

Community Disaster Resilience planning considerations

by Mount Barker District Council

This guide highlights some things to consider and where to find out more for communities improving their disaster resilience.

Consideration	Overview	More information
1. Information Hotline	<p>The SA CFS provide information to the community through the Information Hotline including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire danger ratings - Fire restrictions - Fire Bans - Fire Regulations - Incidents - Information relating to Bushfire Survival during bushfires. <p>Incident information is provided as it becomes available from the fire ground.</p>	<p>SA Country Fire Service Information Hotline</p> <p>1800 362 361 (TTY 133 677)</p>
2. Bushfire Safer Places	<p>Are specific locations suitable for use during bad fire weather or during bushfires. They are built up areas that have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lots of buildings that can provide protection - Roads that provide fuel breaks and multiple access points - Dispersed vegetation, such as short grass and maintained landscaping, that makes the spread of fire more difficult. 	<p>SA Country Fire Service</p> <p>https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/bushfire-safer-places Region 1 – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & KI 75 Gawler Street, Mount Barker CFS.Region1@eso.sa.gov.au 8391 1866</p>

<p>3. Bushfire Last Resort Refuges</p>	<p>The use of a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge is not recommended and should only be used if your plan has failed and you cannot reach a Bushfire Safer Place. Bushfire Last Resort Refuges are marked with a sign. They may be an oval/sporting ground, recreational area, community hall, foreshore, or carpark area.</p> <p>There may be no facilities available at a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge and they are unlikely to be suitable for pets or livestock.</p> <p>Bushfire Last Resort Refuges are a place you could go as a last resort and are unlikely to provide protection or safety in an extreme fire situation.</p> <p>They will be extremely uncomfortable and there will still be risks. It is still a better option than being caught on the road or on foot.</p>	<p>SA Country Fire Service</p> <p>www.cfs.sa.gov.au https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/plan-prepare/before-a-fire-be-prepared/bushfire-safer-places</p> <p>Region 1 – Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu & KI 75 Gawler Street, Mount Barker CFS.Region1@eso.sa.gov.au 8391 1866</p>
<p>4. Planning facility improvements</p>	<p>Prior to advancing plans for improvement ensure that all key stakeholders are consulted with early to determine approvals required, constraints, opportunities and to save time later.</p> <p>Stakeholders to consult include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The land owner - Tenure (such as lease or licence) holder - Other facility users <p>Planning considerations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is land owner consent required? - Is Development Approval required? - Who will fund the ongoing and asset renewal costs? - Tenure requirements for improvements. <p>Please note for improvements on council owned land proposals need to be reported to council at the beginning of the financial year through the annual business plan reporting requirements.</p>	<p>Mount Barker District Council</p> <p>www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au 8391 7200</p>

5. Emergency management in SA	<p>The State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP) outlines governance, roles and responsibilities of key agencies in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hazard Leaders hazard reduction (pre emergency) 2. Control Agencies managing emergencies (during emergencies). 3. Functional Support Groups - support agencies. 	<p>Department of the Premier and Cabinet</p> <p>https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/responsibilities/security-emergency-and-recovery-management/state-emergency-management-plan</p> <p>8226 3500</p>
6. Control Agencies	<p>Under the SEMP, different government agencies have responsibilities in managing emergencies. Control agencies undertakes a leadership role for the planning of the emergency response activities.</p>	<p>SA Country Fire Service www.cfs.sa.gov.au</p> <p>SA Police www.police.sa.gov.au</p> <p>SA Metropolitan Fire Service www.mfs.sa.gov.au</p> <p>SA State Emergency Service www.ses.sa.gov.au</p>
7. Emergency Declarations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Both the Federal and South Australian Governments have the power to make emergency declarations - Emergency declarations can be made in relation to incidents, emergencies or disasters. - Powers can be exercised that may restrict, manage or control community movement/access to facilities. 	<p>Department of the Premier and Cabinet</p> <p>www.dpc.sa.gov.au</p> <p>8226 3500</p>
8. Emergency Relief Centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under the SEMP the Emergency Relief Function Support Group (ERFSG) is responsible for identifying and coordinating the provision of practical support and advice services required in communities during and after an emergency. - The ERFSG is led by Housing SA - Housing SA offices across SA maintain Emergency Relief Centre (ERC) kits and a list of Pre-identified Emergency Relief Centres for prompt activation when an emergency occurs. - ERSFG is responsible for establishing and managing ERCs to provide essential, basic and practical support (such as access to short term shelter, first aid, information about the emergency, etc). 	<p>Emergency Relief Function Support Group (ERFSG)</p> <p>0427 975 297 (24 hour 'on call' phone)</p> <p>DHSEmergencyrelief@sa.gov.au</p> <p>Housing SA</p> <p>131 299</p> <p>housingcustomers@sa.gov.au</p>

<p>9. Residents/visitors</p>	<p>All residing in or visiting high risk/natural disaster areas have a responsibility to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop their own action plan (refer CFS website) - Prepare their own property (if applicable) - Leave early (if that is your plan) - Have sufficient skills, energy, health and equipment to stay (if that is your plan) - Stay alert to emergency warnings - Follow direction from emergency services 	<p>SA Country Fire Service</p> <p>www.cfs.sa.gov.au</p> <p>Emergency warning providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/warnings/stay-informed/ • Alert SA Mobile App • ABC radio (ABC listen App/stream online or 891 AM Adelaide)
<p>10. Community Support Hubs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Community Support Hub (CSH) is a mechanism or place where a community impacted by an emergency seeks localised respite and assistance for social connection, care, comfort and information before, during or after a disaster (if or when deemed safe). - If there is a risk of bushfire all CSH locations need to be determined safe by the SA CFS (not council). Refer to Bushfire Safer Places. - CSH's are generally community-led. - CSH organisers are encouraged to maintain volunteer records to assist with insurance requirements. 	<p>Community Support Hub Guide</p> <p>Is available at www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au/fire-to-flourish</p>
<p>11. Disaster Recovery</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Security, Emergency and Recovery Management team within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, works to coordinate recovery activities across government and non-government sectors to increase the state's disaster recovery capacity and understanding. - The Recovery website provides news, services and resources to help disaster recovery in SA. - Mount Barker District Council's role is disaster recovery is outlined in its 'Emergency Management Operations Policy'. 	<p>Government of SA</p> <p>www.recovery.sa.gov.au</p> <p>Mount Barker District Council</p> <p>www.mountbarker.sa.gov.au search 'Emergency Management Operations Policy'</p>

12. Australian Fire Danger Rating System	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fire danger ratings describe the potential level of danger should a bushfire start.- They do not indicate the chance of a fire occurring.- Ratings are calculated using a combination of weather forecasting and information about vegetation that could fuel a fire.- They are important because they provide information so that action can be taken to protect us and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of bushfires.	Australian Fire Danger Rating System www.afac.com.au
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