



Bushfire Survival Plan for the McIntosh Family

Final preparations leading up to fire risk days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The family will not try to actively defend the property on days with Extreme or Code Red fire ratings. Angus and Margaret will fill gutters with water and turn off mains electricity and LP gas cylinders. Margaret will prepare list of contact names and phone numbers. Sylvie will keep contact with local Community Fireguard Group via telephone and two-way radio communication tree. Angus will pack the ute with a relocation kit, important workbooks and papers and pet cages and ensure that the cars have fuel. Margaret will pack the car boot with prepacked individual bags, make sure both vehicles have food and water and lay out protective clothing for all family members. Donald will secure the dog in its kennel and make sure the property's front gate remains open. Sara will move horses and sheep to the main paddock, which has the dam. Sylvie will monitor the weather, fire warnings etc via computer and radio and ensure everyone is kept up to date. Angus, Margaret and Donald will make checks around property for inflammable material that has not already been cleared away.
Trigger to leave	Leave as soon as an Extreme fire rating has been declared on local radio or via information from the CFA. Angus will make the final decision. The whole family will leave at the same time.
How the family will leave	Take one car (Margaret driving, with Donald and Sylvie) and the farm ute (Angus driving, with Sara).
Where the family will go	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan A: down the main road to the local town football oval, which has been designated as an assembly area Plan B: down the main road to the highway and on to Melbourne to stay with Uncle Bruce
Who the family will contact	Sara will call immediate family and neighbours via mobile to tell them where they are, how they are travelling, where they are going and what route they are taking.

Contents of the McIntosh Family Relocation Kit

- all medications needed for family members
- woollen and fire-resistant blankets (one per person)
- papers including a list of important contact numbers, copies of insurance documents, passports, certificates and other important documents
- basic toiletries for the entire family
- spare keys to the house and cars
- torches and batteries
- car charger for mobile phone

Note: each family member has one small bag packed with personal valuables.