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**2023 BUSHFIRE OFFICER DEVELOPMENT (BOD 02) – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Expressions of interest are called from 16 suitably qualified volunteer firefighters looking to be included in the 2023 Bushfire Officer Development (BOD).

This live-in course will provide an understanding of various rural fire subjects including abridged versions of Fire Weather, Fire Control Officer, Assist with Planned Burning, and Machine Supervision.

The week-long course will cover personnel management and leadership mentoring to assist current serving Brigade Officers in conducting their operational and administrative duties.

Learn more about the 2022 inaugural experience [here](#).

**ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES:**

- Active member of a BFB/VFES/VFRS Brigade;
- 5 years of operational experience;
- Level 1 Incident Controller endorsement;
- CBFCO/LG/CESM endorsement and/or;
- Regional endorsement (AO/DO/SUPT)

**KEY INFORMATION:**

This live-in course will take place from Wednesday, 13 September 2023 to Sunday 17 September 2023 at the Bushfire Centre of Excellence, supported by field-based exercises. The Bushfire Centre of Excellence will cover all costs associated with transport, accommodation, and meals.

This practical, hands-on program has been designed to support volunteers undertaking operational leadership positions within their brigade, however, an opportunity to customise aspects of the course based on end-user needs exists.

In expressing your interest, please provide any learnings you would like to see considered for inclusion in no more than one page.

**KEY REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Complete the [registration form](#) with your details and submit it by 17:00 on Wednesday 7 June 2023 and;



2. On no more than one page, outline what topics you would like to master to progress your brigade officer development?

Applicants should be aware that the BOD makes the most of the live-in experience, and members committing to this program will be involved in exercises that run into the evening and throughout the weekend.

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