

## CFU VOLUNTEERS IN THE COMMUNITY

In addition to preparing for bushfire, you might also see volunteers in the community:

 Distributing survival plans

 Staffing information hubs

 Door knocking at-risk properties

If you and your home are well prepared, you stand a better chance of surviving an emergency.

### Are you Emergency Ready?



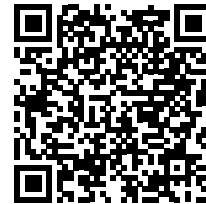
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## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT?

A Community Fire Unit or CFU is a resource ACT Fire & Rescue can activate during a Bushfire. The CFU's objective is to reduce the impacts from bushfires on life and property.



CFUs are established in **Bushfire Prone Areas (BPA)**

Uncontrolled bushfires in forests, woodlands or grasslands, pose an immediate threat to properties and people in Bushfire Prone Areas.



## WHO IS THE COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT?

A CFU is a team of volunteers that live in the same Bushfire Prone Area on the urban interface. The volunteers are trained to safeguard their homes during a bushfire.



Each unit has **10 to 30** members and an operational & training area that covers **50 to 80** homes

In the event of a bushfire, the CFU team is activated within their operational area.

## VOLUNTEERING WITH A COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT

Neighborhoods benefit when locals volunteer in the Community Fire Unit Program.

### OUR CFU MEMBERS LEARN ABOUT:



Bushfire behavior



Fire-safe landscaping practices



Planning and preparation



Operating firefighting equipment



Pretreating & post fire operations

## COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT ACTIVE MEMBERS

Active members of the CFU are involved in a number of activities that protect their community from the threat of bushfire.

### OUR TEAMS TAKE PART IN:

- Ongoing training sessions with **ACT Fire & Rescue**
- Engaging with **like-minded** people
- Preparing **your home** and local properties
- Protecting from **spot fires** or **ember attack**
- Operating **basic firefighting equipment**
- **Mopping up** and extinguishing spot fires
- Working with **firefighters** enabling them to adapt to **evolving incidents**
- Localised **traffic control** during incidents

