

## What is a Community Fire Unit?

A Community Fire Unit (CFU) is a team of local residents living in urban areas close to bushland who are supported by Fire and Rescue NSW (FRNSW) to enhance their safety and resilience to bushfires.



By becoming a CFU member, you will receive training in personal and property preparation, and your CFU team will receive a trailer of basic fire fighting equipment to help defend your homes during a bushfire.

As a volunteer CFU member you do not fight fires. CFUs add to NSW fire service resources through property preparation and protection.

## FIRE & RESCUE NSW



### How do I find out more?

For more information, or to register your interest in becoming an FRNSW Community Fire Unit Member, visit [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au) or your local fire station, or alternatively call **1300 CFU CFU (1300 238 238)**.

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### DO YOU LIVE NEAR THE BUSH?

### COMMUNITY FIRE UNITS

#### FIRE AND RESCUE NSW FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION

- > IN THE HOME
- > FOR SENIORS
- > SMOKE ALARMS IN THE HOME

You can obtain a copy of any of these brochures by calling us, visiting your local Fire Station or from our website [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au)

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Learn skills to better prepare and increase your resilience to bushfires and other emergencies



Learn how to operate basic fire fighting equipment to protect your property



Learn about activities that reduce the impact of bushfires in your community



*"Being part of our local CFU makes us confident – having the training and knowing we can handle the equipment in the event of a bushfire or other emergencies."*  
Ian Eastman

Bushfires are an inevitable part of the Australian landscape.

If you live in an urban area near bushland, **your home could be impacted by a bushfire.**

You and your neighbours can **build your resilience to bushfires by becoming Community Fire Unit (CFU) members.**

### You have an active part to play

Living near bushland comes with a risk.

While fire and emergency service agencies will do everything in their capacity to manage a bushfire, you also have an active part to play in preparing and protecting your home.

Your survival and safety depends on your preparation and the decisions you make.

You need to **PREPARE** your property and be ready to **ACT** in the event of a bushfire in order to **SURVIVE**.

### Why should you join?

Being a CFU member is about **preparation, prevention and protection** from bushfires.

As a volunteer CFU member you will learn how to prepare yourself, your family and your home ahead of the bushfire season, and make informed decisions about whether to **leave early or stay and defend your property** when bushfires threaten.

The CFU program will help you and your family become emotionally and physically prepared for the threat of bushfire.



Make informed decisions about whether to stay and defend your property or leave early



Work with your neighbours to prepare your properties and bushfire survival plans



*"One of the best things about being in a CFU is the community involvement. In our unit, there is a role for everyone, from raising the alarm to mopping up operations."*  
Dianne Gorman

