



HUFF STUFF  
 Newsletter  
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Greetings everyone,  
 There have been lots of hazard reductions (HR's) lately in the mountains and thankfully we have been spared the lingering smoke. I did however spend five hours at Echo Point last week explaining to lots of disappointed tourists why they couldn't see the 'Three Sisters'. Most were understanding but I felt their pain, especially for those who had travelled from Sydney by train.



*Zero visibility at Echo Point last Saturday*

We were scheduled for a HR in Kenny Street area, Mount Victoria this weekend but forecasted bad weather has had it put off yet again. Our brigade spent Sunday scrambling into Kanimbla Valley to clear the trail in preparation however, so we are quite disappointed.

There is a scheduled HR for the Rhododendron Gardens this Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> May. It is being managed by F&RNSW with RFS supporting. So if you see any smoke please pass on this information to any concerned neighbours. If smoke is coming your way keep your doors and windows closed.

Thank you for supporting the evening with Matt French from the RSPCA. I trust you found it informative. From this meeting has come an idea to form a committee and see if we can come up with a strategy to provide for our pets in times of emergencies. If you are interested in being involved let me know. I have already approached John Bartlett from the Pet Resort who has a very good plan already, John Isbister our well loved former vet, and I will also speak to the current vet staff.



*This van can be quickly turned into a 'hospital'.*

**AIDER Success Story**

One of our local residents had the AIDER Team in yesterday. She said that 'they turned a wilderness into a beautiful park'. She rediscovered her clothesline, and a seat, where she can now enjoy the garden. The four workers spent five hours doing what she had been trying to get local handymen to do for some years. Please keep AIDER in mind for your neighbours, friends and relatives.

**What Happens when the HUFF Facilitator 'falls over'?**

Last week I got a call from my neighbour, and HUFF Facilitator, to come down and unlock the gate for the ambulance. I wasted no time in rushing down and doing just that then waited with her until the ambulance arrived. Before we set up HUFF Margaret was just the lady down the road but now, having given her my number and having regular contact, she was able to rely on me for assistance. This is a good example of knowing your neighbours' contact details and, for the record, she is fine now.



*Margaret recovering after a severe nose bleed.*

Warm Regards, Mina

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*A reminder that Mina is at BANC every  
Wednesday but can be contacted on  
0409 629 407 any time.*