



# HUFF STUFF

## Newsletter

### Issue 47

## December 2020

**Greetings everyone,**

So we find ourselves at the year's end and fortunately in a much better situation than this time last year.

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you for all the warm words of welcome I've received since stepping into the Co-ordinator's role. Mina's shoes will be very hard to fill but I shall do my best.

Recently I attended a HUFF facilitator's neighbourhood gathering in Blackheath. It was lovely to meet everyone and hear their thoughts on the HUFF program. A large part of Eva and Bill's property was severely impacted by the fires. As their property borders the Popes Glen Reserve, a new Landcare Group was established to restore the area.



Cornelia with local artist, Imre Badonski

### **Lithgow Bushfire and Recovery Community Event**



Landcare volunteers replanting over 300 trees to replace the burnt tree canopy on Bill and Eva's property.

On Saturday Dec 5th we were invited to take part in a radio interview with ABC Central West NSW Radio regarding the HUFF program. They interviewed a large number of people and services impacted by the fires last December. Below is the link to the show. It's worth a listen. I talk about the HUFF program in the last 5 minutes as they wanted to end the show on a positive note.

AUDIO: Listen to the show at: <https://ab.co/37DQITf>

## New Alert Level Icons

The Australian Warning System is a new national approach to information and warnings during emergencies and natural disasters like bush fire, flood, storm, extreme heat and severe weather. The System uses a nationally consistent set of icons, like those below, to show incidents on website and apps.



### Advice Level

A fire has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



### Watch and Act Level

There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.



### Emergency Warning

An Emergency Warning is the highest level of Bush Fire Alert. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.

Source: NSW RFS website.

## Seed Donations

There has been a wonderful response from the community to our request for seed donations to fire affected residents of Clarence, Dargan and Bell. Blackheath Rotary and Step by Step thank you all for your generosity.



Mina delivering the seed donations to Bill from the Bay Tree Nursery in Clarence

## HUFF Survey

In July 2020 we let you know about a survey we were conducting to get your feedback on the effectiveness of the HUFF program during the last fire season. Some glitches were experienced with the survey links which have now been rectified. If you haven't completed the survey, we would appreciate your feedback. Please use the following links:

HUFF Facilitators survey:  
[https://surveyswesternsydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5o3UAMtPlptqhpP](https://surveyswesternsydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5o3UAMtPlptqhpP)

HUFF Neighbours survey:  
[https://surveyswesternsydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bQTpAplGT7HFldz](https://surveyswesternsydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bQTpAplGT7HFldz)

Wishing you all a peaceful, relaxing Christmas season and a great start to the New Year.

Regards Cornelia