



Bushfire Ready Facilitator Training Key Information and Requirements

What is *Bushfire Ready*?

Bushfire Ready is a community led program that aims to build community resilience to bushfire. It encourages and supports local residents to work together to learn about, plan for and prepare their properties for bushfires.

The program provides an opportunity for community members to network, share ideas and information and develop and implement strategies to reduce their bushfire risk.

What does a *Bushfire Ready* Facilitator do?

Bushfire Ready Facilitators work in partnership with community members to increase bushfire understanding and preparedness in their local area.

Facilitators:

- Undertake community engagement and bushfire preparedness activities with new and established community groups
- Educate the community through key messages, information and practical activities/strategies
- Develop and maintain partnerships with key bushfire stakeholders and local communities
- Support the development and maintenance of communication channels and support mechanisms for stakeholders, community members and local networks
- Keep records and provide feedback and regular updates to the DFES Community Preparedness Advisor or contact in their region.

What knowledge and skills are required?

Bushfire Ready facilitators require the following skills:

- Basic understanding of bushfire behaviour
- Knowledge of property preparation, Fire Danger Ratings, Bushfire Warnings, Bushfire Plans and Emergency Kits
- Knowledge of and the ability to apply Community Engagement principles and techniques following the completion of the Community Engagement Online Module
- Ability to communicate effectively with people from all walks of life
- Ability to facilitate and coordinate group discussions and activities
- Ability to work effectively, both as part of a team and autonomously

- Ability to motivate, lead and influence others
- Ability to plan, coordinate and manage various groups, activities and resources
- Ability to keep detailed records and provide regular updates to DFES within specified timeframes.

What are the Prerequisites?

Applications for Facilitator Training must be endorsed through your DFES and/or Local Government (LG) chain of command.

The following prerequisites apply:

- Minimum 6 months' experience as a volunteer or career firefighter
- Introduction to Bushfire Fire Fighting
- Completion of the 'Community Engagement' online training module. (You may apply prior to completing 'Community Engagement', however must complete the module prior to attending Facilitator training.)

Need Further Information?

If you would like to speak to someone to find out more information please contact the DFES All Hazards Coordinator on 08 9395 9895, email communitypreparedness@dfes.wa.gov or speak to your local Community Preparedness Advisor if applicable.