



HUFF STUFF Newsletter

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Greetings everyone,

We are now well into winter and finally getting some rain. Unfortunately it's not enough to break the drought for the rest of the state. It was lovely to see a good fall of snow and fortunately, no lengthy disruptions to the highway.

If we do get some damaging storms the lead agency is the SES – the NSW State Emergency Service. The number to call is 132 500. Call this number if:

- A tree is blocking access to your home ie. Your front door, driveway or road
- The roof is damaged or leaking
- A tree is threatening to fall on your property
- There is damage to your property that you cannot fix yourself.

Please note that when you call you will be given a reference number. Keep this handy and stay away from any fallen trees or power lines. The SES (or RFS if they are called to assist) will only carry out temporary measures to make your property safe. You will need to contact your insurance company or a private contractor to remove any debris and complete permanent repairs.

REMINDER

Have you updated your 'Fires Near Me App'?

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Simon is offering **free** help with your smartphones and tablets each Wednesday at BANC from 9.30 -12.30. Just drop in, no need to book. Please pass the word around.

Hazard Reductions (HR's)

Hazard reductions were carried out well into June, an indication of how dry and warm it was this year. The following photos illustrate the process involved in carrying out a hazard reduction, also known as a prescribed burn. The purpose of a HR is to remove built-up ground fuel with minimum damage to the canopy. Safety and property protection are always of paramount importance.



Weeks before the HR takes place, a path is cleared around the perimeter of the proposed burn area. This is a long and arduous job depending on the terrain.



We also clear around logs. Not only does this log have a potential home for a wild creature but burning logs require lots of water to extinguish.



Hoses are laid out to cover the entire perimeter and charged ready. The rake hoe is used to clear around large trees to prevent them from burning as seen below.



Then it's sit and wait until the message comes through to light up. Before we get to go home the fire has to be 'blacked out' 30m into the fire ground, the dirtiest part of the exercise!



Regards, Mina