



Ku-ring-gai Community Workshop



SHED BUSHFIRE ACTION PLAN

- **At times of high bushfire risk in St Ives area**, Coordinators (and others) are to regularly monitor risk in vicinity by using RFS phone app “**Fires near me**” or use Computer/ Internet Explorer/ Google and Search for **Fires Near Me** <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fires-near-me> (*Internet Explorer is easily accessed via the shortcut in the task bar at bottom of Shed’s computer screen*). **Members should observe fire locations and wind direction to act according to danger levels.**
- **General precautions and maintenance for times of TOTAL FIRE BAN or high bushfire probability include:**
 - i. **No outdoor activities** which could create a **source of ignition** such as **angle grinding or welding**
 - ii. Ensure **vehicles are parked in easily accessible, clear** areas away from trees – *angle parking alongside sealed road suggested*
 - iii. Members should **sign attendance diary as soon as they arrive and indicate time when they leave** if before normal closing time
 - iv. Coordinator to **advise Wild Flower Garden office (02) 9424 0353 that Shed is open** and ask to be advised of any relevant local fire information during the day
 - v. Use **blower to clear leaves** away from the Shed, around container and its adjacent timber stacks - *2 stroke blower fuel (ethanol-free) in paint cupboard.*
 - vi. Keep **timber** stacks **clear of the Shed**
 - vii. **Clear** any unwanted waste materials, other than waste bins, **away from** the **Shed** and be ready to move bins as well
 - viii. Hose ground areas of adjacent bush
- **If CATASTROPHIC DECLARATION – Shed to be closed immediately, evacuated and/or remain closed for day.**

In case of EVACUATION members should clear the Shed after closing as many windows and doors as time permits and a Coordinator should check clear with brisk walkthrough and calling out “is anyone there”. The Coordinator is to take the attendance diary and Shed laptop with them.

If prevented from leaving Showground by surrounding fire, members should shelter by being covered in vehicles, preferably driven forward across grassed area to the clear open sealed parking area and ensure car vents closed.
- **If FIRE is in the vicinity but not rated as Catastrophic - there may be time before leaving to:**
 - i. **Move** garbage **bins away** from building walls
 - ii. Check **all windows and doors are closed** – especially doors to **eastern storage lean-to** and container
 - iii. Have members **sign out** as they leave
 - iv. **Turn off electricity** at Shed main switch board in lunch room