

Rural Fire Division

WHAT IS IT?



**NEW RURAL FIRE DIVISION
RUN BY BUSHFIRE EXPERTS**



**LOCAL TRAINING
AND SUPPORT**

HOW WILL IT WORK?

Roles within the Rural Fire Division (RFD) support volunteer training, risk management, research and best practice.

**INCREASED
FOCUS ON
MITIGATION
AND PLANNING**



**STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS
WITH VOLUNTEERS**



**LOCAL TRAINING AND
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**



**BUSHFIRE CENTRE
OF EXCELLENCE FOCUSING
ON HIGH-LEVEL TRAINING,
RESEARCH, BEST PRACTICE
AND STRATEGIC ADVICE**

HOW DOES IT SUPPORT AND WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH VOLUNTEERS?

- 1** Designed to use the knowledge and expertise of volunteers.
- 2** Record investment in training with the Bushfire Centre of Excellence.
- 3** Greater collaboration between agencies, local governments and volunteers.
- 4** Volunteer Support Officers will assist brigades, groups and units with cutting red tape.
- 5** Volunteer Liaison Officers will ensure all volunteers have a greater input in bushfire management.

WHY DO WE NEED IT?



**BUSHFIRES
WILL BE MORE
FREQUENT
AND SEVERE
AS A RESULT
OF CLIMATE
CHANGE**



**RURAL AND
REGIONAL
EXPERTISE
IS INVALUABLE**



**FIRES CAN
DESTROY
COMMUNITIES
AND CAUSE
MILLIONS OF
DOLLARS
WORTH OF
DAMAGE**



**PREVENTION
AND
PROTECTION
IS BETTER
THAN
RECOVERY**