

Community
Association

**HAMLEY BRIDGE
TOWN EMERGENCY
PLAN
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**Produced by the Hamley Bridge Community Association in
consultation with the Hamley Bridge community, CFS Community
Engagement Officer, local CFS and Wakefield Regional Council**

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HAMLEY BRIDGE TOWN EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the event of the Hamley Bridge Township being threatened by a natural disaster (fire, flood, extreme weather damage etc), or a prolonged power outage during extreme heat:

Dial 000 to report all emergencies in the first instance

FIRE DANGER WARNINGS

A new fire danger rating system was introduced across Australia on 1 September 2022. It has been:

- simplified to make it easier to stay safe on days of high fire danger
- backed by improvements in science to better predict areas of greater risk
- implemented across Australia so you'll be able to understand the level of threat wherever you are.

A copy of the rating system is attached to this plan.

FIRE DANGER INFORMATION

- Visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au and subscribe to bushfire warnings and other important CFS information
- Check and follow [Facebook: @CountryFireService](#) or [Twitter: @CFSAlerts](#)
- Listening to a battery powered radio for **ABC 89.1 AM**
- Call the Bushfire Information Hotline: **1800 362 361** (TTY 133 677)
- For emergency help in flood and storm phone SASES **132500**
- Phone **000** for police, ambulance or fire assistance
- Contact friends, family and neighbours
- Mobile phone coverage is strongest at the phone tower on Stockport Road adjacent to the cemetery.

THE HAMLEY BRIDGE INSTITUTE CAN BE USED AS A SAFE PLACE TO ASSEMBLE DURING AN EMERGENCY

The institute is not built to fire safe standards, but it is located in a *bushfire safer place* within the town of Hamley Bridge.

It is important to remember that all members of the community must take responsibility for their own safety and prepare their own emergency plan. Travelling to the Institute or a last resort refuge may be dangerous.

Bushfire Last Resort Refuges

It is important not to confuse *Bushfire Last Resort Refuges* with a *Bushfire Safer Place*. Bushfire Last Resort Refuges are your **LAST** choice of location to shelter from a bushfire.

The closest Bushfire Last Resort Refuge to Hamley Bridge is the Wasleys Oval. The Hamley Bridge oval ***is not*** a designated last resort refuge.

A Bushfire Last Resort Refuge is a space or building which you could go to and remain in during a bushfire in your area. It is an area that provides a minimum level of protection from the immediate life threatening effects of radiant heat and direct flame contact in a bushfire.

A Bushfire Last Resort Refuge is intended to provide a place of relative safety during a bushfire. It does not guarantee the survival of those who assemble there. You should only use a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge when your Bushfire Survival Plan has failed and you cannot safely relocate to a Bushfire Safer Place.

Risks associated with Bushfire Last Resort Refuges are¹:

- travelling to a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge may be dangerous. Traffic congestion, fire activity, heavy smoke, accidents or fallen trees may block the route
- there is no guarantee that you will be safe from fire or radiant heat when travelling to or sheltering at a Bushfire Last Resort Refuge
- emergency services may not be present
- there may be limited capacity
- Bushfire Last Resort Refuges do not cater for animals
- Bushfire Last Resort Refuges do not provide meals, amenities or special needs (e.g. for infants, the elderly, the ill or disabled)
- Bushfire Last Resort Refuges may not provide shelter from the elements, particularly flying sparks and embers.

If the institute is required to be opened in an emergency:

During **opening hours**, the keys are available from the General Store;

After-hours, the keys can be obtained from the key box at the side entrance to the Institute. Personnel in the town who have the code to the key box include:

1. HBCA President - 0428 286 331	2. HBCA Secretary – 0429 155743
3. Institute Booking Officer - 0400 282 574	4. Back-up contact – 0450066848
	5. Back-up contact - 0419269227

Please text each one until you get a response.

Emergency Power Supply

The generator may need to be turned on. It must be operated following the instructions found in the tube attached to the generator fence and posted on the front door of the Institute and on the Institute storeroom cupboard door along with the key to the generator fence.

¹ www.cfs.sa.gov.au – Bushfire Safer Places and Bushfire Last Resort Refuges

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY:

- Please make your way to the Institute in a safe a manner as soon as possible.
- Pets are allowed inside the Institute in an emergency event, but must be contained, on a leash at all times or crated. (Dogs that cannot safely be around others can be restrained and attended along the northern fence line of the carpark, in a shaded area.



- People with Horse floats and other large animals can park in the streets around the town, preferably within the safer place area. ***Please park on the left hand side of streets only and ensure there is plenty of access room for emergency vehicles to pass and access the area around the Institute. Do not block driveways.***

- When parking please be aware of keeping access clear for emergency vehicles, **do not block driveways and do not park in Light Street**, as emergency vehicles will need clear access and egress to and from this area.
- Bring your “go bag” (see below for what you need to have in your bag) including any medications you may need (enough for 24hrs) with you to the Institute. If you are bringing your pet, please ensure you have everything they need to stay safely too.
- All directives from emergency services personnel must be followed when assembled in the Institute.

Emergency Kit Contents

Pack the following items in your emergency kit to take with you:

- Adequate amount of water and food
- Battery powered radio, torch and spare batteries
- Contact information for: doctor, council, power company.
- Driver's licence/photo ID
- Insurance papers
- Jewellery (small precious items you can easily carry)
- Medicines and first aid kit
- Medical prescriptions
- Mobile phone and charger
- Overnight bag with change of clothes, toiletries, sanitary supplies
- Passport
- Photos
- USB stick or file containing important files/papers
- Will
- 100% woollen blankets

FIRES CAN THREATEN SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT WARNING

- You should always be ready to act to protect yourself and your family. You may not receive any official emergency warning. Electricity, phone and water supply may be lost.
- Prepare a BUSHFIRE SAFETY PLAN for your family. Information on how to prepare a plan can be found on the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au .
- Keep a copy of the plan on your fridge or another handy place.

This plan has been put together with input from local people (some who have experienced bushfire conditions) to help with preparation for emergency conditions (please see the disclaimer on the front page). If you have any suggestions to improve the plan please phone 0429 155743 or text with your ideas.

Know your daily Fire Danger Rating

FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?
MODERATE	Most fires can be controlled	Plan and prepare
HIGH	Fires can be dangerous	Be ready to act
EXTREME	Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous	Take action now to protect your life and property
CATASTROPHIC	If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost	For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas

Fire Danger Ratings vs Warnings



Fire Danger Ratings

Describe the potential level of danger a community could face, should a bushfire start. Use Fire Danger Ratings to understand and act **before** a fire starts.



Warnings

Provide information about what to do **during** a hazard, such as a bushfire. Use Warnings to understand what danger you're in, and what you need to do to stay safe.

Here is the link for more information and a colour copy of the Fire Danger Ratings

<https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/restrictions/australian-fire-danger-ratings/>