



Fire & Rescue NSW

Community Fire Units

COME & JOIN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT



Bushfires are a natural part of the Australian environment and occur regularly.

Hello Neighbour,

Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) have identified that our street/area could be impacted by bushfires, and have assisted us in setting up a Community Fire Unit (CFU) in our street. A CFU is a team of local residents living in urban areas close to bushland who are supported by FRNSW to enhance their safety and resilience to bushfires. As a volunteer CFU member you will learn how to prepare yourself, your family and your home ahead of the bushfire season and how to make informed decisions about whether to leave early or stay and defend your property when bushfires threaten.

Volunteer CFU members do not fight fires, nor are they firefighters. Being a CFU member is about preparation, prevention and protection from bushfires. The purpose of the CFU program is to:

- Increase community preparation and knowledge for, and resilience to, bushfires and other emergencies
- Provide basic operational training and firefighting equipment
- Engage local communities in hazard reduction, fire safety and prevention activities
- Empower residents through education, training and the provision of basic fire fighting equipment
- Create a “neighbourhood spirit” and work alongside the community to create a safe environment.

Please see the attached flyer for more information on the program. If you would like to become a CFU member, you will be required to undertake a variety of training and courses, such as induction and ongoing skills maintenance drills via online learning and face-to-face training. Applications received by FRNSW for the CFU Program are assessed based on:

- Application located within Fire & Rescue NSW jurisdiction
- Assessment of property/neighbourhood location & surrounds
- Distance from bushland and classified level of bushfire risk
- Established around a cooperative neighbourhood membership and location of your home in relation to the current Unit's area of activity
- Members aged 16 years and over (guardian permission is required to join and guardian must be a member of the same unit)

If you would like to join the unit currently established in our street, please follow the procedure below:

- Visit www.cfu.fire.nsw.gov.au > About the CFU and How to Join > Begin Overview of the CFU Program
- Complete the first module of the eLearning Program to learn more about becoming a CFU Member
- Complete the membership form at the end of the first Overview if you wish to become a member.

At the end of the overview you can lodge an application to become a CFU member and either join an established unit or start a new unit. After approval, new members will be required to complete four mandatory CFU eLearning Modules. Upon completion of the above modules you will attend a practical equipment session in order to be fully inducted into the CFU Program as an Operational Member.

CURRENT UNIT MEMBER DETAILS (UNIT MEMBER TO COMPLETE)

Unit Member Contact Name –

Contact Phone Number –

Street Name –

Unit Number –

For more information on the CFU Program, please visit cfu.fire.nsw.gov.au. As you reside within a bushland urban interface area, it is important that you prepare for the bushfire season by completing a Bushfire Survival Plan.

For more information on the CFU Program, please visit cfu.fire.nsw.gov.au and “LIKE” Facebook Page www.facebook.com/communityfireunits