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# INFORMED ABOUT BUSHFIRE



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Being informed is crucial in an emergency. When it comes to a bushfire, knowing what is happening, how far is the fire front, is the fire under control, is the current location a safe place, which roads are blocked or likely to become blocked, what to do, where to go, how to protect from the fire hazards, when to leave are all important pieces of information that one needs to consider when making decisions that can save their lives, lives of others and protect their property the best they can in a given circumstances.

This is a collection of useful information about the bushfire, how to prepare the bushfire management strategy and where to find the most accurate information that will enable making right decisions in a fire emergency situation.

### **About Bushfire**

The following website provides basic information about bushfires and various factors that create a favourable environment for bushfires to develop:

<https://www.ga.gov.au/scientific-topics/community-safety/bushfire>

### **ABC Emergency**

ABC Emergency radio, social media and website provide situational awareness, which is essential in an emergency, enabling us to know and understand the facts:

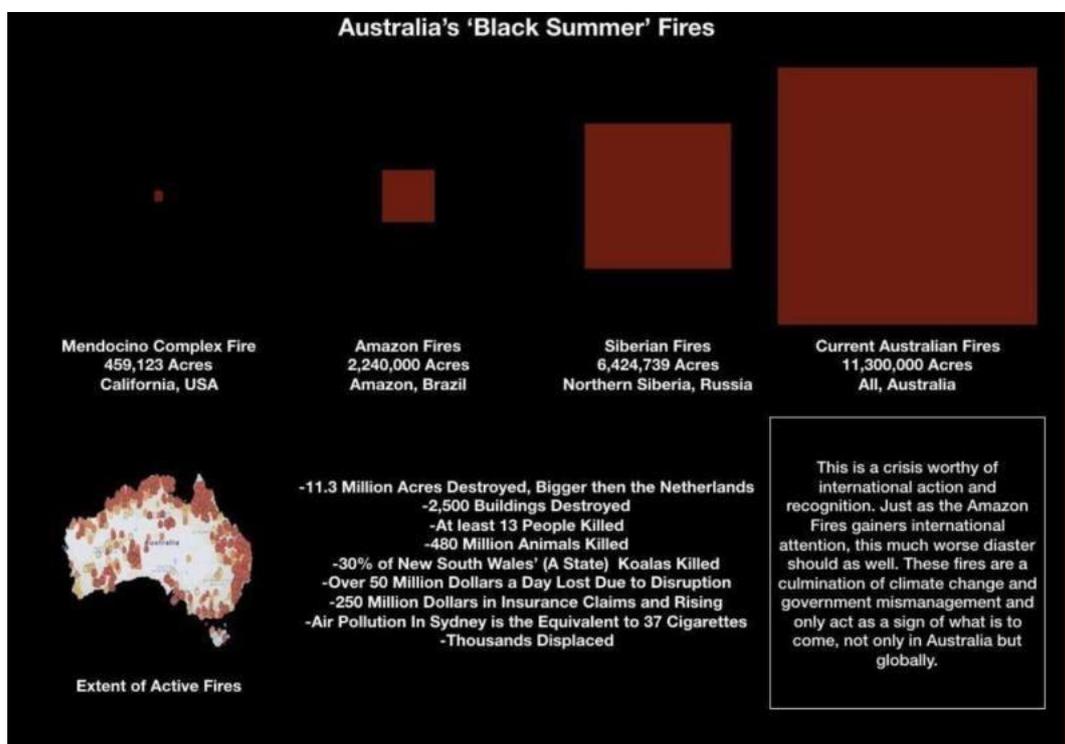
<https://www.abc.net.au/news/emergency/plan-for-an-emergency/bushfire/>

### **Understanding Australian Bushfires**

The following website explains Australian bushfires, and explains how disastrous fires are created:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2019-01-24/what-makes-a-horror-fire-danger-day/10685918>

## 2019-20 Bushfire Season in Australia



Comparison of recent massive bushfires in the world ( <https://infographic.tv>)

### Surviving a Bushfire

In developing a bushfire survival strategy, it is important to have a realistic plan. The South Australian Country Fire Service provides a simple guide how to prepare your Bushfire Survival Plan:

[https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare\\_for\\_a\\_fire/surviving\\_a\\_bushfire.jsp](https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_a_fire/surviving_a_bushfire.jsp)

### Bushfire Survival Plan

In order to ensure that your Bushfire Survival Plan is fireproof, follow the simple steps recommended by the NSW Rural Fire Service:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan>

### Fire Management Plan

Strategic Bushfire Management Plan is the document which sets out how bushfire risk is managed in your region:

#### ACT Fire Management Plans

<https://esa.act.gov.au/about-esa/publications/strategic-bushfire-management-plan>

#### NSW Fire Management Plans

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/know-your-risk/bush-fire-risk-management-plans>

### VIC Fire Management Plans

<https://www.emv.vic.gov.au/responsibilities/fire-management-planning>

### SA Fire Management Plans

<https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/fire-management/bushfire-risk-and-recovery/fire-management-plans>

### WA Bushfire Planning

<https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/information-and-services/state-planning/bushfire-planning/bushfire-planning-publications>

### QLD Fire Management Guidelines

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/plants/ecosystems/fire-management>

### TAS Bushfire Protection Plans

<http://www.fire.tas.gov.au/Show?pagelD=communityProtectionPlanningProjectPublic>

### MyFireWatch



MyFireWatch provides bushfire location information intended for general public use. It provides useful map layers to assist people in the preparation and response to fire threats in their vicinity:

<https://myfirewatch.landgate.wa.gov.au>

### Wildfire Public Information Map

ESRI Disaster Response Program provides geographic information support to the global community during disasters:

<https://www.esri.com/en-us/disaster-response/disasters/wildfires>

## Australian firefighters – Our Heroes



Thousands of firefighters and emergency services continuously work on containing blazes burning across our country – following are selected news about their efforts and sacrifices:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-01-03/australia-bushfire-crisis-in-pictures/11838792>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-01-03/black-saturday-firefighters-dont-want-to-be-called-heroes/11837478>

<https://www.9news.com.au/national/australia-bushfires-nsw-rfs-volunteer-firefighter-andrew-odwyer-funeral/537a2c22-f019-4ac3-b48b-623392e5bd1d>

## Bushfire Relief – How You Can Help



Lives have been lost, homes and business destroyed, millions of animals perished, thousands of people are refugees in their own country. If you are in a fortunate position to help, following are some suggestions:

<https://fundraise.redcross.org.au/drr>

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-01-01/bushfire-relief:-how-you-can-help-frontline-services/11835156>

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/about-us/fundraising>

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/about/supporting-cfa#donate-cfa>

<https://www.facebook.com/donate/1010958179269977/10157671223743418>

<https://www.wires.org.au/donate/emergency-fund>

<https://donate.wwf.org.au/donate/koala-crisis/koala-crisis?t=AP1119W03#gs.sq4hb>