



Northern Archers of Sydney Inc. Bushfire Management Plan 2015

Pennant Hills Park facility will be closed on catastrophic fire rating day.

It is recommended that you do not stay and defend if:

- There is an extreme fire danger rating and your facility has not been specifically designed and constructed to withstand extreme fire conditions.
- The facility is not well maintained
- Staff or park users are not emotionally prepared or physically fit to cope with extreme circumstances.

<p>On any other day, triggers we will not stay and defend are:</p>	<p>(Consider triggers, such as fire in the vicinity, the smell of smoke, loss of water or power or failure of equipment)</p> <p>Fire in the vicinity, presence of smoke, presence of fire fighting equipment, advised to leave by Council, Police or Fire fighters.</p> <p>If persons present do not have appropriate footwear or clothing to safely perform fire protection tasks (including long sleeve shirt, trousers, closed footwear)</p> <p>If persons present are not familiar with the use of equipment provided for fire protection tasks or do not possess the knowledge of fire protection activities.</p> <p>Loss of water supply to the club area, such that fire protection activities would not be able to be undertaken safely.</p>
<p>As the fire approaches we will:</p>	<p>(prepare for an ember attack, list the action you will take)</p> <p>Contact the club Secretary on 0417 681 959 and notify that you will be staying to defend the property, provide details of all persons who will be remaining on site. Follow any instructions and advice from Club secretary regarding decision to stay or go.</p> <p>Ensure gutters of roof are kept clear. Prepare equipment for use in carrying out fire protection tasks (hoses etc.) Use water hose where possible. Block down pipes and fill gutters with water Ensure any combustible materials are removed from the exterior of the structures i.e. Furniture, bbq (incl. LPG cylinder),</p> <p>Secure storage containers to prevent entry of embers,</p> <p>While safe to do so, utilise equipment to extinguish embers and spot fires.</p>
<p>Once the fire has arrived we will:</p>	<p>(Stay safe by monitoring the fire from inside your facility. List the action you are going to do such as check inside the roof space.)</p> <p>Stay inside the club house with doors closed (to prevent entry of embers and smoke).</p> <p>Monitor for signs of fire spread to the club house structure (ceilings are not lined and can therefore be easily monitored)</p> <p>Exit the structure, only when safe to do so, after the fire front has passed.</p>



<p>After the fire has passed we will</p>	<p>(Prepare your property, checking under the house, decks and in the roof space for burning embers, you may need to do this for several hours. Outline the actions you will take)</p> <p>Confirm the welfare of all persons who have remained, i.e. injuries and effects of smoke inhalation. If necessary conduct first aid and call 000 if serious.</p> <p>Conduct a comprehensive inspection of all structures and surrounds including; roof, gutters and storage containers to ensure they are free of smouldering embers, hose down any suspect places. If structures have been impacted by fire notify fire authorities by calling '000'.</p> <p>Contact club secretary on 0417 681 959 to advise of impacts of fire and to report on welfare of persons who remained to protect property.</p>

A backup plan: Sometimes things don't go according to plan; other options may need to include:

Our places of last resort are: (Neighbourhood Safe Places/ other safer locations:

As the club is at the end of Pennant Hills Park access road, the next closest building is the Hockey canteen for any sort of protection. The only exit is back along the access rd.

Our back up travel routes: In the absence of an opportunity to safely evacuate the area before the arrival of the fire front, all persons will remain inside the club house and close the doors. The club house is separated from adjacent bushland by a well maintained area of reduced vegetation. This will minimise the impact of radiant heat and potential for fire involvement of the club house structure.