



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**

## **BECOME A MEMBER OF YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT (CFU)**



**Do you know you live in one of the most bushfire prone areas of Warringah! Major bushfires in 1994 resulted in a substantial number of houses being damaged/destroyed in the area.**

**Are you prepared for the next one?**

**Duffys Forest Rural Fire Brigade part of New South Wales Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) invites you to become a member of the Duffys Forest local Community Fire Unit.**

### **What is a Community Fire Unit (CFU)?**

**Community Fire Units** or **CFU's** are members of the local community who join the **NSW Rural Fire Service** and are provided with Personal Protective Clothing (blue uniform), the skills, knowledge, confidence and awareness to assist in protecting your home and homes of your neighbours from bushfires.

CFU members are fully insured NSW RFS members and are not expected to crew fire trucks, or provide assistance beyond protecting their homes and homes of their neighbours.



## Who are the Members?

All CFU members become CFU volunteers of the NSW Rural Fire Service Duffys Forest Brigade and are residents in a local community area, who have completed the CFU one (1) day training course and one follow-up 4 hour field training. Also commit to at least one ongoing preseason training each year.

## Activities carried out by being part of a CFU team

- Participate in bushfire & NSW RFS Hazard Reduction activities
- Be prepared to defend your home from bushfires.
- Assist your neighbours to protect their properties from bushfires including hot spots or ember attack, until the fire service arrives.
- Extinguishing hot spots after a bushfire has passed, so fire fighters can concentrate on other fire-fighting activities.
- As a volunteer CFU member you would provide support to the Emergency Services. CFU members do not fight front line fires. They protect their own properties when bushfires threaten.



## What do you get being a trained CFU Member?

- **Fully insured CFU Membership** - of NSW Rural Fire Service Duffys Forest Brigade
- **One (1) day of free CFU training** - to prepare you to defend a property against bushfires.
- **Free NSW RFS provided Protective clothing** - allowing you to work safely in a bushfire zone including; boots, gloves, jacket, trousers, helmet, flash hood & goggles.
- **Access to dedicated CFU trailers** - equipped with firefighting equipment such as pump, hoses, radio, knapsack and standpipe for accessing town water.
- **Access to RFS members Website** - including access to full fire details and maps across NSW.
- **Membership of Duffys Forest RFB** - including access to all monthly meetings training and activities.



## Commitment expected of CFU Members?

- **CFU members** are expected to attend at least one training session a year in order to update their skills, refresh their knowledge about the equipment and operation procedures.

## Timeframe

- CFU course to be announced
- Complete online induction training
- Attend a one day CFU training session
- Attend a four hour field training session
- Attend a yearly preseason refresher training



**For further information regarding CFU  
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