



# ISAACS Neighbourhood Watch Group

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### **PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE. this bushfire season**

The ACT Emergency Services Agency has adopted the new nationally developed framework for bushfire information in the Territory ahead of the 2009/2010 official bushfire season.

The changes in the ACT include:

- using the new Fire Danger Metre featuring two new levels, SEVERE and CATASTROPHIC (CODE RED);
- publishing the Fire Danger Indices with the daily Fire Danger Rating; and
- replacing the Stay and Defend or Go Early slogan with PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.

The table at

[http://www.rfs.act.gov.au/ESAWebsite/content\\_rfs/rfs\\_home\\_page/rfs\\_home\\_page.html](http://www.rfs.act.gov.au/ESAWebsite/content_rfs/rfs_home_page/rfs_home_page.html) outlines the Fire Danger Ratings and provides you with some insight into what the fire behaviour might be and the potential impacts.

These ratings have been created using research from past events; statistics on loss of life and property that tell us the danger is real and where various Regulations and Codes for building in bushfire areas are applicable.

**To find out how to PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE** go to [http://www.esa.act.gov.au/ESAWebsite/content\\_esa/bushfires/16\\_09\\_2009\\_prepare\\_act\\_survive\\_guide](http://www.esa.act.gov.au/ESAWebsite/content_esa/bushfires/16_09_2009_prepare_act_survive_guide)

Read more on the ACT adopting a new fire warning system at <http://www.chiefminister.act.gov.au/media.php?v=8559&m=53>  
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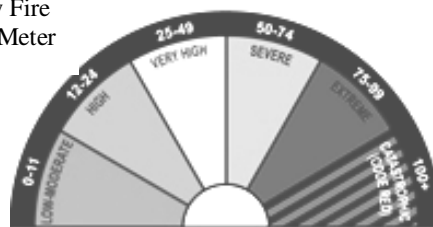
### **Dogs in our neighbourhood**

Some concerns have been expressed by residents on paths to the ridge that dogs are being allowed to roam freely and pollute gardens on their way to the forest for daily walks. A request has been made for the dogs to be kept on leashes until they reach the forest to reduce or eliminate the problem. The cooperation of owners would be greatly appreciated

### **Summertime reminders:**

- Drive safely during the holiday period.
- Make sure that your home and surrounds are secure.
- Know your fire and storm plans and procedures.
- Be sun smart – don't stay out in the sun too long, don't overheat yourself or let others get too hot.
- Drink plenty of fluids in hot weather
- Keep up to date on advisories for fire bans, bush fires, storms and other events.

The new Fire  
Danger Meter



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**Crime Statistics:**

Crime statistics are deleted from the website at the request of the AFP - they are available on hard copies distributed to all residents of the suburb.

At the time of going to print, the first Australian Catastrophic fire danger warning has been issued. Inform yourself of the new fire danger ratings and what you should do in an emergency.

**From the President:**

Dear Members of ACT Neighbourhood Watch

As you are aware the Annual General Meeting of ACT Neighbourhood Watch was held in August, and for your information I have set out below details of the newly elected Board of Management. A copy of this including contact details will be posted on the website in the near future.

Unfortunately Ursula Macdermott was unable to attend the AGM due to ill health but our appreciation for her outstanding contribution to Neighbourhood Watch over the last 25 years and in particular for the last six years as President of the Association was recorded with acclamation.

It was gratifying to see so many of you at the meeting as well as nine police officers. The guest speaker, Commander Bruce Hill Deputy CPO - Response, outlined some of his work history and spoke about various aspects of ACT Policing; the need for ACT Police to engage and work with the community and the close working relationship with Neighbourhood Watch which ACT Policing believes in and continues to support whole heartedly.

The Board of Management is looking forward to the various challenges an Association such as ours must meet and to an interesting couple of years. We also look forward to better communication with our members and if you have anything you would like us to consider or any ideas for the betterment of the Association, please do not hesitate to contact me.

My best wishes to you all - Margaret

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**For police attendance use: 131 444.  
But, for all life-threatening emergencies use: “0 0 0”**