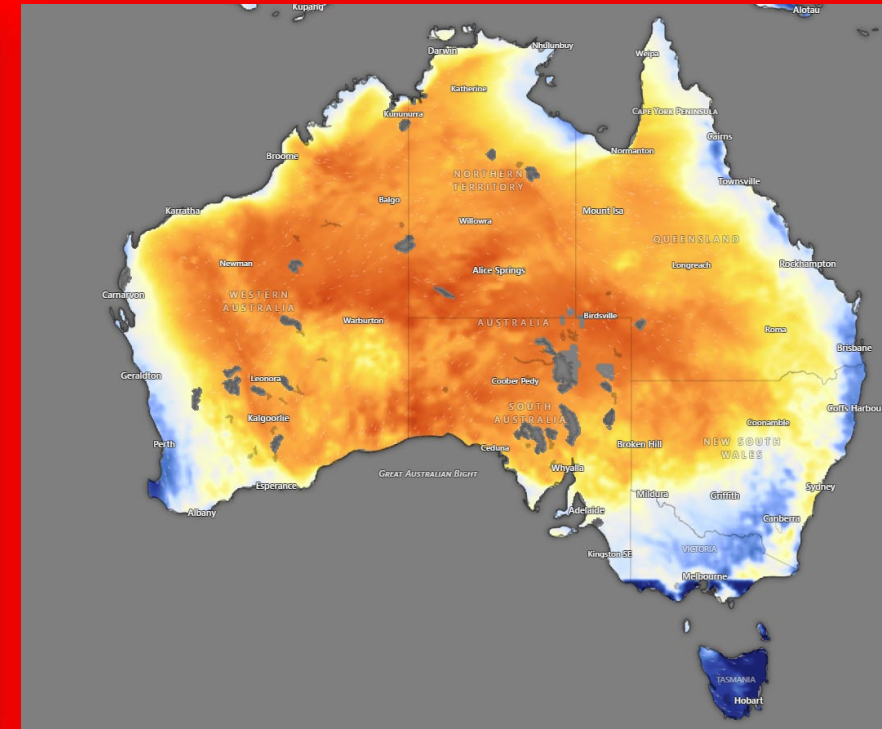
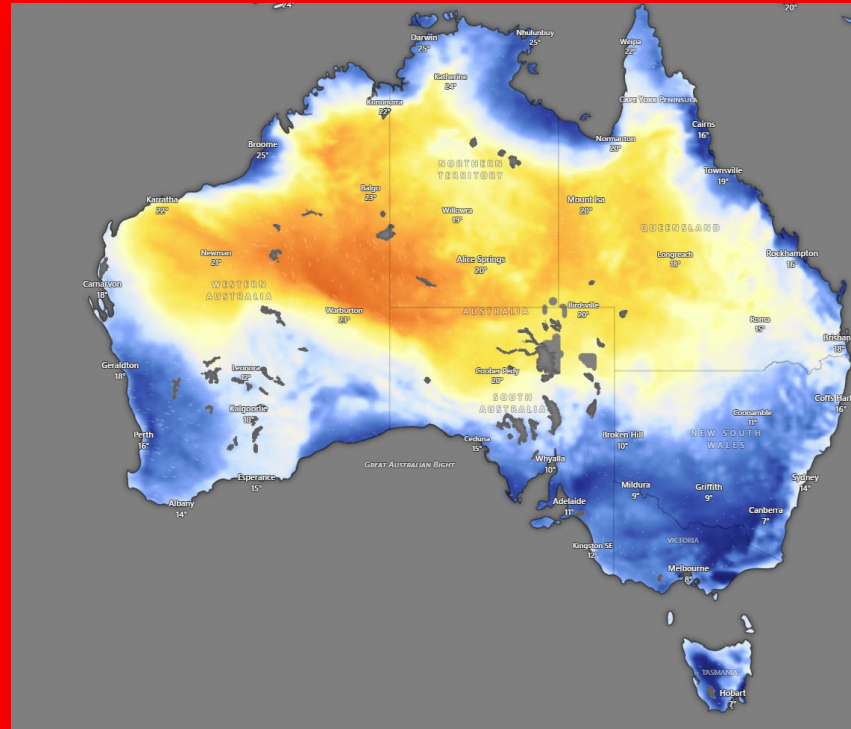


Wildfires have doubled in number in the last 2 decades and the northern and southern fire seasons now overlap

SIGNIFICANT FUEL LEVELS

'Flash droughts' occur with extreme heat and low humidity.

Today's green paddocks can change very quickly



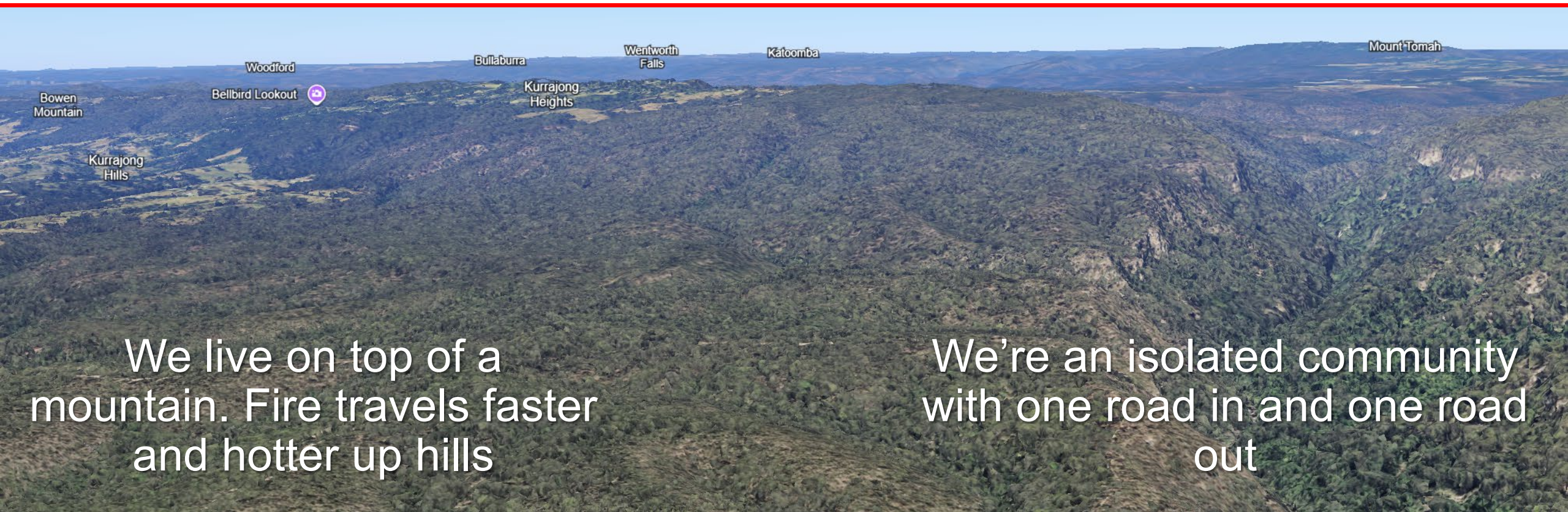
Windy provides a view of Fire Danger based on Fuel Moisture levels:

<https://www.windy.com/-Menu/menu?dfm10h.2026-09-18-12,-28.837,135.512,5>

We have a huge amount of fuel with good rains since Gospers Mountain Fire. Look how quickly the continent dried out over a two week period from 4/9/2026 to 18/9/2026



HARD TO DEFEND



We live on top of a mountain. Fire travels faster and hotter up hills

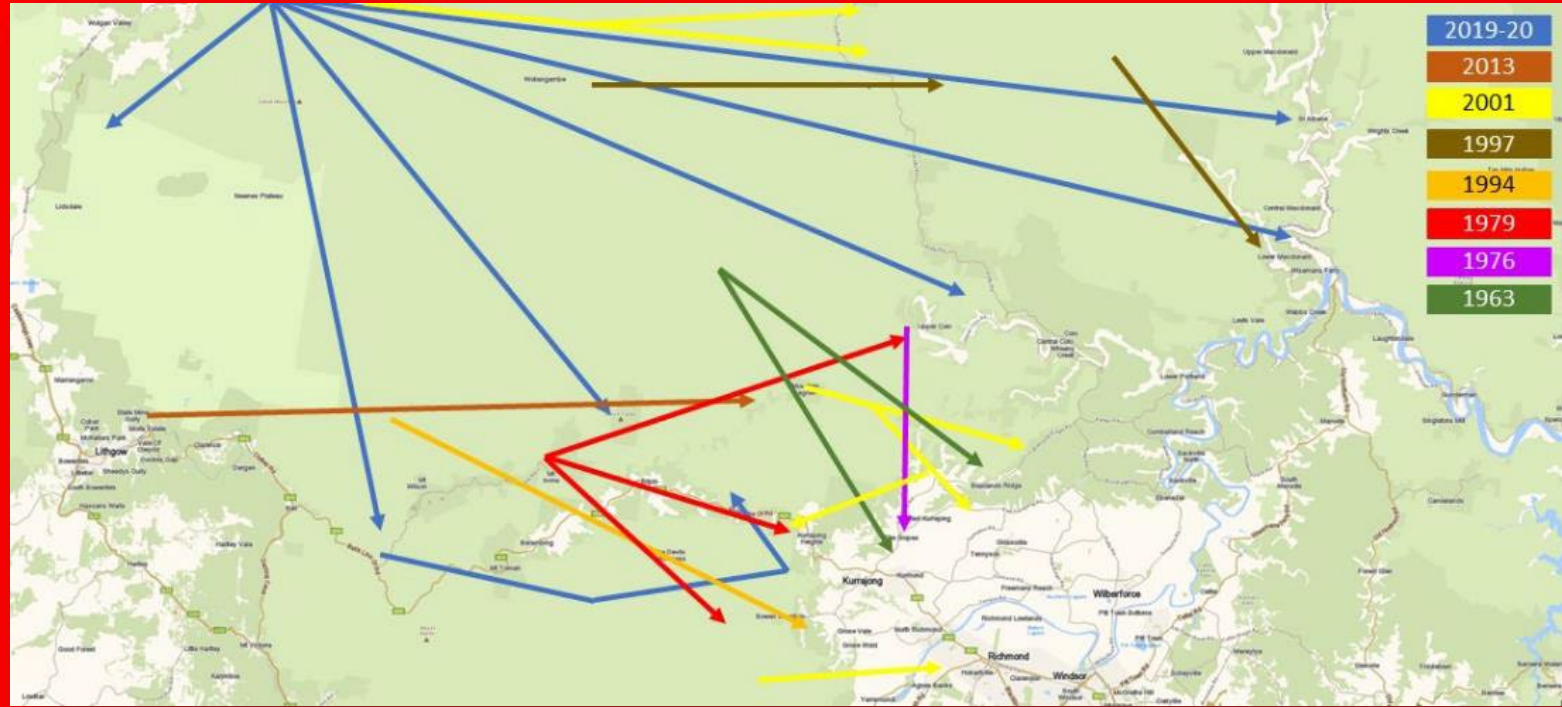
We're an isolated community with one road in and one road out

We are surrounded by National Park ... its 69% of the Heights
We are the Front Line for Sydney

HISTORY OF FIRE

FIRE HISTORY 1963 – 2026

- All recent fires have come from the West
- In 1976 and 2001 there were Northerly and Easterly threats
- The smallest gap between major fires is 3 years ... the largest is 15
- If we live on the Heights, we have to prepare for fire



In 2019 a southerly wind change saved the Heights but impacted Bilpin across a wide fire front ... 20 structures were lost

UNDERSTANDING THE RISK

- We need to consider:
 - Direct flame contact
 - Where the home is directly impacted by flame
 - Radiant heat
 - Intense heat without direct flame contact
 - Ember attack
 - Burning embers are carried well ahead of the fire front ...10km+
 - This destroys 85% - 90% of all homes lost to bushfire



Embers can start a fire in your roof hours after the fire front has passed

UNDERSTANDING THE RISK

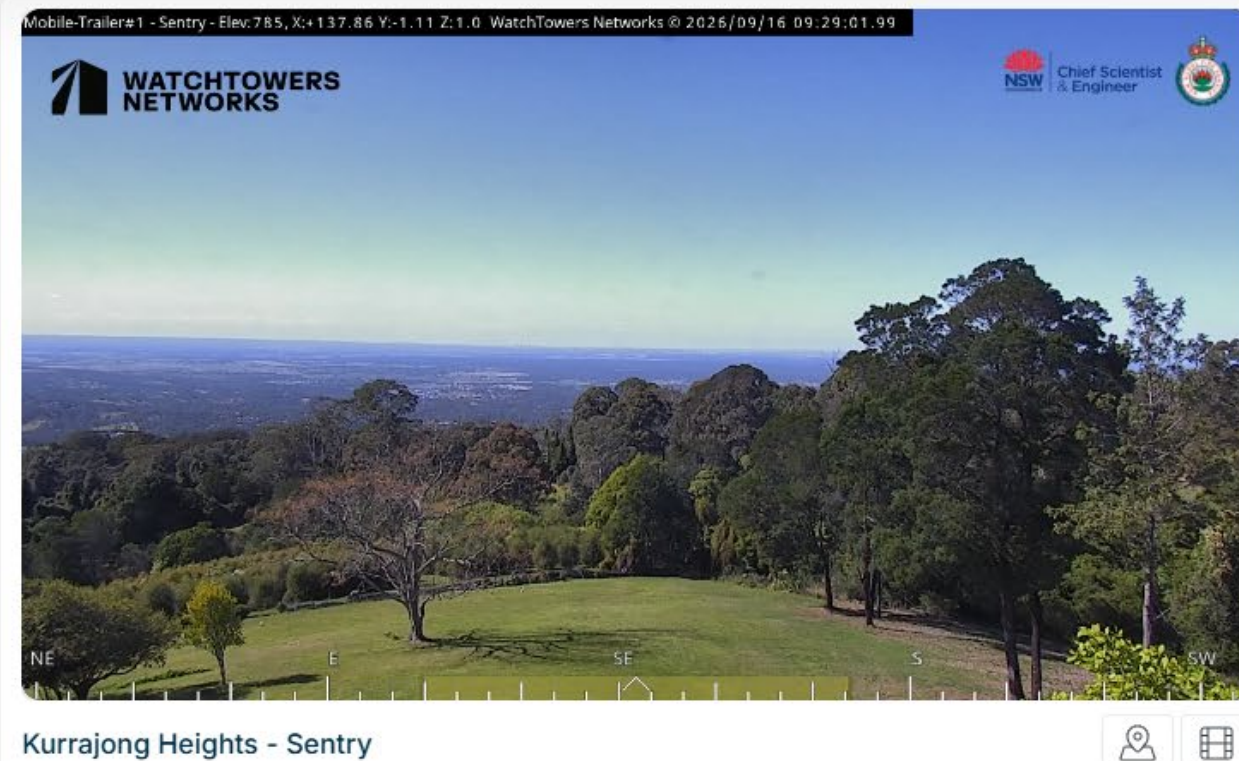
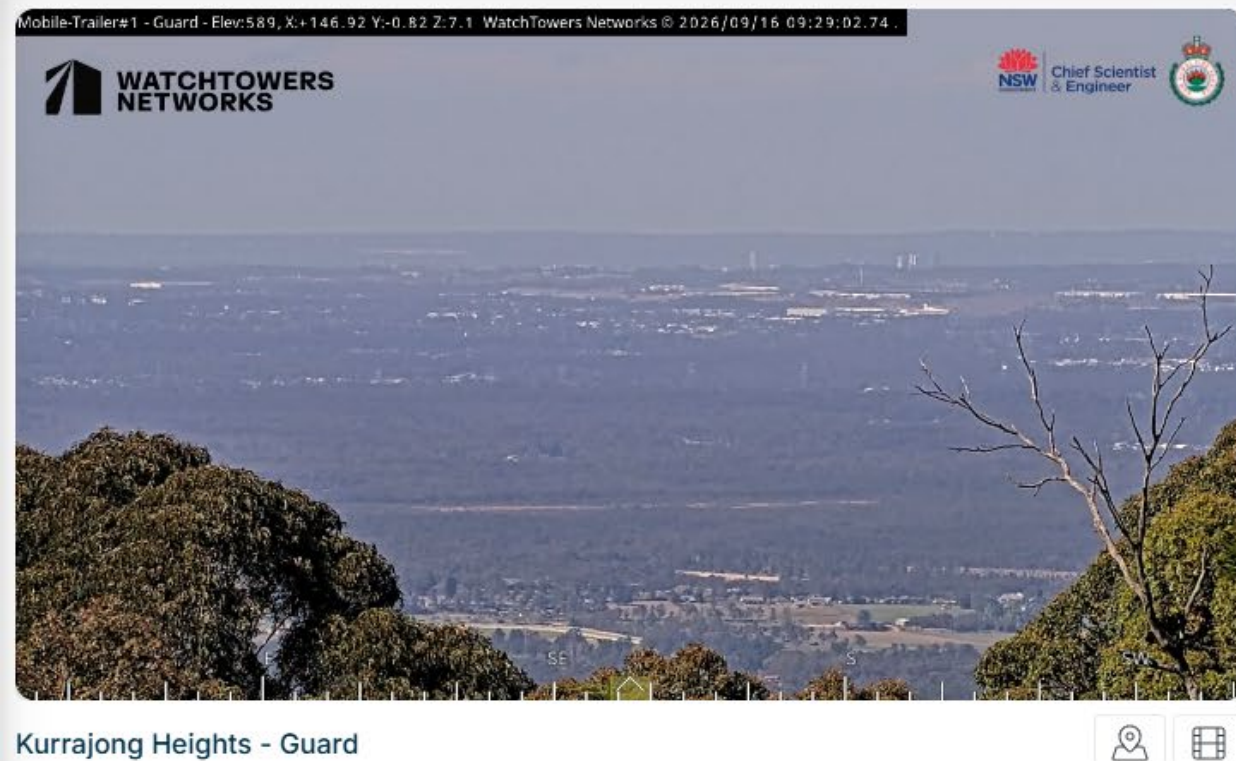
- Once fire gets into an urban environment it can be hard to stop
- On January 18th 2003, we lost 488 homes and 4 lives in Duffy & Chapman in Canberra
 - Widespread use of garden mulch easily caught alight and spread burning embers
- <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-01-18/act-2003-canberra-fires-20-year-anniversary/101865824>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daCpgpLBsXo>



Many of the houses that survived were fitted with a sprinkler system



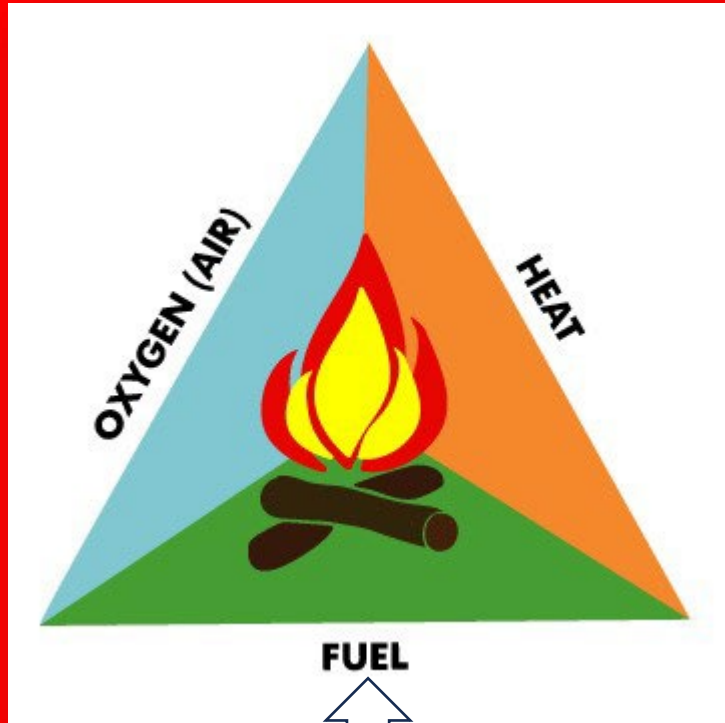
UNDERSTANDING THE RISK



- The 2023 [ABC Video](#) shows how the lack of situational awareness contributed to what happened in Canberra
- Since then, [Watchtowers](#) cameras have been installed across the ACT, and this network continues to grow across the state

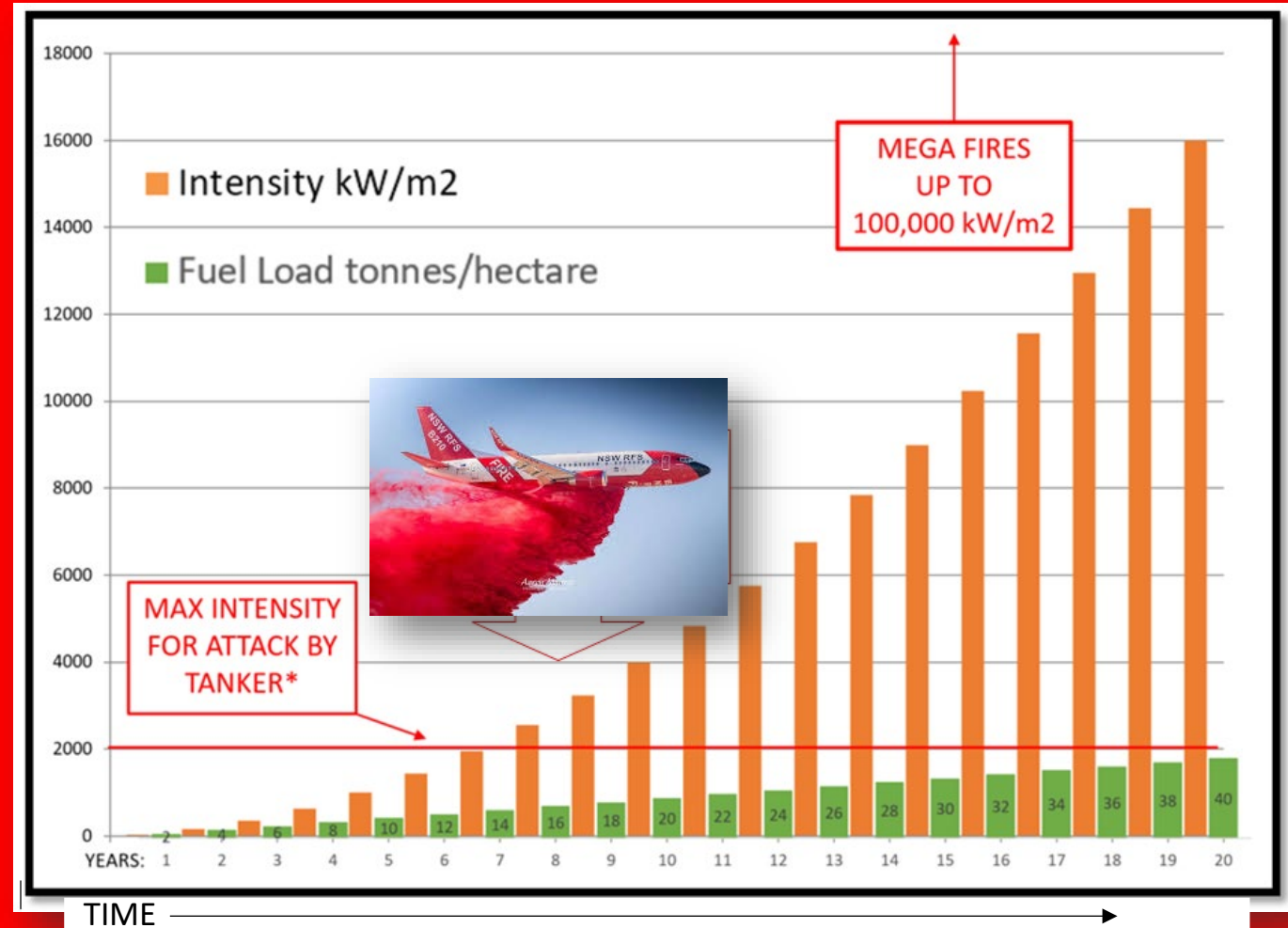
- A temporary camera is installed at Kurrajong Heights
- [Watchtowers](#) are working on a more permanent solution

RADIANT HEAT



FUEL IS THE ONLY ELEMENT WE CAN MANAGE

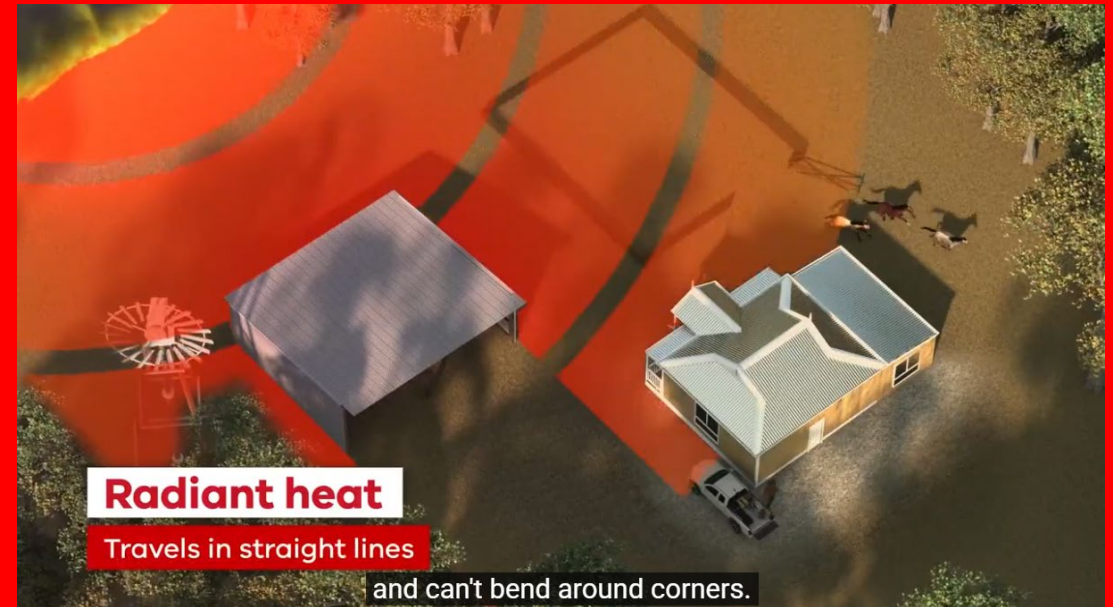
1 kW/m² is equivalent to a 1 bar fire



**Fuel Loads grow after a fire
Fire intensity grows exponentially with Fuel Loads**

RADIANT HEAT

- **1.4 kW/m²:**
Sun on a clear summer day
- **2.5 kW/m²:**
Camp fire. Human skin feels pain in 60 seconds
- **10 kW/m²:**
Critical limit for safe firefighter operations with full PPE protection
- **12 - 29 kW/m²:**
Wood ignites without an open flame
- **100 kW/m²:**
Typical bushfire radiant heat ... can be lethal if caught outside



Radiant heat will go straight through glass -
your windows need protection

"The fire came from nowhere we didn't have
time to take shelter"

A statement we have heard many times

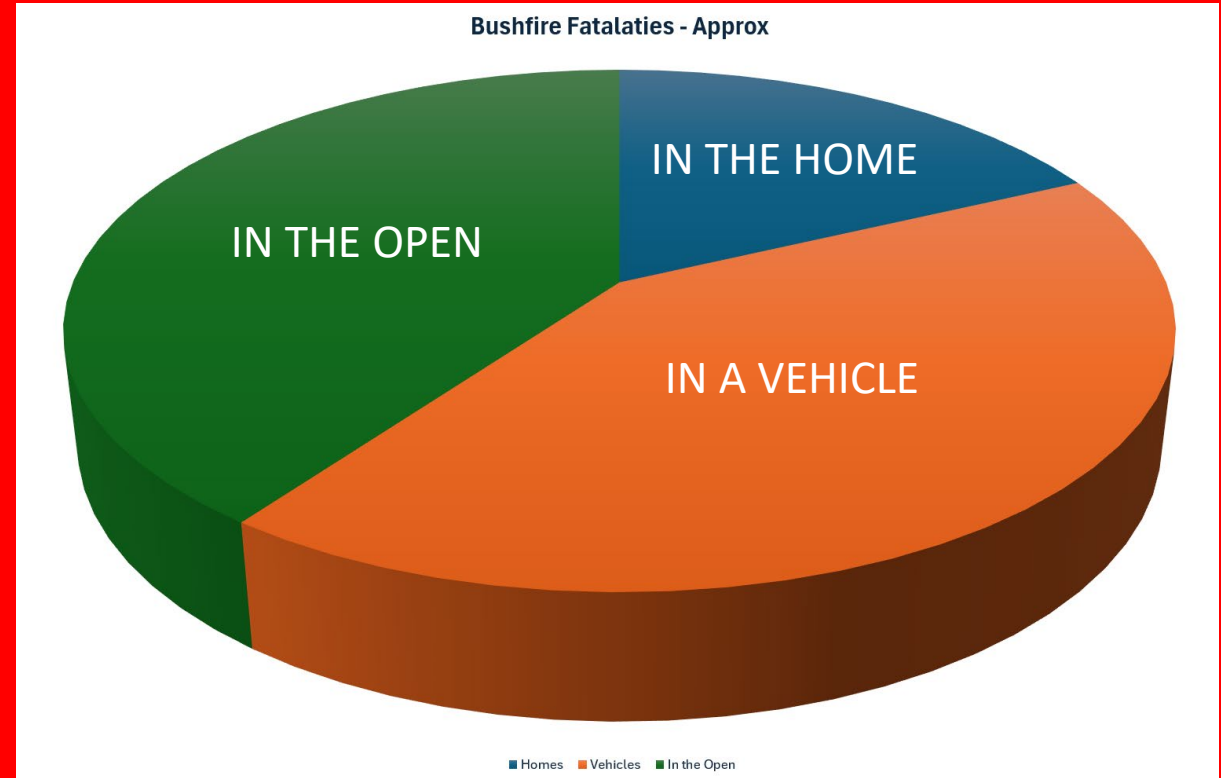


UNDERSTANDING YOUR RISKS



Getting caught in the open is historically the biggest danger frequently within 100m of the home

Getting caught in the car has recently become as big and is often associated with leaving late



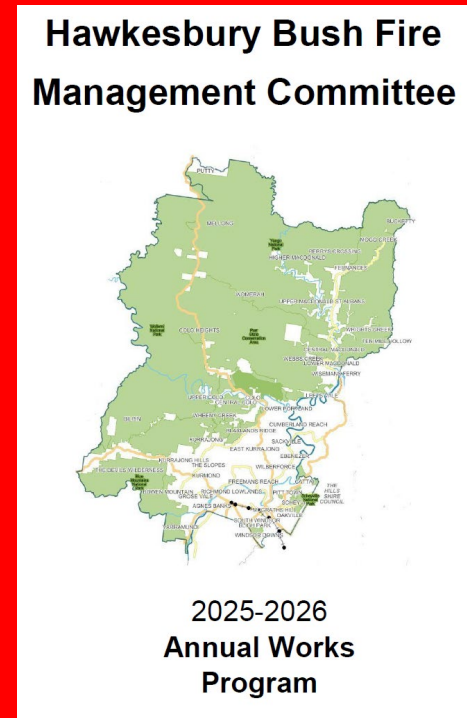
Leave early or shelter in the house
PANIC KILLS



RFS HAZARD REDUCTION



- The Hawkesbury [Risk Management Plan](#) identified a number of critical Hazard Reduction burns
- More than half have already been completed, and the balance will be done within the next 12 months

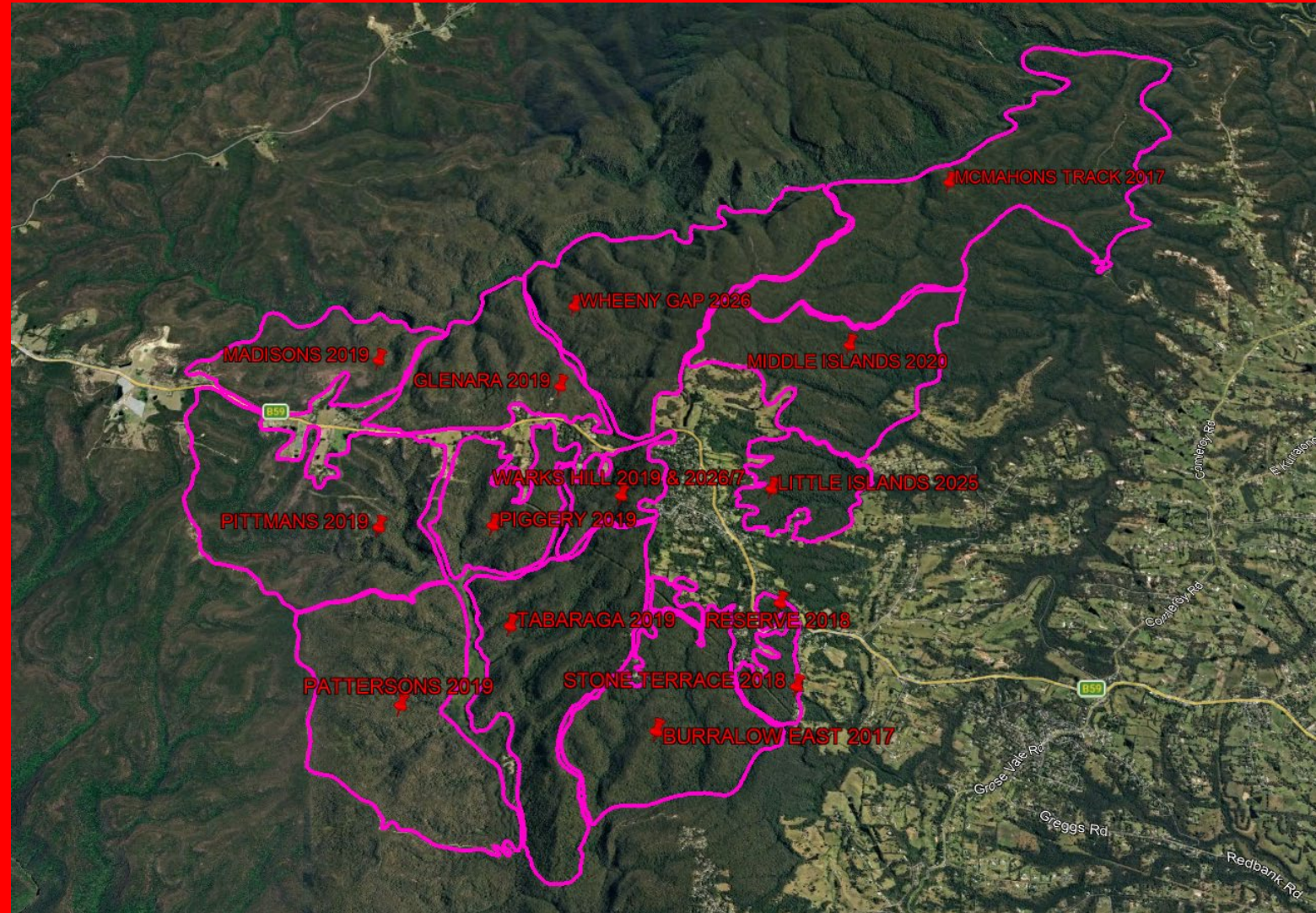




KURRAJONG HEIGHTS MOSAIC



- Completed since 2019
 - Middle Islands
 - Little Islands
 - Wheeny Gap
- Planned burns
 - Warks Hill Rd
 - Burralow Road East
- Neighbouring burns
 - Burralow Creek West
 - Bowen Mt West
 - Bowen Mt East





PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY





DOING THE BASICS



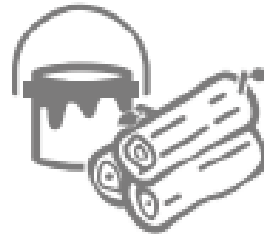
1. TRIM

Trim overhanging trees and shrubs. This can stop the fire spreading to your home.



2. MOW

Mow grass and remove the cuttings. Have a cleared area around your home.



3. REMOVE

Remove material that can burn around your home (e.g. Door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, paint, outdoor furniture).



4. CLEAR

Clear and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home. Burning embers can set your home on fire.



5. PREPARE

Prepare a sturdy hose or hoses that will reach all around your home. Make sure you've got a reliable source of water.



FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

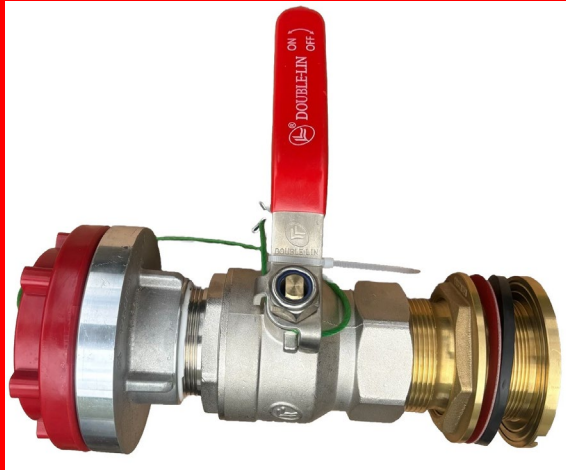


- Fire fighting equipment
- Independent electricity supply petrol or diesel generator, and/or house battery
 - Ability to keep the electric water pumps working
- Powerful water pump with sufficient hoses to cover all around the house
 - Fuel in a safe, accessible place
- Sprinklers on roof
 - Optional sprinklers on side of house, and in roof cavity
- Smoke alarms in the house that have been tested
- Water supply of at least 10,000L e.g. water tank, dam, pool and make sure it is topped up
- Ladders to access gutters and inside the roof cavity ... also beside above-ground tanks
- Buckets and mops
 - Pump action water pistols have 10m range
- Shovels and metal rakes



It's best to assume that the electricity supply will be impacted in any major fire

STANDING WATER SUPPLY



Storz fitting and ball valve should be placed on all water tanks



SWS signs are available from the RFS:
<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/static-water-supply-sws2>



Bushfire Buddy or a Sliding Gate Valve can be used to block your downpipes without clambering on the roof



WINDOW PROTECTION



Use BAL40 compliant window mesh like Cyclone Ember Guard to protect your windows and home from radiant heat

You can DIY the frames or use a contractor





INSURANCES



- Building costs have risen dramatically over the last couple of years and are projected to rise further
- Many properties are under insured as a result
- If you fail to insure for the correct amount, you may not be able to rebuild your place after a fire
- The Insurance Council has online calculators for Contents and Building as do many insurance companies:

<https://insurancecouncil.com.au/consumers/calculators/>



*Every policy is different ...
read your policy wording
carefully!!!*

*If in doubt take professional
advice.*

CONSUMERS

Contents calculator

Estimate the cost to replace your home contents



[Home Content Calculator \(homecontents.com.au\)](https://homecontents.com.au)

CONSUMERS

Building calculator

Estimate the cost to rebuild your house



[Sum Sure \(cordell.com.au\)](https://sumsure.com.au)



FIRE RETARDANT PLANTS



- Planting the correct plants around the house can make a huge difference to how flammable your place is
- We've started a project to better understand the different plants that grow locally:
 - Flammability
 - Whether fire is required for reproduction and the interval needed
 - Fire resistance
- Please review the listing here and if you can add to, or correct our knowledge, please let us know:
<https://www.khrfs.org/fire-retardant-plants/>
- Beware using pine bark, wood chips and mulch as they can be a significant fire hazard. The CSIRO recommends using pebbles around the house which will provide a fire break:
<https://research.csiro.au/bushfire/landscaping/mulches/>





SELF ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST



From our fire planner

See next section



FIRE PLANNING

KURRAJONG HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

SELF ASSESSMENT PROPERTY CHECKLIST

BUILDING – Do 2 nd page for sheds	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Is the guttering in good condition?		
Roof in good condition? Missing tiles?		
Are the gutters screened?		
Screens on external doors?		
Metal screens shutters on all windows?		
Vents & weepholes covered in wire mesh?		
Draught protectors on external doors?		
Garage doors tight fitting or have ember guards?		
Eaves enclosed?		
Decks etc use fire retardant timber?		
Under deck areas clear of debris & rubbish?		
Areas under the house enclosed?		
Smoke alarms fitted and tested?		
Gas bottles vented away from house?		
Equipment checklist complete? See above ..		
Repair or cover gaps in external walls?		
Any flammable items on or near house?		
Is the insurance up to date?		
Other?		

GARDEN	YES/NO	COMMENTS
Trees and shrubs overhanging buildings?		
Gutters clear of leaves and twigs?		
Garden clear of leaves, twigs & debris?		
Lawns cut and cuttings removed?		
No mulch around the house?		
Wood pile away from house?		
Hoses long enough to reach all areas?		
Fire suppressant plants in garden?		
Outdoor furniture moved well away from house?		
All other fire risks identified?		
Other?		



PREPARING YOUR FAMILY



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DOING YOUR FIRE PLAN



YOUR FIRE PLAN

- You can download the bushfire plan here:
https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/36597/BFSP-Complete.pdf
- Or use the Neighbourhood Group Fire Planner which contains 100% of the RFS plan plus additional material to share with your Group, Family & Friends:
<https://www.khrfs.org/bushfire-plan/>



You need to complete it
as a family and agree
everything together
then practice



LEAVE OR STAY?



- You may not be able to leave so must have a plan to stay
- It's better to stick together
- If you have to leave ... to move animals for example ... you may not be able or allowed to get back
- Where will you go?
 - Who will you tell?
 - Does everyone know and agree?
 - Have your car facing the road



WHAT TO WEAR



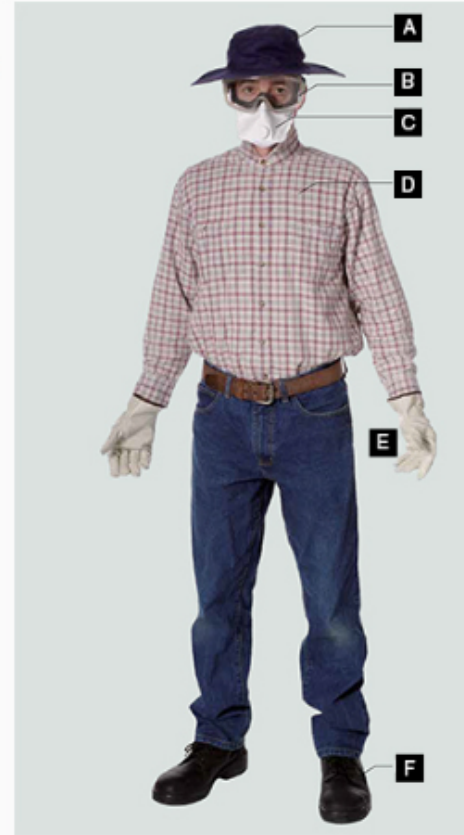
Clothes to wear:

Covering all exposed skin with clothing can offer some protection from radiant heat.

Have a set of clothing ready for each member of the family:

A	A wide-brimmed hat to protect your head.
B	Eye protection such as smoke goggles to shield your eyes..
C	A 'P2' type mask or cotton scarf/handkerchief for face protection and to filter smoke.
D	A long-sleeved, collared shirt and long pants made from cotton or some other natural fibre.
E	Tough leather garden gloves – not rubber or synthetic.
F	Sturdy boots and wool or cotton socks..

Protective clothing and a solid shield may NOT save your life.



Your PPE: what makes it world class?

Without PPE

- ROCKS:** head injuries, radiant heat, flying debris, falling branches, embers in hair
- ROCKS:** temporary and permanent eye damage, temporary loss of sight due to dust, embers, heat and smoke, no protection from flames, radiant heat or the impact of flying objects
- ROCKS:** abrasions, burns, severe skin loss, not visible in low light conditions, no protection from heat, flame or flying objects
- ROCKS:** severe skin loss and burns, abrasions and cuts, radiant heat
- ROCKS:** no protection from heat, flames and abrasions
- ROCKS:** significant risk of 2nd or 3rd degree burns to large areas of the body, low visibility, flammable
- ROCKS:** foot and toe injuries from penetrating or falling objects, low protection from radiant heat from the ground, ash or chemicals on the ground, no support for ankles

With PPE

- WHITE HELMET WITH HIGH VISIBILITY MARKINGS**
 - provides visibility in low light or smoky conditions
 - external burners and flame protect the shell, spine and neck from impact of falling objects
 - internal air filter protects the head from over-heating
 - flame resistant material protects the head and hair from flames
- GOGGLES**
 - protects face, eyes and eyesight from the effects of heat, smoke, flames and flying objects
 - all materials are flame and fire resistant
 - lens is anti-fogging, anti-scratch
 - exact volume of air within the goggles is designed to protect the lens of the eye from overheating
 - sealed to protect against high impact
- NECK FLAP**
 - protects neck, hair and ear-openings from dust, embers and sun
- COLLAR**
 - protects neck and throat from radiant heat, flame resistant
- JACKET**
 - significantly reduces the risk of burn injury by protecting from radiant heat flame
 - inner-fitting allows air to circulate
 - yellow colour provides high visibility during the day
 - fluorescent stripes provide high visibility at night
 - fabric has high standard of wicking breathability and is hypo-allergenic
- FOUR OUTER POCKETS**
 - provide storage for goggles, radios, tools
- GLOVES**
 - protect hands from radiant heat and flames
 - protection against cuts, abrasions and some impact
 - inner leather cuff protects wrists from injury, abrasions and heat
- HIGH WAISTED PANTS**
 - high waists protect buttocks and lower back when crouching
 - high waists provide flexibility for inner utility belt if required
 - as for JACKET provides world class overall protection from burn and heat injuries and high visibility
- REINFORCED KNEE PANEL**
 - provides protection from abrasions while crouching and climbing
 - also provides extra protection for radiant heat when the knee is bent
- REFLECTIVE STRIPES**
 - enhance visibility in low light conditions
- PRESS STUDS AND ANTI-SKUFF HEMS**
 - press studs can be clipped to protect from embers, ash
 - hemline hems stops fraying and accidents from tripping or loose fibres catching alight
- CALF-HIGH BOOTS**
 - leather uppers protect from heat, flame and embers
 - height of foot supports ankles
 - reinforced sides protect from sharp objects or spikes
 - reinforced heel caps protect from falling objects
 - soles resistant to acid, oil and chemicals
 - dual density provides heat soles and soft sole for comfort
 - inner sole is anti-fungal, anti-bacterial

NO THONGS OR SHORTS PLEASE!
EYE PROTECTION IS VITAL

WHAT TO TAKE?



- If you have not prepared what you want to take you may not have time to grab things when you leave

- RFS kit:
<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/prepare-your-family/emergency-survival-kit>

Emergency survival kit

Prepare an emergency survival kit before the bush fire season starts. Having a prepared kit means having easy access to things that can help you survive a bush fire or other natural disaster. It will be in one handy location.

This kit will help you regardless of whether you are going to leave, or stay and actively defend your home.

Some of the things you might include are:

- › Portable battery-operated radio
- › Waterproof torch
- › Spare batteries
- › First aid kit with manual
- › Candles with waterproof matches
- › Woollen blankets
- › Emergency contact numbers
- › Waterproof bag for valuables



Before you leave, you should add:

- › Cash, ATM cards, credit cards
- › Medications, toiletries and sanitary supplies
- › Special requirements for infants, elderly, injured, disabled
- › Mobile phone and charger
- › Combination pocket knife
- › Important documents, valuables and photos (in a waterproof bag)
- › Change of clothes for everyone
- › Drinking water (at least three litres per person per day)

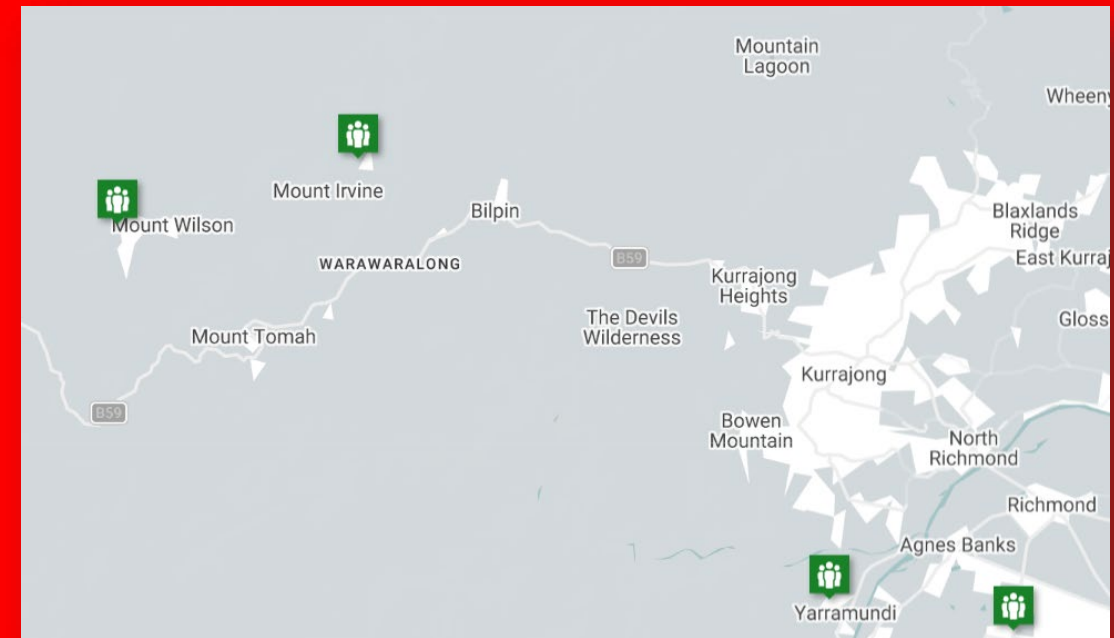


SAFER PLACE



- You need to choose your own safer place
- Your animals also need somewhere to go, and they need to be moved well ahead of any fire
 - The Showground may be opened but its usually done at the last minute and you may need to stay with your animal
- There are no RFS Safer Places in the immediate vicinity:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/neighbourhood-safer-places>





MAKING A DIGITAL COPY



- Your family photos are irreplaceable
- So are all your financial documents etc
- It's a good idea to digitize them and store them online
- A free Gmail account gives you 15gb of Drive storage and you can share the contents with your friends and family





ACTION CHECKLIST



From our fire planner



FIRE PLANNING

KURRAJONG HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

DECIDE TO STAY, BUT BE PREPARED

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

Petrol or diesel generator	
Ability to plug generator into house	
Sprinklers on roof	
Sprinklers on side of house	
Sprinklers in roof cavity	
Smoke alarms in the house that have been tested	
A hose, or hoses, that can reach all around the house	
Water supply of at least 10,000L e.g. water tank, dam, pool	
Petrol/diesel water pump with sufficient hoses to cover all around the house. Fuel in a safe, accessible place	
Ladders to access inside the roof	
Buckets and mops	
Shovels and metal rakes	

ACTION CHECKLIST

BEFORE (well before the fire has arrived)

OUTSIDE:

- Turn off gas mains and/or bottle **Disconnect and place on lawn away from the house pointing away from any structure**
- Move flammable items incl door mats away from the house **Esp wood pile**
- Block drain pipes with socks full of sand and fill gutters with water. **Or use sprinklers instead and leave downpipes open so some of the water returns to the tank**
- Don't get on the roof to hose it down
- Move animals to a well-grazed or ploughed area away from the house and wind
- Patrol the house well before the fire arrives to put out embers and spot fires
- As the fire approaches, wet the side of the house and garden that faces the fire
- Move your firefighting equipment to a place where it won't burn inside i.e. **Fire pump to water tank**

INSIDE:

- Close doors, windows and vents
- Fill baths, sinks, buckets and bins with water
- Confine pets to one room
- Place ladder next to roof access hole so you can check for spot fires
- Soak towels and rugs and lay them across external doorways
- Move furniture away from windows

DURING (as the fire is upon you)

- If flames are on top of you or the heat become unbearable move inside until the fire front has passed (usually 5-10 minutes)
- Patrol the inside of the house, including roof space, looking for sparks and embers
- Shelter in a room on the opposite side of the house from the approaching fire and ensure you have clear access to an exit

AFTER (immediately after the fire has passed)

- Check the house both inside and out for fires, including roof cavity, under the house, deck, stairs, windowsills etc
- If possible, and safe to do so, check all your neighbours are OK
- Contact relatives or friends to tell them you are safe
- Patrol your home for several hours, looking for small fires and burning embers

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Please complete for all family members

CLOTHING	#1	#2	#3	#4
Wide-brimmed hat				
Eye protection goggles				
Moistened facemask or cloth				
Loose, long sleeved cotton shirt				
Gloves				
Long cotton pants/jeans				
Sturdy leather shoes or boots				

Any questions:
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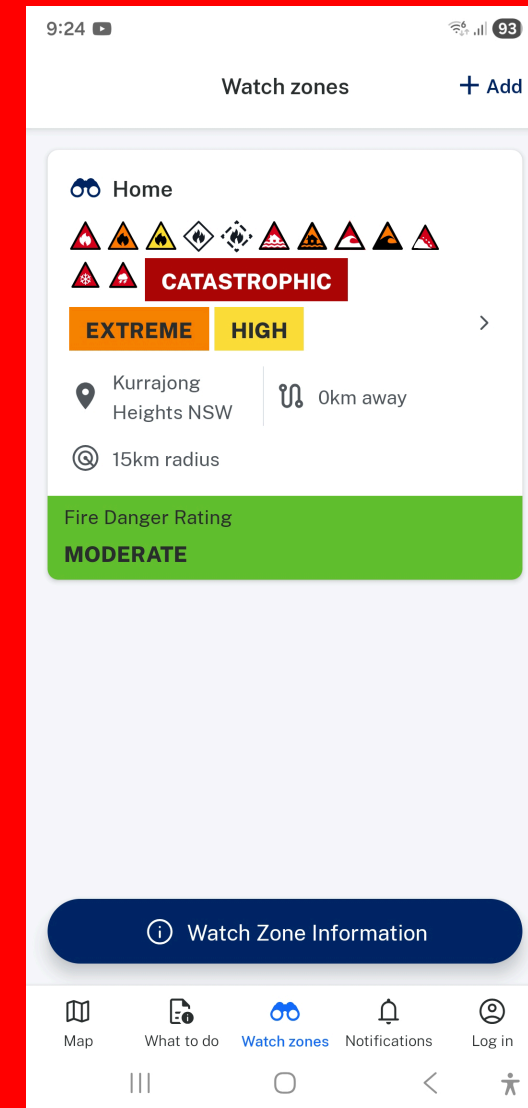


ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



STAYING INFORMED

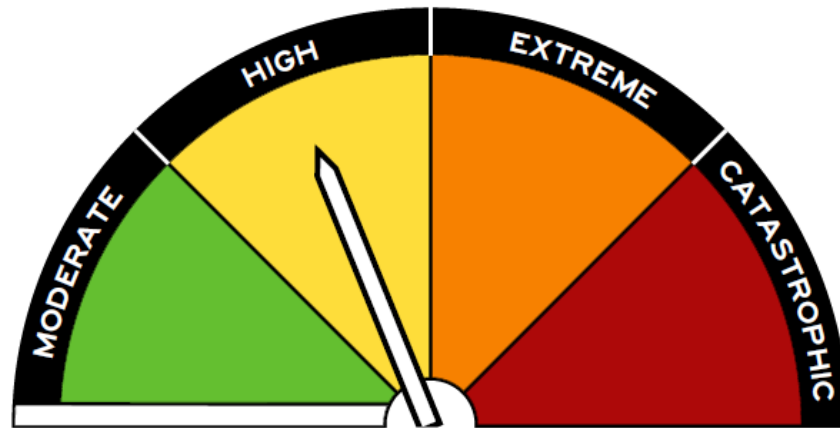
- Download Hazards Near Me
 - the official RFS app
 - enter your location and set up your notifications
 - receive alerts
- Monitor our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/KurrajongHeightsRFS>
- Share information within your Neighbourhood Group
- Lots more info sources on our website:
<https://www.khrfs.org/staying-informed/>



STAYING INFORMED



The Australian Fire Danger Ratings (AFDRS) levels are:



MODERATE

Plan and prepare

HIGH

Be ready to act

EXTREME

Take action now to
protect life and property

CATASTROPHIC

For your survival, leave
bushfire risk areas

FIRE DANGER RATING SYSTEM

It was a new system in 2025 so please familiarise yourself with it

See the full explanation on our website:

<https://www.khrfs.org/australian-fire-danger-rating-system-2/>



NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS





OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS



We started the Neighbourhood Groups Program in 2025

- 10 – 15 families in each group
 - Connect via WhatsApp etc
- Prepare Property Plans
- Share their Bushfire Plans
- Identify where support is needed – internal & external to the group
- Provide emotional support to each other

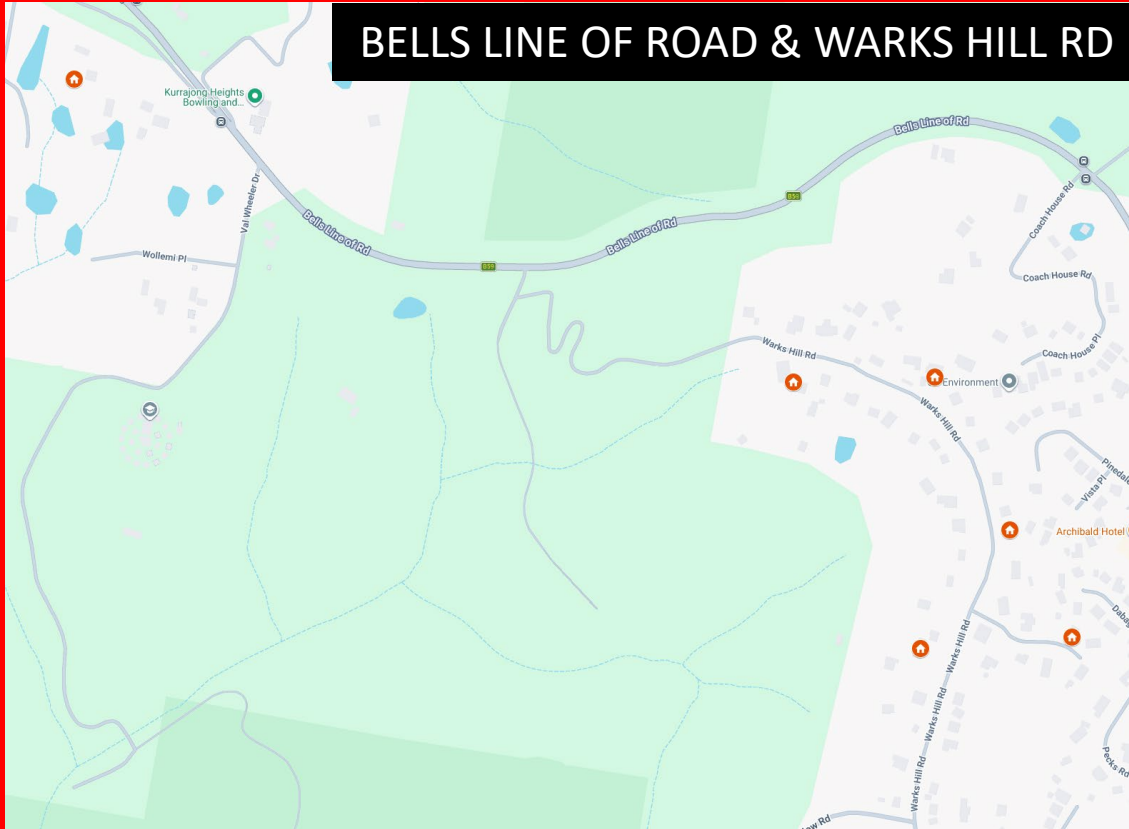




CURRENT COVERAGE



BELLS LINE OF ROAD & WARKS HILL RD



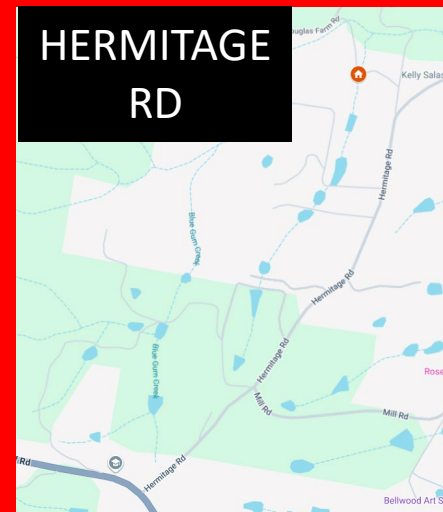
CLYDE LANE



DOUGLAS RD



HERMITAGE RD



THE ISLANDS



No bush beside me so we're safe ... NOT TRUE!!

Email kh.rfs.community@gmail.com to join a group



PROPERTY MAPS



- Property maps show water, electrical and other hazards and truck access
- They are shared with the Neighbourhood Group, and a copy is placed in your meter box for use by a RFS truck

**FIRE PLANNING**
KURRAJONG HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 123 Fiction Street, The Heights, 2758

Colour coding: Water in blue Hazards in red Access in green

Dam
Capacity: 500,000l +
Access Around side of house

Water Tank
Capacity: 120,000l
Storz valve fitting on side of tank

Gas Bottles
Location

House Sprinklers
Valve location
Pump arrangement

Solar Panels
Switch and solar controller location

Battery & Meter Box
Side of house

Other Hazards
Gas bottles at side of shed

Other Water Items
Fire hose on North side of house

Truck Access
Clearance 4m+ at gate entry.
Easy access around the East side of the house



List water sources, electricity switchboards, gas bottles, fire fighting tools and materials & hazards. Place copy in Electricity Meter Box. Questions to kh.rfs.community@gmail.com
SHARE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD COORDINATOR WHO WILL SHARE IT WITH THE RFS.

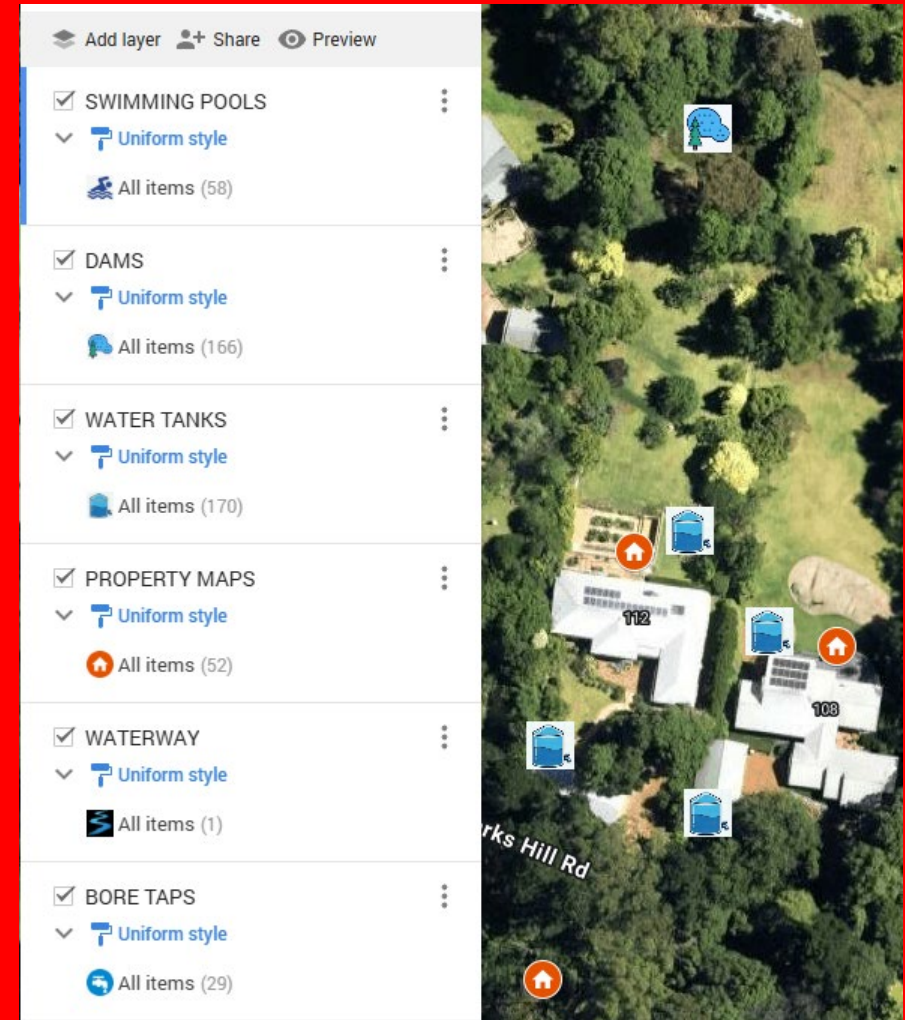
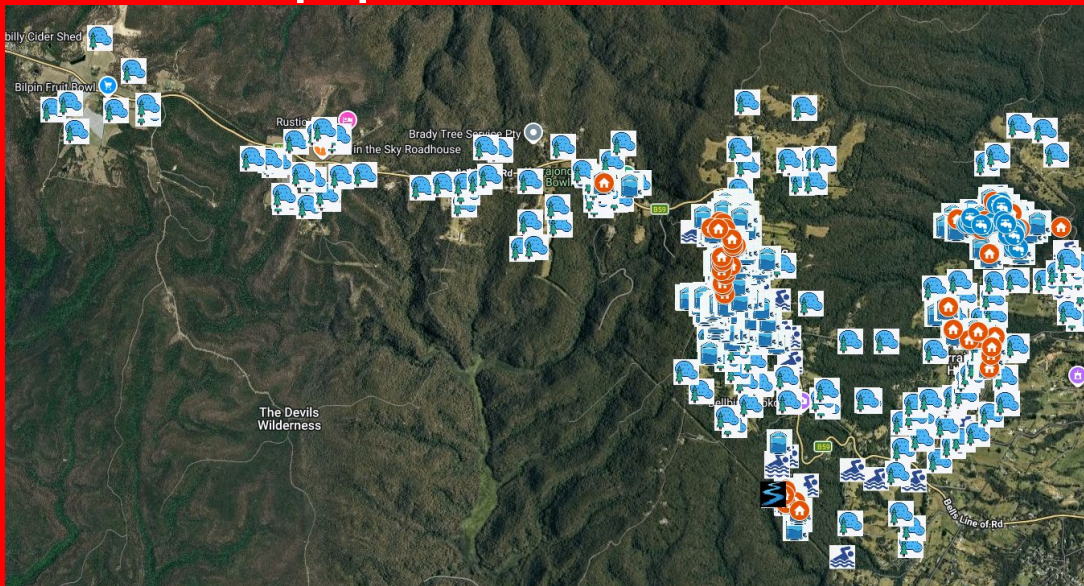


SWS MAPPING



Water information is extracted from the Property Maps for our Kurrajong Heights Water Map

Essential info for the RFS to help protect our homes





HR PERMISSIONS



- We need to get permission from all affected property owners before we can go on their land to conduct hazard reduction
- Using our Neighbourhood Groups simplified the exercise for the planned Warks Hill Rd HR burn

  **NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**

Our reference: _____
Date: _____

Request to enter land for the purpose of carrying out bush fire hazard reduction works

The NSW Rural Fire Service (the RFS) proposes to undertake a bush fire hazard reduction burn (the Burn) on the land identified on the map attached to this letter (the Land). The aim of the Burn is to provide greater protection for life and property against bush fire by reducing the build-up of bush fire fuel.

The RFS requests your consent, as the owner/occupier of the Land, for members of the RFS to enter the Land for the purpose of planning, preparing and executing the Burn.

The RFS will obtain environmental approvals and undertake any notifications that are required. It will also make all reasonable attempts to contact you before entering the Land and notify you as to when the Burn is to take place.

Would you please sign and date the attached consent and mail or fax a copy to the address set out above.

If you would like any further information or wish to discuss the matter please contact the RFS Hawkesbury Office on (02) 4560 6400.

CONSENT

I, _____ of address: _____

being the owner/occupier of the Land consent to members of the RFS entering the Land for the purpose of planning, preparing and executing the Burn.

(Signature) _____ (Date) _____
(Signature) _____ (Date) _____
(Phone) _____ (Email) _____

All personal information provided by the applicant will be used by the RFS solely for the purposes of assessing the applicants request, carrying out the works and reporting on such works. All personal information will be dealt with in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

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FIRE PLANS



- The KH Neighbourhood Group Fire Planner is a Word document which can be saved as a pdf and shared with your group, your friends and your family
- There is also a pdf if you just want to print it out and work on paper
- Work out what help you need and which of your neighbours need help
- If we ever need to see who is safe and who is missing our Group Coordinators will know how to contact everyone

FIRE PLANNING
KURRAJONG HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS

NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS BUSH FIRE PLANNER 2026

PROPERTY NAME/ADDRESS	
PRIMARY CONTACT	
SECONDARY CONTACT	
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS 1	
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS 2	
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS 3	
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS 4	
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS 5	
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS 6	

Please list name/mobile/email in box above. Delete sample comments below and replace with your own
This document is based on the RFS Bushfire Survival Plan which can be downloaded [here](#) and contains additional Neighbourhood information. Please share this Plan with your local Neighbourhood Group Coordinator and with family & friends
Complete a separate Property Map and share it with your Coordinator
Only the Map will be shared with the RFS, and it should contain no personal information

LEAVE
When will we leave?
What will be your sign to leave? It could be smoke in your area, or as soon as you find out there's a fire near you.

- As soon as it is clear we will be impacted by a major fire
- Only leave if exit down Bellbird Hill is clear

Where will we go?
Where's a meeting place that's safe and away from a fire area? It might be a friend or relative's place, or even a shopping centre

- Agreed rendezvous

How will we get there?
What road will you take? What's your backup plan in case the road is blocked

- BLOR via North Richmond
- STAY if road blocked

What will we take?
Make a list of what you'll take in the event of a fire. Remember to include pets, identification and irreplaceable items like photos or documents.

- Which car
- Insurance documents, passports, marriage and birth certificates, licences, property deeds
- Animals
- Computers and backup devices

Who will we call to tell that we're leaving and that we have arrived safely?
Who will we call to let them know we're leaving and that we've got there safely?

- Clothes
- Photos and Treasures, Family heirlooms

What is our backup plan?
What if things don't go to plan? Identify a safer location nearby such as a neighbour's home that is well prepared, or a place of last resort. Is there a Neighbourhood Safer Place nearby?

- No approved Safer Places nearby
- Discuss other options with your Coordinator
- If can't leave stay in house

Link: [RFS Safer Places](#)



WHEN THERE IS A FIRE



- We'll keep our Coordinators informed ... and we'll answer questions
- They will share information within their groups
- Our groups can use their choice of communications





THANK YOU



*Tell your friends and
neighbours about
getting prepared*

*Talk to us about
becoming a volunteer*



JOIN YOUR LOCAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP ...
EMAIL YOUR DETAILS
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