



HUFF STUFF
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Greetings everyone,
 Thankfully winter is drawing to an end without any significant weather event. I hope you have been finding the information in *The Six Week Challenge* useful. There is one more to go. If you would like to receive it next year make sure you register and then you will automatically be on the mailing list.

You may have noticed the new electronic Fire Danger Meter at Mt Boyce Weigh Station. This matches the one at the bottom of the mountains at Glenbrook and the one at the weigh station at Bell. Having an electronic sign means that volunteers don't have to run out every day and physically change the arrow as the fire danger index changes, a particularly dangerous activity on the Mt Vic Pass!

I will be doing my first HUFF meeting at Medlow Bath this Saturday. We are trialing the project on the western side of the highway first. The Progress Association is keen to support us.

There will be no newsletter for the next two months as I will be away walking the Camino Frances in Spain, an 800 km ancient pilgrim route starting in St John Pied de Port in France and finishing in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Well that's the plan anyway... However, the lovely people at BANC will assist you if there is anything you need. I am sure you are all well-equipped to access any online information should an event occur.

I would like to thank you all for remaining as facilitators in whatever capacity you can manage. Sometimes you may feel that things are flagging a bit but I know that if something does happen you will do what you can to connect with your neighbours. Some people have felt that their situations have changed and they can no longer do the job. By staying on the mailing list you can at the very least receive useful information, and after all HUFF is simply about keeping in touch.

GREAT IDEA

This great idea has come from Marilyn Bull, one of our HUFF Facilitators.

A wind-up charger would be invaluable to keep mobile devices charged during power outages.

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GET READY WEEKEND

Blackheath/Mt Victoria RFS Brigade will be open for visitors on **Sunday 11th September** from 10.00am until 3.00pm. Please invite friends and neighbours to come along and see our new website and register their properties. The website has been developed by Keith Jebb, one of our facilitators and it looks great! Check it out at www.huff.org.au. "Register Your Property" is our latest addition and can be found at the top in the green bar.

There will be some interesting and fun activities as well as the good old sausage sizzle. The new Bush Fire Survival Plan will be available. We have the latest Bush Fire Risk Management map from

NSWRFS District office showing lots of information about our two villages. And of course the kids can explore the trucks!

From the NSWRF website:

Getting ready for the bush fire season can be easier than you think. Little things you do now can make a big difference during a bush fire. Simply by trimming overhanging trees and shrubs, keeping your grass mowed, removing flammable material, clearing up fallen debris and leaves and preparing hoses to reach around your home you can help prevent burning embers from destroying your home. IT'S A FACT! If you follow the five simple steps to getting ready and have a bush fire survival plan you will reduce the risk to you and your home.

Working together we can all help make our communities safer this bush fire season.



Top five actions

Don't know where to start? You can:

1 TRIM

overhanging trees and shrubs.

2 MOW

your lawn and remove all the cut grass.

3 REMOVE

material that can burn around your home (e.g. door mats, wood piles, mulch, leaves, outdoor furniture).

4 CLEAR

and remove all the debris and leaves from the gutters surrounding your home.

5 PREPARE

a hose or hoses that can stretch all around the house.

Just a few small actions now could make all the difference if fire threatens your home.

Take a few moments out of your weekend to make a start towards preparing. It might be easier than you think!



Adios. Te veo pronto
(Goodbye. See you soon.)

Mina...
showing off that I can 'google' Spanish phrases.

