



HUFF STUFF Newsletter

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Greetings everyone,

Just when I thought Winter was nearing an end, along comes the snow. Everything looks so beautiful with a dusting of the white stuff. And we didn't lose power which is a bonus as well.

Blue Mountains Bushfire Control Centre

I'm still an optimist but even if we are given some lockdown freedoms in September, I doubt that will allow us to do a tour of the Bushfire Control Centre in Katoomba. The tour will more likely happen in October.

At this stage, I'm calling for an expression of interest from HUFF Facilitators only. If you would like to attend, please email huff@banc.org.au to express your interest. I will advise dates once they come to hand.

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Get Ready Weekend September 11 - 12

The Get Ready Weekend is going online this year. Due to lockdown restrictions, Rural Fire Service sheds will not be open for face-to-face events and activities.

We will be sending out links via email and our Facebook page as the date gets closer so that you can participate in the event. The Get Ready Weekend is about encouraging us all to think about the upcoming fire season and what we need to do to prepare ourselves.

A first step can be improving or making a fire plan. Visit myfireplan.com.au to get you started.

NSW Rural Fire Service Association Conference Presentation

Professor Ross Bradstock from the University of Wollongong and a Mountain's local gave a presentation at a Rural Fire Service Association conference earlier this year.

The presentation discusses what was learnt from the Black Summer fires and how to use that knowledge for future fire events. It runs for about 45 mins and contains images of the fire events and their impact on communities and the environment.

If you feel comfortable viewing these images, the presentation gives a detailed analysis of the 2019/2020 bush fire season.

[Professor Ross Bradstock - 2019/20 fires: what was learnt and how will it equip us for the future](#)



Farewell to Cornelia

Sadly, I would like to let you know that I am stepping down from the role of HUFF Coordinator. My last day in the role will be Wednesday, September 1st. I would like to reassure you all that the HUFF program will continue and expand.

I would like to thank you all for your commitment to HUFF and encourage you all to continue connecting (safely) with your neighbours. I believe we have a very resilient community which becomes more apparent when we find ourselves in difficult situations.

Please stay in touch by emailing any queries you may have to: huff@banc.org.au which will be monitored by Cathy Rood, BANC's Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator.

Farewell and take care of yourselves

Warm Regards

Cornelia