Community Based Bushfire Management (Moe South)
presents:

PREPARING YOUR PROPERTY 101

Let's talk about getting our homes, land and households ready for bushfire season

SAFER TOGETHER

CFA

Latrobe City
a new energy

Monday 19th October 2020
5.30pm to 7pm

We acknowledge the Braiakaulung people of the Gunaikurnai nation as traditional owners of the land we meet on today.

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We pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

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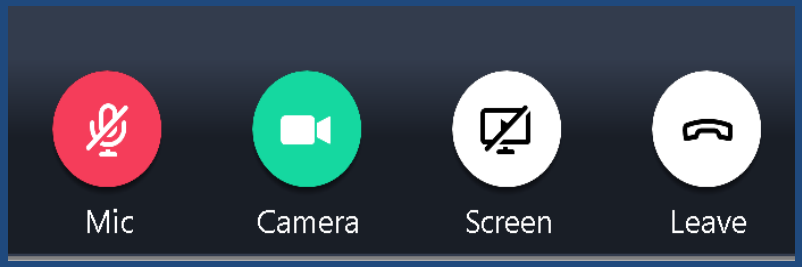
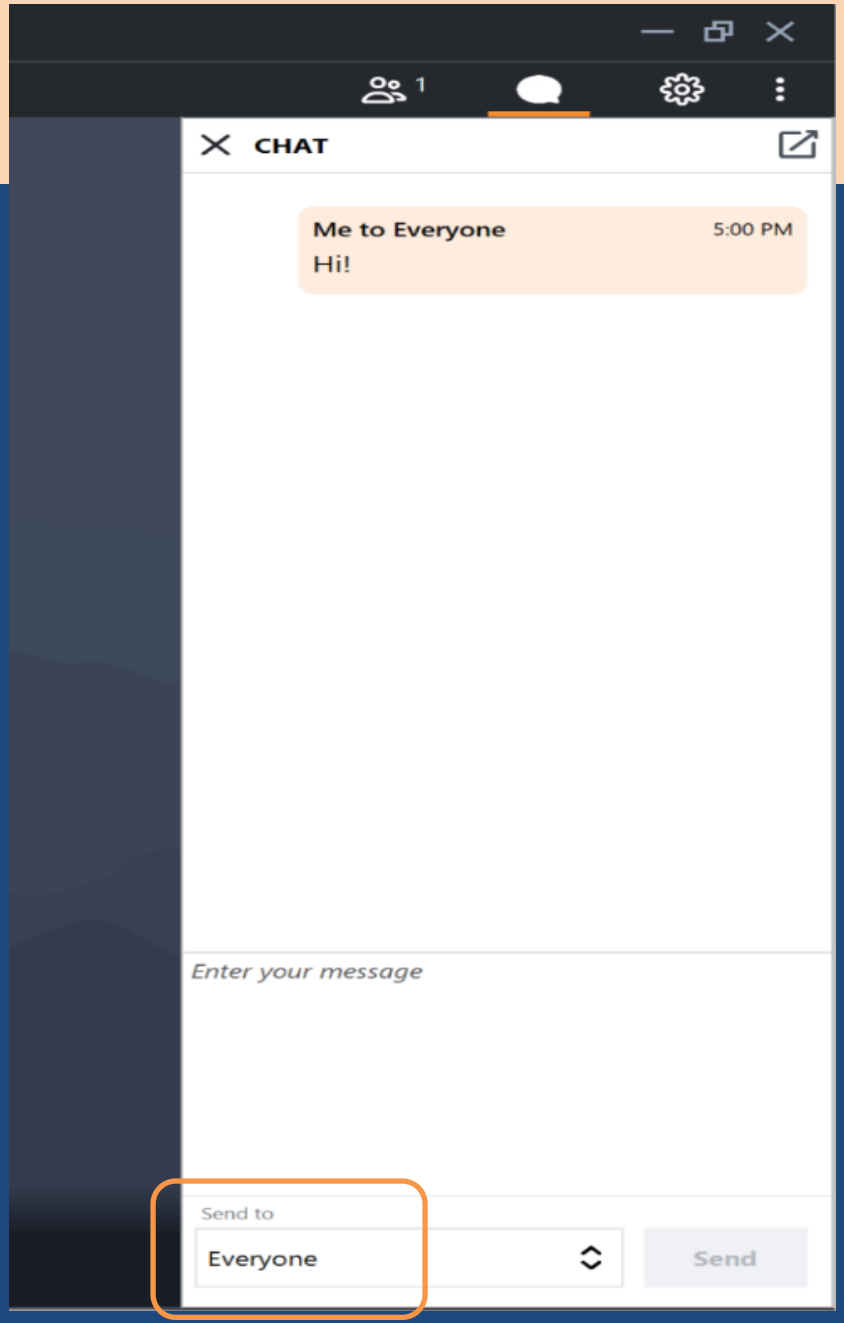
We also acknowledge any Elders present with us today.

HOUSEKEEPING





Fire Action Week
19-25 October 2020
Prepare. Act. Survive
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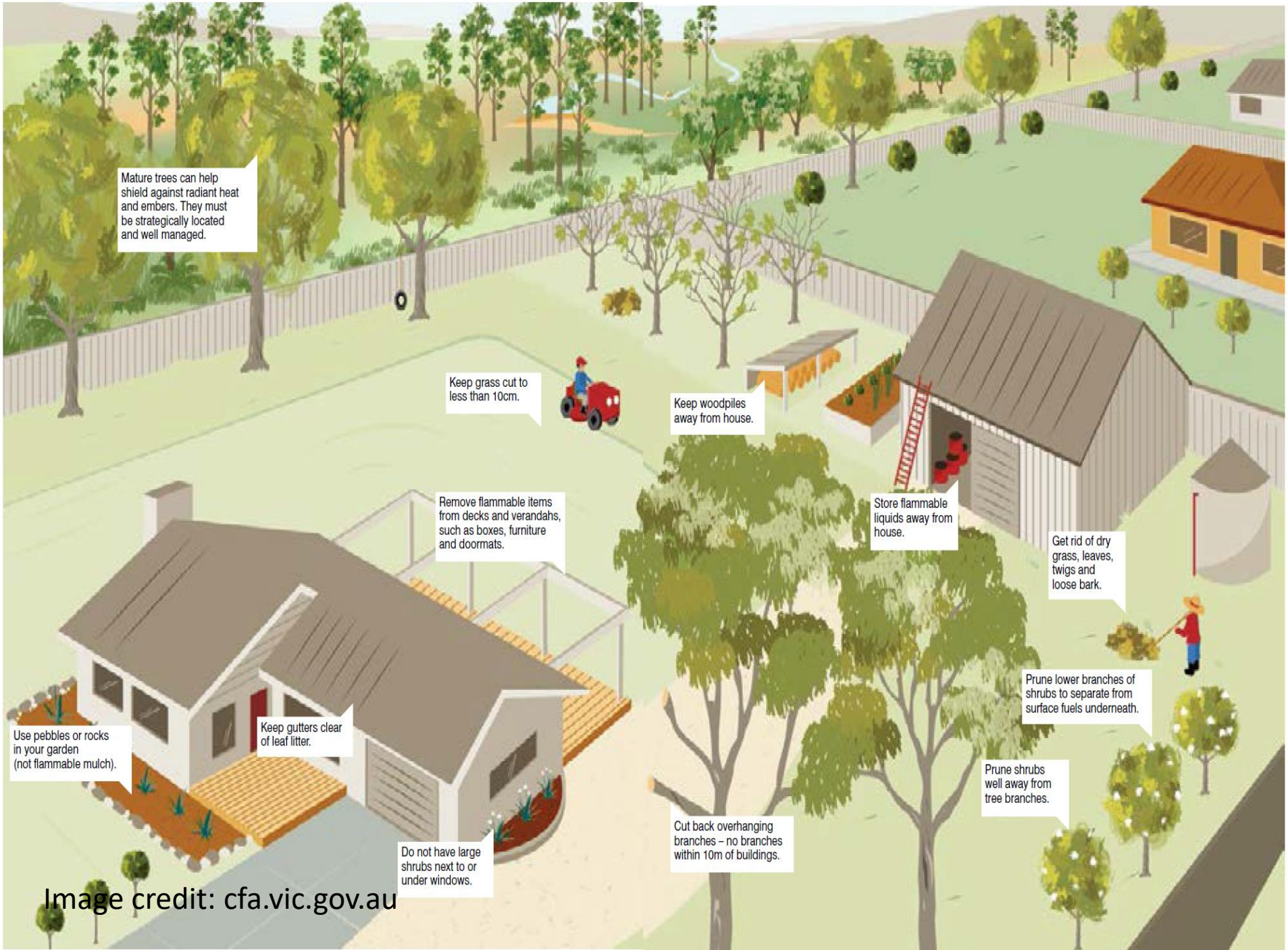

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WORKSHOP OUTLINE

- ✓ CFA presentation on preparing your home, land and bushfire plan
- ✓ Council considerations
- ✓ Getting the help you need
- ✓ Bushfire Insurance

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- ✓ Plan logistics for Cup Weekend Community Clean Up Days

COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS

Preparing for bushfire

10/30 rule, 10/50 rule and fence line clearing

Planning permit exemptions are provided for in Victoria's planning schemes to enable residents to manage vegetation for bushfire protection around their property, and adjacent to fences on property boundaries. Permit exemptions for vegetation removal only apply to existing buildings and fences built or approved before certain dates.

The 10/30 and 10/50 rules enable clearing around buildings built or approved before 10 September 2009 only. For new buildings, clearing for bushfire protection will be considered through the planning permit.

Protecting homes against bushfire — clearing of native vegetation

After the February 2009 Black Saturday bushfires the Victorian Government introduced temporary planning controls for bushfire protection including the 10/30 rule. The 10/30 rule simplified residents' entitlements to clear native vegetation around their property for bushfire protection.

In November 2011, the Victorian Government introduced permanent planning controls as part of implementing the recommendations of the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission.

These changes include new exemptions from the need for a planning permit to remove native vegetation to help reduce fuel load around existing homes.

These new exemptions are in keeping with the Commission's view that the right to remove vegetation for fire protection should be more closely aligned with risk.

This fact sheet explains the new exemptions for fire protection and where they apply.

Preparing your property

Bushfires rely on fine fuels including leaf litter, twigs and shrubs on the surface to develop speed and intensity.

The new exemptions are intended to enable residents to reduce the amount and availability of fine fuels, without the need for a planning permit.

In addition to vegetation management, the ability to defend your house and property from a bushfire can be influenced by a number of factors including:

- the preparation of your household's bushfire survival plan
- house location, including aspect and surrounding land form
- the building structure and materials, and
- available water supply, including tanks and swimming pools, pumps or sprinkler systems.

10/30 rule for existing dwellings

The 10/30 rule applies state-wide except for in 21 metropolitan municipalities listed on page 2 of this fact sheet. It allows landowners to clear without a planning permit:

1. any vegetation, including trees, within **10** metres of your house
2. any vegetation (except for trees) within **30** metres of your house.

10/50 rule for existing dwellings

In all areas in Victoria within the Bushfire Management Overlay", including where it applies in metropolitan municipalities, landowners can clear without a permit:

1. any vegetation, including trees, within **10** metres of your house
2. any vegetation (except for trees) within **50** metres of your house.

*To determine if your property is within the Bushfire Management Overlay, visit www.land.vic.gov.au

Metropolitan municipalities

In the metropolitan municipalities listed on page 2, the 10/30 rule does not apply. However, in the future, some councils may identify specific areas of bushfire risk where the 10/30 rule can apply. Affected residents will be notified.

If you live in one of the metropolitan municipalities listed in page 2 of this fact sheet and wish to undertake clearing for

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10/30 rule, 10/50 rule and fence line clearing

bushfire protection, contact your local council to check if the 10/30 rule applies in your area.

Figure 1: Determining clearing entitlement

Where the Bushfire Management Overlay applies in areas metropolitan municipalities, the 10/50 rule will also apply.

MO – Bushfire Management Overlay

fire Management Overlay

identifying areas where the 10/50 rule applies, Management Overlay (BMO) implements rements for building in areas of identified

your property is within the Bushfire ry by contacting your local council's or visiting planning maps online at by entering "Victorian Planning vourite internet search engine.

where the state-wide 10/30 rule does not apply

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ns Bay City
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Melbourne City
Monash City
Moonee Valley City
Moreland City
Port Phillip City
Port of Melbourne

Stonnington City
Whitehorse City
Yarra City

Clearing along boundary fences

In areas where the 10/30 rule applies you can also clear any vegetation for a combined maximum width of 4 metres across existing boundary fences.

Fire prevention notice

You can still remove native vegetation without a permit to comply with a fire prevention notice issued by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) or Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI).

Fuel reduction burns

You need a permit from DEPI or CFA to carry out fuel reduction burning on your property. You should also be aware of fire restrictions in your area before lighting any fire. If in doubt, please check the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

You can only clear vegetation on your property if you own it. If you are renting or want to clear vegetation on other properties including neighbouring public land, you need the written permission of the landowner.

Further information

- For further information contact: your local council
- Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) Customer Service Centre on 136 186 or visit www.depi.vic.gov.au
- Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667 or visit http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/planningpublications/bushfire-planning-and-building-resource/building-for-bushfire-protection

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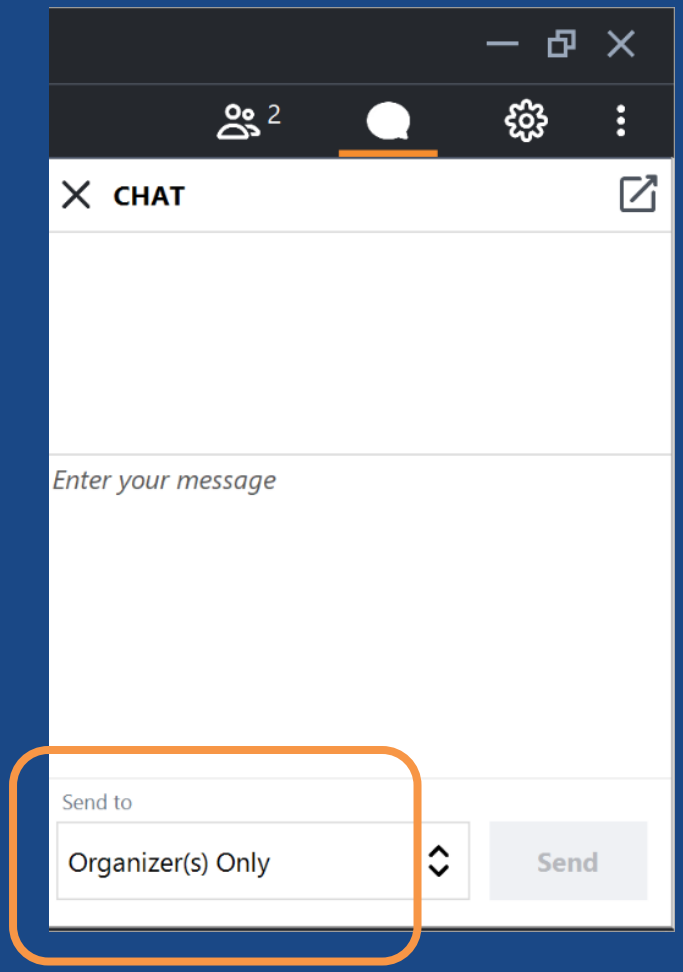
Unsure?
Call Latrobe City Council on:
1300 367 700

GETTING THE HELP YOU NEED

Virtual show bags

Please send a private message to ORGANIZERS with your email address



FIRE SAFETY

OUTREACH PROGRAM

GIPPSLAND COMMUNITIES

FREE

It's difficult to get us all together right now so the Fire Safety Outreach Program is coming to you! If you want to be Fire Safe all year-round check this out.

The Fire Safety Outreach program is a free service for community members and professionals to access information and fire safety education from trained CFA community education officers.

Our community education officers will get in touch at a time that suits, via whatever communication method works for you.

Find out about:

- Bushfire planning for your household
- Property preparation for bushfire
- Understanding the fire danger ratings
- Where to gain trusted information during emergencies
- Fire restrictions, what you can and cannot do
- Home fire safety information
- Support education sessions for your community groups and clubs

To register your interest for the program please contact
E: firesafetyoutreach@cfa.vic.gov.au or M: 0419 874 484 (BH)
We will then make contact with you and refer you to one of our CFA Community Education Officers

For further fire safety information head to: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

PRO TIPS

ALL YEAR ROUND

Preparing your property, plans and awareness of risk not just over Cup Weekend – but **all year round**!

** La Nina in effect this year = more rapid regrowth of mowed/grazed fuel loads.

PRO TIP: STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Spreading the efforts over time and with other people will help you **save time and money** in the long run!

INSURANCE

SECURITY
SAFETY
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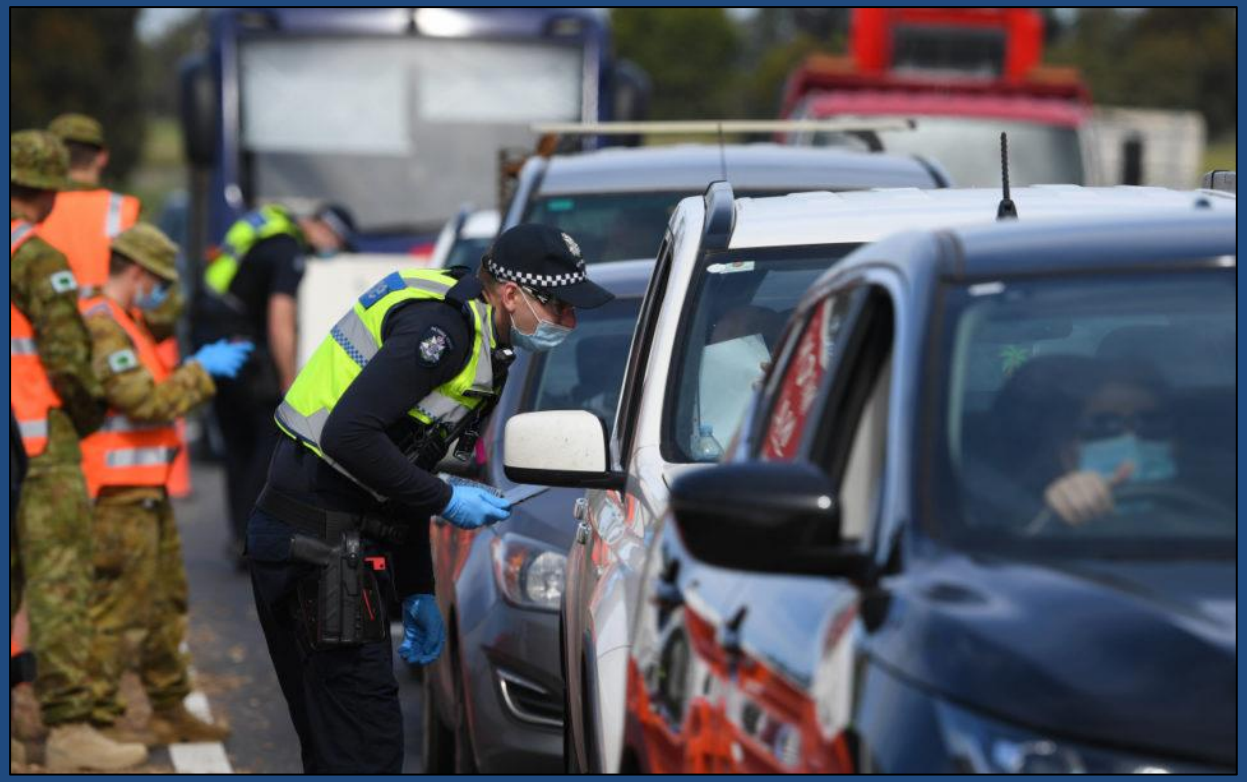
PROTECTION
HELP

COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

Do you have a neighbour stuck in Metro Melbourne?



COVID-19 shouldn’t be an excuse for not maintaining regional properties and keeping neighbourhoods safe.

Private Slashing Contractors List 2019/20

AA Weed Control Services *Ian Findlay*	All Areas	**Mob** 0427 512 630
Drop & Leave *leon@dropandleave.com*	All Areas	**Mob** 0497 333 741
BenMac Earthmoving *bmacgregor@aussieb.com.au*	All Areas	**Mob** 0422 565 622
Gippsland Land Services *Ian*	All Areas	**Mob** 0427 514 131
Hazelwood Property Maintenance *Mark Maynard*	All Areas	**Mob** 0412 549 376
JAD Slashing & Mowing *Gayo Giardina*	All Areas	**Mob** 0419 101 698
Latrobe Valley Enterprises *Susie Lewis*	All Areas	**Ph** 03 5134 1555 **Mob** 0403 821 7205
Len Marshall	All Areas	**Mob** 0408 394 134
Lisa Wheildon	Moe/Newborough and Surrounds	**Ph** 03 5160 1307 **Mob** 0400 036 666
Paul Appleyard	All Areas	**Mob** 0439 578 672
Sam's Slashing *Sam Auteri*	All Areas	**Ph** 03 5134 8972 **Mob** 0417 375 270
Slater's Slashing & Rotary Hoeing *Bruce Slater*	All Areas	**Mob** 0418 121 417
Raven Cartage *Ronald Cameron*	All Areas	**Mob** 0411 961 218
Thomson Valley Excavations *John Dunn*	All Areas except Moe	**Ph** 03 5192 4470 **Mob** 0428 924 470
Van Berkel Mowing *Rohan Van Berkel*	All areas	**Mob** 0423 487 986
Wade Killeen Rural -Toongabbie, Glengarry, Tyers, Hazelwood North and Traralgon South only		**Mob** 0431 739 302
Terra-Trac Josh Witt	All areas	**Mob** 0421 726 230

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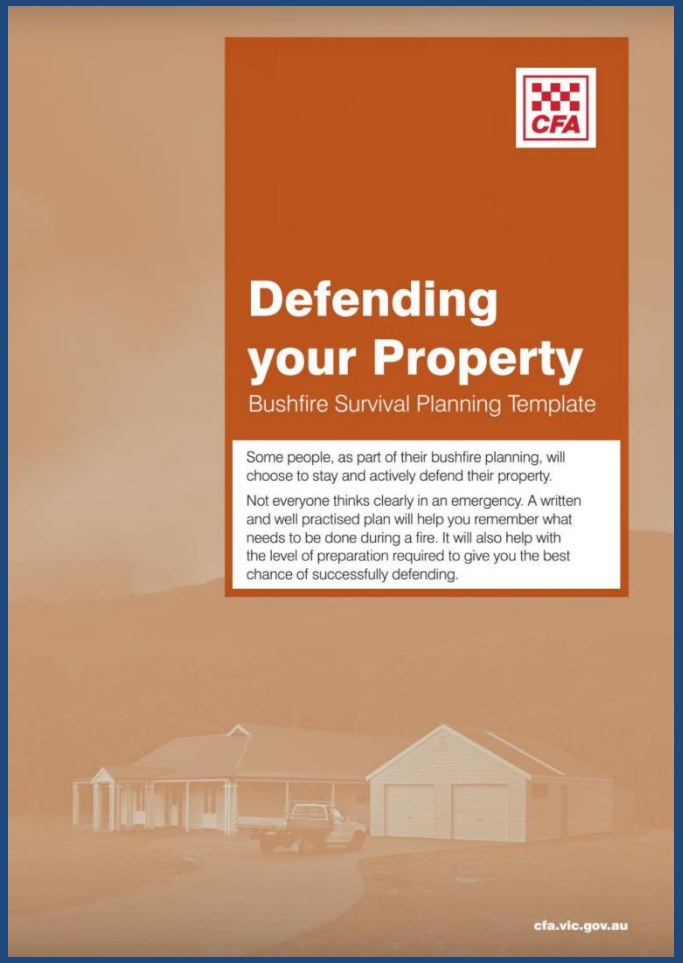
As at 05/10/2020

LEAVE EARLY



- Leaving early is still always the best option.

- If you do choose to stay and defend or find yourself in that situation, it's good to know what to do: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/stay-and-actively-defend

See you in 5!

Property Assessment Form

How well prepared is the property?

	No	Yes See overleaf
1) Are there any branches touching the house or overhanging the roof?	☐	☐
2) Are there any small plants or timber fences within two metres of the house?	☐	☐
3) Is there any plant-based mulch on the property (e.g. tanbark, woodchips or pea straw)?	☐	☐
4) Are there any shrubs over 1 metre touching the house?	☐	☐
5) Is the grass higher than 10cm within 30 metres of the house?	☐	☐
6) Are there any pot plants, doormats or flammable furniture within 10 metres of the house or on decks?	☐	☐
7) Are there any painted surfaces on the house that are flaky?	☐	☐

	N/A	No See overleaf	Yes
8) Do you regularly clear leaves and twigs from the gutters?		☐	☐
9) Are LPG tanks stored with relief valves facing away from the house, sitting on a level concrete surface and secured by a safety chain?	☐	☐	☐
10) Are woodpiles stored more than 10 metres away from the house?	☐	☐	☐
11) Are all gaps around doors, windows and roof sealed so embers cannot enter?		☐	☐
12) Are fuels and chemicals stored more than 10 metres away from the house?		☐	☐
13) Is there clear access for fire trucks (e.g. driveway) 4 metres wide and 4 metres high?		☐	☐
14) Is the street number visible from the roadside from both directions?		☐	☐

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Actions identified during the assessment

Prepare your property before and during the fire season to give it the best chance of surviving a fire.

	Actione
1) Prune or remove tree branches touching the house or overhanging the roof.	☐
2) Relocate plants further away from the home. Consider replacing timber fences with non-combustible materials (Materials that will not burn).	☐
3) Replace flammable types of mulch with pebbles or rocks. This is essential near windows, or anywhere within 2 metres of the house.	☐
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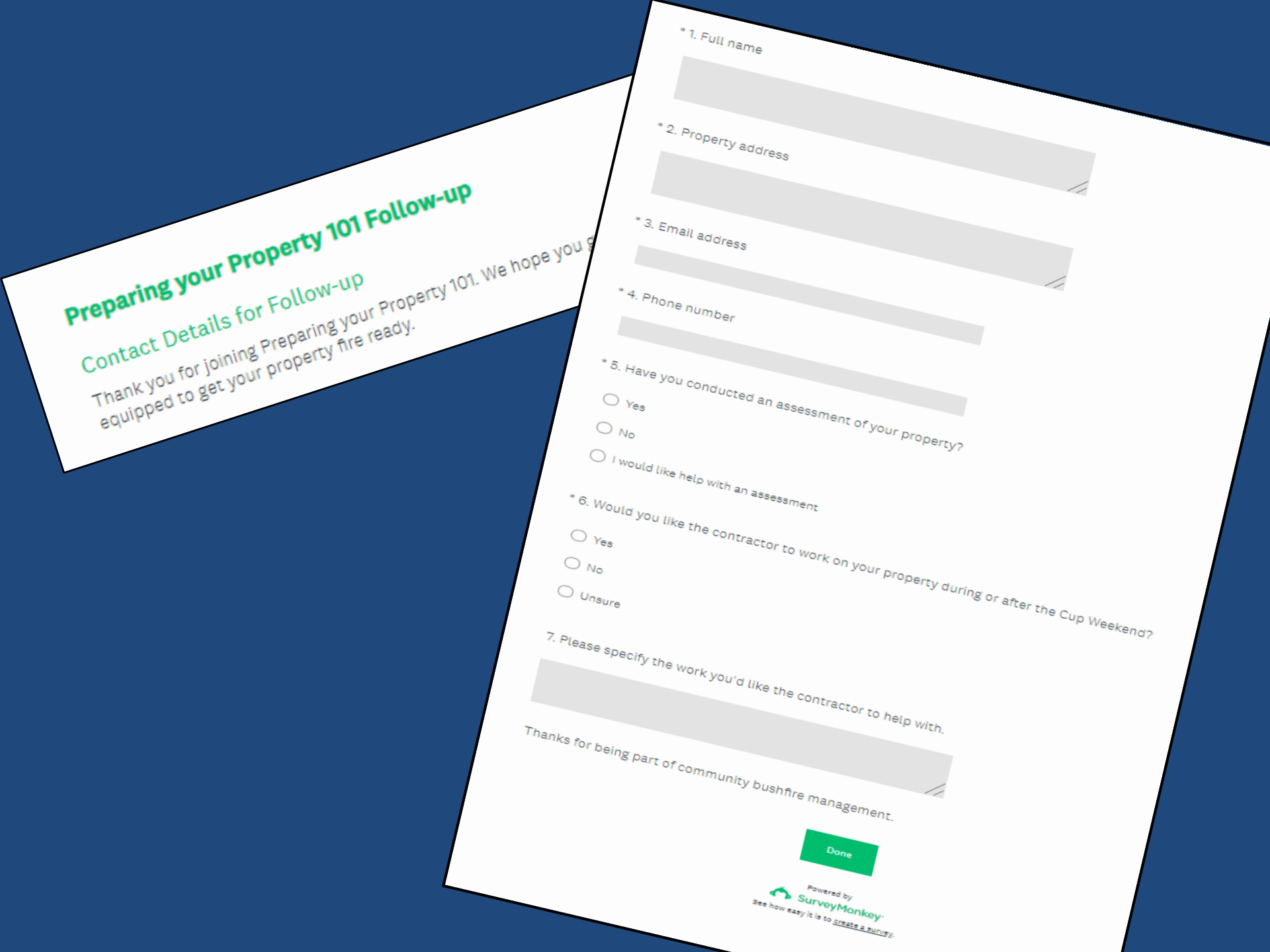
Preparing your Property 101 Follow-up
Contact Details for Follow-up
Thank you for joining Preparing your Property 101. We hope you
equipped to get your property fire ready.
* 1. Full name
* 2. Property address
* 3. Email address
* 4. Phone number
* 5. Have you conducted an assessment of your property?
Yes
No
I would like help with an assessment
* 6. Would you like the contractor to work on your property during or after the Cup Weekend?
Yes
No
Unsure
7. Please specify the work you'd like the contractor to help with.
Thanks for being part of community bushfire management.
Done
Powered by SurveyMonkey
See how easy it is to create a survey.

Cup Weekend Planning

Contractor

CFA organising

Might be after the long weekend

Lunches

12 – 1pm each day?
Subway lunch? Coffee van?
Volunteers for snacks and drinks?
< 10 ppl at any one time

Promo & media

Roaming photographer?
Gippsland Photography Club?
Facebook event? 'Going' to your property! MS Brigade fb page..?
Promo expertise? Local school to design flyer?

Other

?

THANK YOU!

- Any other questions or comments?
- Feedback or ideas for similar events in the future please contact me at:

rebekah.baynard-smith@latrobe.vic.gov.au
0427 368 657

- See you on Cup Weekend!
- Thank you ☺

Moe South CBBM

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