

# PUTTY \* KINDARUN \* YENGO

## Emergency Directory

### AUSTRALIAN WARNING SYSTEM

Advice



Watch and Act



Emergency



## Prepare – Act – Survive

Compiled on behalf of Putty Rural Fire Brigade  
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QUESTIONS ASKED BY 000

**1. Emergency Address?**.....

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Write your rural address here - you may not be making the phone call

**What3words** - highly recommended see below

Home: .....

Shed: .....

Other: .....

**2. Phone number you are calling from?**.....

.....  
Write your numbers here - you may not be making the call

**What3words** provides an accurate location for Emergency Services to locate a person or property by dividing the world into 3 metre by 3 metre squares and allocating 3 words to each square. Words are easier to relay to emergency services than latitude and longitude and there is less likelihood of error. You do not need a mobile connection to obtain your location, but you do to relay your 3 words to emergency services.

**Download the Emergency+ APP** at [emergencyplus.com.au](https://emergencyplus.com.au)

**Hub House Leader:** .....

PH: .....

To find your Hub House Leader and for further information call  
Margaret **0427 282 246** or Kathy **0408 650 851**

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### In life threatening emergencies Police – Fire – Ambulance Dial 000

Emergency+ App provides location details for emergency services (see back cover).....<https://www.emergencyplus.com.au/>

Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) - When activated a PLB transmits a message by satellites to emergency services.  
.....<https://www.bsar.org.au/bush-safety-resources/plb-epirb/>

Hearing/speech impaired SMS Relay: .....0423 677 767  
Internet Relay: .....<https://nrschat.nrscall.gov.au/nrs/internetrelay>

**Hazards Near Me App** – emergency info for fires, floods, storms  
.....<https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/hazards-near-me-app>

**Rural Fire Service (RFS)** .....<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/>  
Report a bushfire - if you can't see a fire truck ..... **Dial 000**  
Bushfire Information Line ..... 1800 679 737  
Bushfire Survival Plan .....  
.....<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-and-prepare/bush-fire-survival-plan>  
NSWRFS Facebook .....<https://www.facebook.com/nswrfs>  
RFS Hunter Valley .... <https://www.facebook.com/RFSHunterValley>  
Bulga Fire Control Centre .....02 6575 1200

## PUTTY RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

Captain: Scott Ferguson .....0419 689 466  
Snr Deputy Captain: Rod Coleman ..... 0429 797 161  
Deputy Captain 1: Kenn Mackett .....0401 535 575  
Deputy Captain 2: Ken Ferguson .....0499 868 806  
Deputy Captain 3: Andy Edwards .....0418 288 180

Contact one of the above people if you are concerned about a potential fire hazard – **If there's a fire – CALL 000.**

**Fire Permit Officers** – permits are needed to light a fire during the **fire season from 1 September to 31 March**.

North: Tim Spooner .....0418 299 377  
Central & South: Kenn Mackett .....0401 535 575  
Kimberley Stokes ..... 0488 692 459

The officer issuing your permit will explain its conditions including that you must give a minimum of 24 hours notice before lighting a fire to:

1. Your Neighbours, including the NPWS if next door to you
2. Register your burns at

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fireinformation/fire-permits/burn-notifications>

No internet, then register your burns via the Permit Line .....02 6575 1212

No fires in the open during a Total Fire Ban. You will be fined. If you intend to have a fire during April to the end of August, you don't need a permit but you still need to give a minimum of 24hrs notice, refer to above points.

## LATEST NEWS

Putty Alerts – local emergency information <https://puttyalerts.com/>

Putty Valley Chronicles – local news

.....<https://www.facebook.com/groups/187211862469717>

ArcGIS NSW Fire Map - free trial .....<https://www.arcgis.com>

Local Radio Station ABC Sydney 702 AM ..... 1300 222 702

Hawkesbury local radio 89.9 FM ..... 02 4589 9899

Muswellbrook/Singleton local radio Power 98.1 FM . 02 6543 1588

Centre Hunter Radio 2CHR 96.5 FM ..... 02 4991 1286

ABC Emergency .....<https://www.abc.net.au/emergency>

Singleton Disaster Dashboard

..... <https://singleton.disasterdashboards.com/dashboard/overview>

Hawkesbury Disaster Dashboard

<https://hawkesbury.disasterdashboards.com/dashboard/overview>

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY INITIATIVES

### Evacuation Centre & Safer Locations

Putty Hall Evacuation Centre ..... 408 Putty Valley Road  
Free Telstra WiFi Calling and WiFi SMS with solar power from  
outside both Putty Hall and Putty Fire Brigade station.  
Free call phone box outside Hall may not work in power outages.

The following safer locations are not NSW Government approved.  
Consider local options for shelter if your Bush Fire Survival Plan  
fails - e.g. a neighbour's house or

|                        |                       |              |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Grey Gum Café          | 8679 Putty Road ..... | 02 6579 7015 |
| St. Shenouda Monastery | 8419 Putty Road ..... | 02 6579 7093 |

### Horse relocation coordinators

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|---------------|-------|----------------------------|
| June Malmberg | ..... | 02 6579 7003, 0418 417 147 |
| Katie Morris  | ..... | 0487 600 509               |

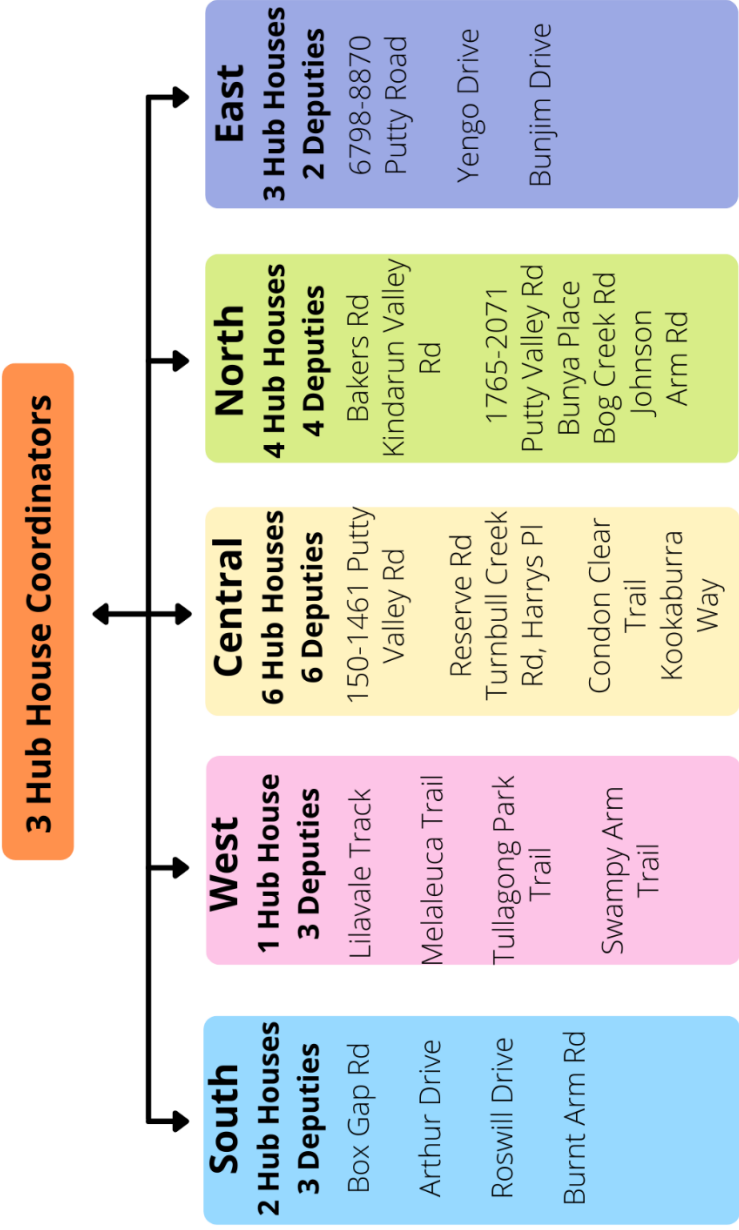
### Putty Hub Houses

The Putty Hub House system is a communications tree activated  
when a fire, flood or storm threatens the area. Hub House  
Coordinators, who are in touch with emergency services, first  
notify the community by email and ensure information is posted to  
Putty Valley Chronicles on Facebook.

If residents and landowners need to take action the full Hub  
House system is activated. Hub House Leaders contact the  
landholders in their area, keeping them updated during the  
emergency.

To find your area's leader and to ensure your correct contact  
details are on a hub house list please contact the coordinators:

|                    |                                                                            |              |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Margaret Ferguson: | <a href="mailto:mnk.fergo@bigpond.com">mnk.fergo@bigpond.com</a> .....     | 0427 282 246 |
| Kathy McKenzie:    | <a href="mailto:kmkmedia@gmail.com">kmkmedia@gmail.com</a> .....           | 0408 650 851 |
| Kimmy Stokes:      | <a href="mailto:kimm-n-jedd@hotmail.com">kimm-n-jedd@hotmail.com</a> ..... | 0488 692 459 |





## POWER FAILURES

Power failures frequently occur during emergencies in Putty. Both the mobile tower and the landline telephone exchange will only work for about 12 - 48 hours without mains power.

To conserve fuel and keep fridges, freezers and drinking water pumps going, run your generator for 2 hours morning and evening. If you have a satellite connection and a mobile with WiFi calling (see below) you can make phone calls at this time too.

Ausgrid 24 hour Emergency Hotline ..... 13 13 88  
Map ..... <https://www.ausgrid.com.au/Outages/Current-Outages>

## COMMUNICATIONS

A satellite internet connection with generators or solar power will keep you connected during power failures.

Enable Telstra WiFi Calling and SMS, or a similar service on your mobile to make and receive calls and SMS through your satellite internet connection. Check if your mobile is compatible.  
<https://www.telstra.com.au/support/mobiles-devices/telstra-wifi-calling#wifi-sms>

If people are unable to contact you during a power failure check with your Hub House Leader where you can make a call if needed.

Putty Hall has a free satellite connection where you can use WiFi Calling and SMS. Some solar power is available there.

UHF – Emergency Channels only 5 and 35  
Putty Chat Channel 30

Telstra ..... 13 22 00  
Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman ..... 1800 062 058

## MAPS

Putty Valley - Yengo Water Catchment &  
Putty Roads and Properties.....<https://puttyalerts.com/maps/>  
Singleton..... <https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/238/Maps>  
Hawkesbury ..... <https://mapping.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/IntraMaps98/>

## ROADS

### Road Closures

Live Traffic NSW .....<https://www.livetraffic.com/>  
Live Traffic Windsor and Richmond Bridges cameras  
<https://www.livetraffic.com/traffic-cameras/sydney-west>

Putty Road is maintained by Transport for NSW. During an emergency it may be closed due to flooding, fire or to prevent theft. Always carry in your car proof of residency or land ownership. After an event the road may be closed because of damage or landslides. Transport for NSW - 24 hour traffic enquiry line ..... 13 1500

The roads maintained by Singleton Council are:

- Putty Valley Road
- Johnsons Arm Road
- Box Gap Road up until the end of the bitumen
- The initial part of the Lilavale Track
- Burnt Arm Road
- Yengo and Bunjim Drives up until the end of the bitumen.

Singleton Council..... 02 6578 7290  
..... <https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/>  
Singleton Disaster Dashboard  
..... <https://singleton.disasterdashboards.com/dashboard/overview>

All other roads are either crown reserve roads, right of ways or access roads maintained by users. However, after major fires and floods, NSW and or Federal grants may be available through Council to fix these roads to the same standard as before the event.

## POSTAL SERVICE

Postal deliveries from Singleton may be affected if Putty Road is closed. Post can be picked up by someone else if they have a Collection Authorisation Form – search Australia Post website <https://auspost.com.au> ..... 131318

## OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES

### **Bureau of Meteorology**

Check weather, including wind direction .... <http://www.bom.gov.au/>

### **Health**

Health Direct 24 hour health advice line ..... 1800 022 222  
 Singleton Hospital ..... 02 6571 9222  
 Hawkesbury Hospital, Windsor ..... 02 4560 5555  
 Poisons Information Line ..... 13 11 26  
 Lifeline ..... 13 11 14

### **State Emergency Service (SES)** .... <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/>

Floods and storms ..... 132 500  
 ..... <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/disaster-tabs-header/flood/>  
 ..... <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/disaster-tabs-header/storm/>  
 Singleton State Emergency Services ..... 02 6572 4669  
 Public Information Inquiry Centre ..... 1800 227 228

**Police** Assistance Line (Non-emergency) ..... 131 444  
 Crime Stoppers ..... 1800 333 000

### **Community Support Services**

Australian Red Cross - preparedness, disaster  
 welfare services and recovery resources ..... 02 9229 4111  
 Beyond Blue information line ..... 1300 224 636  
 Life Line – 24 hour Crisis Counselling ..... 131 114  
 NSW Ombudsman ..... 1800 451 524

**Wires Wildlife Rescue** ..... 1300 094 737

**Dial Before You Dig**      [www.1100.com.au](http://www.1100.com.au) ..... 1100

## PUTTY COMMUNITY GROUPS

### **Putty Rural Fire Brigade**

426 Putty Valley Road

President: Andy Edwards ..... 02 6579 7032 or 0418 288 180

Secretary: Mark Pigram ..... 0407 000 400

Treasurer: Margaret Ferguson..... 0427 282 246

Captain: Scott Ferguson ..... 0419 689 466

### **Putty Community Association Incorporated (PCA)**

408 Putty Valley Road

The PCA is the trustee of the Putty Hall. The committee organise events and apply for grants to fund the maintenance of the hall.

Membership of \$20 goes towards annual operating expenses.

President: Kimberley Stokes ..... 0488 692 459

Vice President: Andy Edwards ..... 0418 288 180

Treasurer: David Hope ..... 0416 174 900

Secretary: Margaret Ferguson..... 0427 282 246

Assist Secretary Melissa Norris ..... 0451 012 477

Trust Officer: Ken Ferguson..... 02 6579 7077 or 0499 868 806

**Putty Valley Online** ..... <https://putty.nsw.au/>

### **Three Valleys Landcare Group Inc**

Incorporating Putty, Garland and Howes Valleys is under review prior to de-registration due to lack of interest

## Putty Community-led Resilience Team (CRT)

CRTs provide streamlined communication between community and emergency services agencies before, during and after an event. This ensures communities are connected to accurate, timely and relevant information that helps members of a community to make informed, timely decisions.

CRTs are led by community for community, and operate on a voluntary opt-in arrangement.

Other isolated areas share with each other the practices and new technologies they use to keep their communities safe, particularly in regards to mapping, communicating and locating people in an emergency.

If you are interested in joining Putty CRT please call

|                                                                   |                                                     |                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Plan and prepare prior to emergencies and Hub Houses during event | Margaret Ferguson<br>Kathy McKenzie<br>Kimmy Stokes | 0427 282 246<br>0408 650 851<br>0488 692 459 |
|                                                                   |                                                     |                                              |
| Recovery                                                          | Kimmy Stokes                                        | 0488 692 459                                 |

### Agencies and organisations involved in CRT

- SES
- Community First Responders
- NSW Police
- Australian Red Cross
- NSW Ambulance
- Rural Fire Service
- Singleton Council
- FireThrive - develops interactive experiences and tools that help communities adapt to worsening bushfire conditions.  
.....<https://firethrive.com/>

## OTHER LOCAL SERVICES

### **Cafés & Takeaways**

|                              |                     |              |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Grey Gum Café - weekends     | 8679 Putty Rd ..... | 02 6579 7015 |
| Bulga Service Station        | 2046 Putty Rd ..... | 02 6574 5126 |
| Colo Heights Service Station | 3356 Putty Rd ..... | 02 4565 0207 |
| Colo Riverside               | 1826 Putty Rd ..... | 02 4575 4111 |
| Debz Kurbzide Eatz weekends  | 3105 Putty Rd ..... | 0433 806 099 |

### **Cattle Carrier**

|               |                   |              |
|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Peter Chapman | Howes Valley..... | 02 6579 4542 |
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### **Dog Kennels**

|          |                    |              |
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| Dogwoods | Colo Heights ..... | 02 4565 0273 |
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### **Earthworks**

|              |             |                            |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Greg Pierce  | Putty ..... | 0415 602 366, 02 6579 7037 |
| Matt Green   | Putty ..... | 0474 812 841               |
| Jason Stokes | Putty ..... | 0457 206 540               |
| Ross Winsley | Putty ..... | 0407 242 180               |

### **Fuel, LPG Gas, Groceries & Bottle Shop**

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|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Bulga Service Station        | 2046 Putty Rd ..... | 02 6574 5126 |
| Colo Heights Service Station | 3356 Putty Rd ..... | 02 4565 0207 |

### **Organisations – Church & Religious**

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| St Shenouda Monastery, 8419 Putty Road ..... | 02 6579 7093                                                                          |
| .....                                        | <a href="https://stshenoudamonastery.org.au/">https://stshenoudamonastery.org.au/</a> |

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## Councils

Singleton Council..... 02 6578 7290

..... <https://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au/>

Hawkesbury Council..... 02 4560 4444

..... <https://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/>

**Forestry Corporation ....** <https://www.forestrycorporation.com.au/>

Eastern part of Putty State Forest ..... 02 9872 0111

**Singleton Land Services** <https://www.ils.nsw.gov.au/> 02 6571 7373

Emergency Animal Welfare – Rob Henderson ..... 0418 669 438

## Every Bit Counts – support for small farms and lifestyle blocks

<https://www.ils.nsw.gov.au/what-we-do/our-major-projects/every-bit-counts>

**Disaster Response Legal Service ..... 1800 801 529**

..... <https://disasterhelp.legalaid.nsw.gov.au/>

## National Parks & Wildlife Service

## Yengo and Wollemi National Parks and Wollemi Flora Reserve

(was western part of Putty State Forest)

..... <https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/>

Bulga Office, Putty Road ..... 02 6574 5555

Richmond Office, 379 Windsor St..... 02 4588 2400

NSW Police ..... <https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/>

Muswellbrook 26 William St – 24 hrs..... 02 6542 6999

Singleton 22 Hunter St – 24 hrs..... 02 6578 7499

Windsor 13 Mileham St – 24 hrs..... 02 4587 4099

Crime Stoppers..... 1800 333 000

## Members of Parliament

NSW Dave Layzell Member for Upper Hunter .... 02 6543 1065

Robyn Preston Member for Hawkesbury ... 02 4578 0300

Federal Dan Rapacholi Member for Hunter ..... 0423 643 775

Susan Templeman Member for Macquarie 02 4573 8222

## AUSTRALIAN WARNING SYSTEM

### FIRES – FLOODS – STORMS – EXTREME HEAT

Advice



Watch and Act



Emergency



#### Advice (Yellow):

An incident has started. There is no immediate danger. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.

#### Watch and Act (Orange):

There is a heightened level of threat. Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.

#### Emergency Warning (Red):

An Emergency Warning is the highest level of warning. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately. Any delay now puts your life at risk.



## SHOPPING CHECK LISTS

### Buy Essentials Now

#### ***Shed & Garden***

- ☐ Generator with key start so everyone can use it
- ☐ Shovel
- ☐ Metal rake
- ☐ Ladder
- ☐ Chain saw
- ☐ Pump
- ☐ Hoses with spray nozzles to reach all around your house
- ☐ Tarpaulin

#### ***House***

- ☐ Torch
- ☐ Smoke alarm
- ☐ Buy waterproof containers for storing important documents and valuables
- ☐ Portable radio
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Drinking water containers

#### ***Personal***

- ☐ Mobile phone with WiFi Calling and portable solar charger
- ☐ cotton long sleeve top, cotton long pants, leather boots, leather gloves, hat, goggles, sunscreen and face mask

**Emergency Food List** created by accredited practicing dietitian, Liz Ferone from Putty at .....

<https://puttyalerts.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/emergency-food-list.pdf>

## Check supplies regularly

Ensure you have adequate supplies for at least two weeks or longer, depending on where you live.

| <b>Service Station</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Chemist</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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## GRAB AND GO BAG CHECK LIST

- ☐ Mobile phone and portable solar charger
- ☐ Laptop and/or USB memory stick containing vital information
- ☐ Portable radio with spare batteries
- ☐ Torch with spare batteries
- ☐ First aid kit
- ☐ Candles and matches
- ☐ Drinking water
- ☐ Emergency contact list
- ☐ Copy of your emergency plans
- ☐ A waterproof bag for valuables and mementos
- ☐ Important documents (e.g. passports, wills, driver's licence, marriage and birth certificates, land titles, mortgage papers, insurance papers, medications list)
- ☐ Food and dietary requirements
- ☐ Medications list with reminder tag to pack medications (allow 3-day supply of medications, including prescriptions)
- ☐ 3-day supply of appropriate clothing and footwear
- ☐ Personal care items
- ☐ Blankets/sleeping bags
- ☐ Spare keys for home and cars
- ☐ Cash and credit cards
- ☐ Any other items .....

### **Don't forget your pets**

- ☐ Collar with ID tag, harness, leash, travel crate, bedding
- ☐ Bowls, food and medication for 7 days
- ☐ Litter tray, poo bags
- ☐ Registration and vaccine documents

## PREPARE FOR ALL EMERGENCIES

### Things to do all year

- ☐ Check radio and torch batteries every 6 months
- ☐ Electronically scan your important documents/photos on USB stick, saves space and are easy to take with you
- ☐ Store emergency phone numbers and apps on your phone
- ☐ Maintain adequate levels of home and contents insurance. Date to renew.....

### Essential fire protection for your home

- ☐ Block areas where embers can enter the house (external walls, windows, doors)
- ☐ Install metal fly screens on all windows and doors
- ☐ Install metal gutter guards
- ☐ Install a fire sprinkler system on roof to flood gutters and cool roof
- ☐ Enclose areas under the house
- ☐ Remove flammable mulch, vegetation in garden beds away from the house.
- ☐ Replace wood fences close to your home or sheds with metal fences
- ☐ Use stones in your garden instead of mulch
- ☐ If you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance and ensure it's visible to passing fire trucks. Contact Kenn Mackett 0401 535 575 for signs
- ☐ Position gas cylinders on side of house and away from trees and gardens, direct any pressure release valves away from house
- ☐ Place water pipes from dams underground and install a pump to the house

## Smoke Alarms

- ❑ Test once a month by pressing the test button until the alarm sounds
- ❑ Clean with vacuum cleaner every 6 months to remove dust
- ❑ Change batteries once a year (unless it is a long-life battery-powered alarm)
- ❑ Replace the whole unit in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, typically after 10 years.

## Mental preparedness tips of natural disasters

<https://toolkit.lifeline.org.au/topics/natural-disasters/mental-preparedness-tips-for-natural-disasters>

## BUSHFIRE

Remember it is your responsibility to prepare your property, not volunteer firemen and hub house leaders. Don't leave it to the last minute. If you have made no effort, do not expect them to put themselves at risk to defend it.

In extreme or catastrophic conditions, hub house leaders may choose or be forced to leave the area. If most of the state is on fire, RFS resources will be located where they can save thousands of homes. Be nice to your neighbours - they may be the ones to save your property.

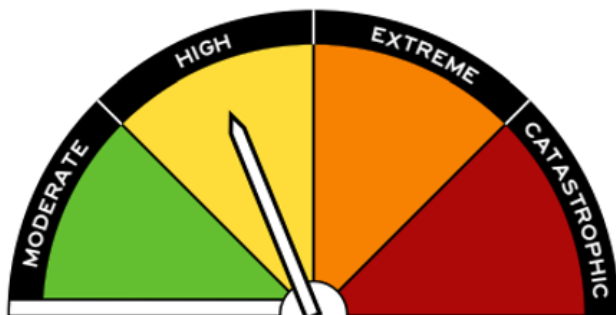
## **Fire season preparation – July / August**

- ☐ Remove any metal objects which can create a spark when hit by a mower or slasher. If you hit something check that a fire hasn't started.

A well prepared home is more likely to survive a bushfire.

- ☐ Complete (or review) your Bush Fire Survival Plan
- ☐ Trim trees and branches that could potentially fall on your home
- ☐ Mow your lawns short and keep gardens well maintained. Remove the cuttings
- ☐ Remove material that can burn around your home - wood piles, mulch piles
- ☐ Clean your gutters, downpipes and drains regularly. Burning embers can set your house on fire
- ☐ Ensure you have enough hoses with spray nozzles to reach all around your house
- ☐ Check pumps are working and fuelled up
- ☐ Check generator works and is fuelled up
- ☐ Mow vegetation near your power supply pole and under your power lines
- ☐ Ensure a fire tanker can access your property
- ☐ Clear fire breaks

## New Australian Fire Danger Ratings September 2022



Sign at corner of Putty Valley Road and Box Gap Road

### **MODERATE** Plan and prepare

Review your bush fire survival plan with your family. Keep yourself informed and monitor conditions. Be ready to act if necessary.

### **HIGH** Be ready to act

Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – but only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. If you're not prepared, leave early in the day.

### **EXTREME** Take action now to protect life and property

Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. If you are not prepared to the highest level, leave early in the day. Only consider staying if you are prepared to the highest level – such as your home is specially designed, constructed or modified, and situated to withstand a fire, you are well prepared and can actively defend it if a fire starts.

### **CATASTROPHIC** For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Leaving early is the only option. Leave bush fire prone areas the night before or early in the day – do not just wait and see what happens. Make a decision about when you will leave, where you will go, how you will get there and when you will return. Homes are not designed to withstand fires in catastrophic conditions so you should leave early.

## Fire Alert Actions

- ☐ Check you have done your fire season preparation as above
- ☐ Wear cotton long sleeve top, cotton long pants, leather boots, leather gloves, hat, goggles, sunscreen and mask when outside.
- ☐ Ensure tanks are full and connected to pumps
- ☐ Connect hoses
- ☐ Fill drinking water containers. Need 3 litres per person per day. During a power failure your house pressure pump won't run
- ☐ Disconnect drinking water tank to avoid ash being washed into the tank. Reconnect after first rain has washed ash from roof and gutters.
- ☐ Remove material that can burn around your home eg door mats, outdoor furniture, leaves, twigs and other debris
- ☐ Turn off gas cylinders, remove away from house and direct any pressure release valves away from house
- ☐ Remove flammable liquids away from buildings to protected areas
- ☐ Secure or put away items that could blow around in strong winds
- ☐ Do you have enough gas, fuel, provisions and medications for at least 2 weeks? Fuel additive for longer storage
- ☐ Arrange to relocate your horses
- ☐ Open your paddock gates so stock can move freely around your property
- ☐ Unlock your gate to give fire truck access



# FLOOD

During a flood Putty's bridges usually go underwater. Roads often follow creeks and are therefore impassable during a flood and after they may need repairs or be washed away. You could be stuck in Putty for over a week or longer, depending on where you live.

## Hawkesbury Catchment

Putty Creek and Long Weeney Creek flow into Wollemi Creek, then into the Colo River <https://coloriver.com.au/>. The Colo meets the Hawkesbury River at Lower Portland and flows out to sea at Broken Bay.

Boggy Swamp and Toolee Creeks are located near Yengo Drive. They join up to the east and eventually flow into the MacDonald River, meeting the Hawkesbury River at Wisemans Ferry. The MacDonald River starts at Kindarun. See catchment map page 10.

## Prepare

- ☐ Clean out road drainage to avoid roads being washed out
- ☐ Clean gutters and drainage around house
- ☐ Move animals to higher ground
- ☐ Do not park your car under a tree or power lines
- ☐ Managing erosion before and after floods

<https://www.ils.nsw.gov.au/floods/flood-recovery-resources/managing-erosion-before-and-after-floods>

## Act

- ☐ Never enter or attempt to drive through flood water – there are many hidden dangers
- ☐ Beware of landslides and trees falling in areas where the soil is very wet, particularly when a strong wind is blowing
- ☐ Carry a shovel and chainsaw in your vehicle

## After

- ☐ Cleaning rainwater tanks after floods or storms  
[https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/emergency\\_preparedness/wether/Pages/rainwater-tanks.aspx](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/emergency_preparedness/wether/Pages/rainwater-tanks.aspx)

## SEVERE STORM

Severe storms may include lightning, high winds and/or hail.

‘Dry’ electrical storms can start a fire, which can rapidly turn into a dangerous bushfire, especially in strong winds.

### Prepare

- ☐ Secure or put away items that could blow around. Flying objects can be lethal in strong winds
- ☐ Trim trees and branches near your home

### Act

- ☐ Stay indoors. Beware of trees falling over in areas where the soil is very wet. The apple gum, a common tree at Putty, is known as the widow maker because its branches frequently fall
- ☐ Know the best shelter in your home, such as a bathroom on the ground floor
- ☐ Stay clear of windows and glass doors
- ☐ Disconnect all appliances during an electrical storm
- ☐ If the building starts to break up, protect yourself with a rug, blanket, mattress or shelter under a bench or table.
- ☐ If outside, find cover away from the wind and protect your head.
- ☐ If inside a vehicle, park away from trees and power lines and ensure the hand brake is on. Keep your face away from windows.
- ☐ Look for smoke or fire after an electrical storm

## HEATWAVE

Extreme heat conditions can also cause power failures so unless you have a generator or solar power keeping cool will be difficult.

### Prepare

- ☐ Check fans and air-conditioner – clean AC filter
- ☐ Make cool packs and ice cubes
- ☐ Protect windows from direct sunlight with blinds or curtains
- ☐ See also Fire Season Preparation – July / August [page 22.](#)

### Act

- ☐ Watch for signs of heat stress – headache, nausea, dizziness, thirst, fainting. Place wet towels over people with heat stress
- ☐ Drink plenty of cool water
- ☐ Wear loose fitting clothing and a hat if going outside
- ☐ Stay indoors during the middle of the day
- ☐ Have a cool shower
- ☐ Close doors and windows and draw curtains and blinds
- ☐ Use air-conditioning

## BIOSECURITY ALERT

**Biosecurity Emergencies** – see current situation

<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/emergency/biosecurity>

Monitor animals and/or plant materials that enter your property, as well as sources of water, feed, bedding and fertiliser.

**Livestock** - Leave gates open in fires and floods. You are required to have a biosecurity plan if you have livestock on your property. Contact Singleton Local Land Services for further information on your obligations. .... 02 6571 7373

Report suspect cases of foot and mouth disease and lumpy skin disease to Animal Disease Hotline ..... 1800 675 888.

In the event of a foot-and-mouth disease detection anywhere in Australia, authorities will implement a national livestock standstill.

**Weeds** - Search for weed profiles, how to control, and your biosecurity duties ..... <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>  
Exotic Plant Pest Hotline: ..... 1800 084 881

Biosecurity signs for your farm gate are available.

**Singleton Local Land Services** ..... <https://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/>  
.....02 6571 7373

## ACT & SURVIVE

Act decisively. Have you decided to stay or leave in plenty of time before the fire, flood or heatwave threatens your safety?

If you decide to stay, are you fit enough physically and mentally to be able to keep your family, pets, animals and property safe?

Notify your Hub House Leader or neighbour if you are leaving or staying in Putty. In severe fire conditions, our firefighters need to know if someone is in a dwelling.

Assets can be replaced, people cannot.