



COMMUNITY PROTECTION PLANS

Community Protection Plans are designed to support residents to make informed decisions and be prepared for bush fires.

Recognising that preparing for fire is a shared responsibility, local residents play an important part in developing a Community Protection Plan with local firefighters.

DEVELOPING A COMMUNITY PROTECTION PLAN

Community involvement is an important part of preparing a Community Protection Plan. This will ensure that the plan is relevant, practical and addresses the specific issues of the area.

The plans are developed through a facilitated series of workshops, local activities and surveys.

These workshops help communities recognise their bush fire threat, identifies community assets and priorities for protection, and develops actions for how the community and the NSW RFS can reduce the risk and be better prepared for bush fires.

WHAT DOES A COMMUNITY PROTECTION PLAN LOOK LIKE?

A Community Protection Plan comprises three maps. Supported by the NSW RFS, the community identifies what needs to be done to prepare for and respond to bush fires. These actions are documented in three maps:

- **Bush Fire Survival Map:** illustrates the potential bush fire threat to a community and describes the conditions that can be expected during a bush fire. It also identifies access to and from a community, the leave early options and the location of any Neighbourhood Safer Places in the area.

- **Bush Fire Preparation Map:** identifies Bush Fire Management Zones and a range of actions to be undertaken for a community to reduce the bush fire risk. Preparing for bush fires is a shared responsibility and requires a cooperative effort from the whole community.
- **Operational Brigade Map:** prepared for firefighters and provides crucial operational information to help them defend your community.

Together, these maps give an overview of the bush fire threat to a community, the protection options available as well as the current and proposed preparation work.

GET INVOLVED

Participation and support are essential for developing and implementing a Community Protection Plan for your area.

Ways you can get involved include attending community meetings/workshops and completing online surveys and feedback forms.

For information on developing a Community Protection Plan in your area, or alternative community engagement activities that can help your community prepare, contact your local Fire Control Centre.

For more information on what you can do to prepare for bush fire this season:



NSW Rural Fire Service Website

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
www.myfireplan.com.au



**Your nearest NSW RFS
Fire Control Centre:**



Bush Fire Information Line
1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)