

Summer Fire Safety



It's your responsibility



**Bushfires and grassfires are a natural part of our environment.
You can survive, but you must be ready!**

Are you ready?

Yackandandah Fire Brigade
will be holding a *fireready* **VICTORIA** meeting on

Date: Wednesday 9 January 2008

Venue: Yackandandah Public Hall

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Find out more about:

- The safest steps if you're threatened by fire
- Preparing your property
- Staying and defending or leaving early
- Beginning your practical bushfire plan

For more information, please contact Cameron McKern,
Captain, Yackandandah Fire Brigade on 0418 339 393
or check out the CFA website www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Creating safer communities



Easy steps to your Bushfire Survival Plan.

Preparation is vital to bushfire survival. It's your responsibility to do everything you can to protect your home and assets. You need a plan that works for you and your family. CFA crews will fight every fire, but they **can't give individual warnings, and can't always defend every home.**

You need to decide early whether you plan to stay and actively defend your home or leave before the fire arrives.

Step 1:

Plan what you need to do before the summer fire season.

- Manage vegetation to reduce fuel for a fire
- Seal gaps around doors, windows and in the roof to keep out embers
- Clean leaves and twigs from gutters
- Assemble firefighting equipment such as pumps, hoses, buckets and mops
- Consider availability of water

Step 2:

Plan what you will do on Total Fire Ban and high risk days.

- Leave early before a fire threatens
- Get ready to stay and defend your home
- Listen to the radio for regular updates

Step 3:

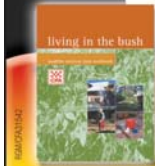
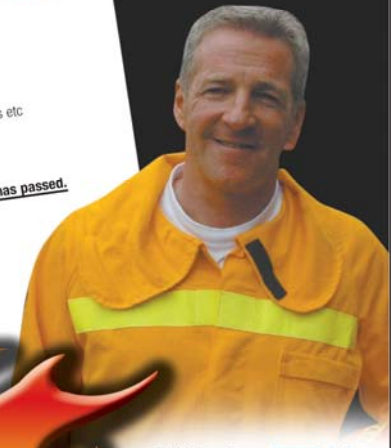
Plan what to do as a fire approaches.

- Put on protective clothing
- Wet down around the house
- Shut all windows and doors
- Remove doormats, garden furniture, boxes etc from around the house

Step 4:

Plan your response after the fire front has passed.

- Check for embers and extinguish them
- Continue monitoring, spot fires can start long afterwards.



For all the information you need to complete your plan call **1800 240 667**, or visit **www.cfa.vic.gov.au**

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The Place To Be

Be prepared! - try our quick quiz

- Do you know the safest things to do if threatened by a bushfire?
- Have you decided to **STAY AND ACTIVELY DEFEND** or **LEAVE EARLY** on a potential bushfire day?
- Do you have a **BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN**?
- Have you discussed **BUSHFIRES** with the whole of you family?
- Have you practiced and timed your **BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN**?
- Have you cleaned out your house gutters?
- Do you have enough gutter plugs for each down pipe?
- Have you cleaned up fine fuel (leaves, twigs, prunings and long grass) yet?
- Do your hoses reach all corners of your home?
- Have you got enough water supply, pump, hoses, buckets, bins, troughs?
- Have you got your protective clothing stored and ready to go?
- Is a woollen blanket in you car cabin?
- Can a Fire Truck easily access your property and water supplies?
- Have you worked on a community bushfire plan with your neighbours?
- Have you a plan for your pets and livestock in the event of a bushfire?

*Have you been to a **FIRE READY VICTORIA** community meeting?*