



# HUFF STUFF

## Newsletter

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Greetings everyone.

As we head into our final month of winter, we can be grateful for the good fall of rain over the last few days. We have managed to avoid heavy snowfall so far meaning no highway closures, although I'm sure there are many disappointed snow lovers still hoping for a late show.

There has been no word on the upcoming fire season as yet but as soon as I hear something I will share it. Which brings me to a matter that has come to my attention on more than one occasion.

A fairly new resident who has a HUFF Facilitator in their street received no information at all during the recent fires that threatened many homes in Blackheath.

One of the main aims of HUFF is to share information. Collecting your neighbours' email addresses is the easiest way to disseminate information, especially if you are away on holidays, or you have decided to 'leave early' or you are too busy to go door-knocking. Now, in winter, is a good time to meet the people in your street and set up an email group.

If you don't know how to set up an email group you can book in with Simon from CyberShed at the neighbourhood centre and he will show you how to do it.

**Contact BANC on 4787 7770 or**

**Simon on 0458 099 001.**

**Email [cyber\\_shed@banc.org.au](mailto:cyber_shed@banc.org.au)**

I know that many facilitators did a wonderful job during Black Summer and I'm sure many more people than in the past made informed decisions based on the information they received. Having said that we are about to launch a survey to glean more information on the effectiveness of the HUFF Program (see poster below).

It will be coming your way soon.

Thank you for being part of helping to make our community more resilient.

Regards, Mina Howard



**Have you been involved in the HUFF program as a facilitator or community member? If so, we want to hear from you!**

Blackheath Neighbourhood Centre will shortly be conducting surveys to find out about your experience, thoughts and ideas on the HUFF program.

We will share our results with you and the community to report on what is working and how we can improve. We also hope to write a journal article that can be shared with other communities, to help them develop plans to be fire (and other emergencies) ready.

We would like to have as many people undertake the survey as possible. Survey forms will be available from BANC (pick up as many as you need for your HUFF community) and online from mid-August.

If you have any questions, please phone or email Mina. 0419 629 407; [minahow@bigpond.net.au](mailto:minahow@bigpond.net.au)