



Tasmania Fire Service

# Community Bushfire Protection Plan

## STRAHAN

Incl: Lowana, Braddon Point, Macquarie  
Heads, and Ocean Beach

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Tasmania Fire Service may  
not be able to protect you  
during some bushfires.

Know what to do and  
where to go when  
threatened by bushfire.

## Are **YOU** bushfire ready?

Receive bushfire updates from  
**Tasmania Fire Service**



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1800 000 699 or visit our website

**[www.fire.tas.gov.au](http://www.fire.tas.gov.au)**



### SCAN TO PLAN



Use your phone camera or  
a QR code scanner to scan the  
code and start your 5 Minute  
Bushfire Plan now!

Most of Tasmania is  
bushfire-prone. Every  
year you need to be  
bushfire ready.

This Community Bushfire Protection  
Plan sets out the things you should  
do to survive a bushfire.

Get the latest version  
and use it to update  
your personal  
*Bushfire Plan*.



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## BEFORE THE FIRE

### 1) Prepare your home for bushfire.

- Use the Tasmania Fire Service *Bushfire Safety Guide* to do your *Bushfire Plan*, and prepare your property.
- Even if you plan to leave early, preparing your home gives you another shelter option, and firefighters a better chance to save it.

### 2) Decide what you will do and write down your plan.

- Will you leave early, or will you stay and defend your home?
- Decide now, and fill out your *Bushfire Plan*.

### 3) If you can, talk with your neighbours.

- What are their plans? Are they aware of your plans?

### 4) Review your insurance policy.

- Are your home and contents covered for bushfire?

## WHEN FIRES ARE LIKELY, OR NEARBY

### 1) Keep Informed.

- Check the weather forecast and Fire Danger Rating daily.
  - It is up to you to keep up to date with current conditions and warnings by monitoring, listening and staying connected.
  - Monitor information at [fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au) and the weather at [bom.gov.au](http://bom.gov.au) and listen to [ABC Local Radio](#).
  - Watch for smoke and fires.
- If bushfires are in your area, don't wait for an official warning.

### 2) Put your *Bushfire Plan* into action.

- The safest option for all bushfires is to leave early, before a bushfire threatens you and your home.
  - Consider leaving immediately if 'Severe', 'Extreme' or 'Catastrophic' Fire Danger Ratings are forecast for the following day.
  - Leaving the day before because of a bad fire danger forecast isn't always practical. So, if waiting until a bushfire breaks out in your area, leave early before roads are cut by fire, fallen trees or power-lines.
  - Head away from any fires; towards a town centre is often best.
  - Be prepared to stay away from your home for several days.
- **A safe option for some bushfires.**  
For less intense bushfires, you may stay & defend your home if:
  - a) You have prepared it for bushfires, with fire-fighting equipment and plenty of water.
  - b) You are fit and emotionally prepared (it is best to evacuate children and other dependents early).
- **An unsafe option is to 'wait and see', then flee at the last minute.**
  - If you don't have a plan, leave immediately.
  - If a bushfire catches you by surprise and it's unsafe to stay at home but too late to leave the area, go to a nearby safer place and wait for the fire front to pass through.

## AFTER THE FIRE

- 1) Make sure everyone's safe, check on your neighbours if you can.
- 2) Tune in to the information sources at [fire.tas.gov.au](http://fire.tas.gov.au) and listen to [ABC Local Radio](#).
- 3) If at home, put out any embers and spot-fires threatening your home.
- 4) If your home is destroyed, contact your local council for assistance.



In an emergency dial  
triple zero 000  
or if a TTY user call 106

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Guide & Bushfire Plan*  
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## NSP NEARBY SAFER PLACES

A nearby safer place is somewhere you can shelter at during a bushfire if you cannot carry out the first option of your *Bushfire Plan*. A nearby safer place is somewhere close by that you can access quickly and safely, and that provides shelter from radiant heat.



**Using nearby safer places is not without risk. They are a place of last resort, not your only option.**

Nearby safer places may include town centres; or large open areas e.g. recreation grounds, golf courses, beaches, ploughed or irrigated fields and community parks with mown grass.

**Tasmania Fire Service has identified some nearby safer places in this area (see below).**

- List other nearby safer places, close to where you live in your personal *Bushfire Plan*.
- Prepare your home and identify nearby safer places. Otherwise leave early.
- Travelling through fire impacted areas is unsafe and should be avoided, even in a car.

**Nearby Safer Places (these are places of last resort):**

### • Strahan Esplanade

Esplanade Strahan  
Map Grid: D8 (Strahan)

### • Strahan Senior Citizens Club

1-3 Gaffney Street  
Map Grid: B7 (Strahan); H1 (Ocean Beach)

### • Ocean Beach

Access beach from the end of Ocean Beach Road  
Map Grid: B1 (Ocean Beach)

### • Braddon Point Beach

Access beach from the end of Macquarie Heads Road  
Map Grid: B7 (Ocean Beach); I5 (Macquarie Heads)

**• Neighbouring plans may have additional Nearby Safer Places.**

**Add Nearby Safer Places to your  
*Bushfire Plan*.**



















