

# BE PREPARED FOR

## BUSHFIRE SEASON

### RURAL NUMBERS ARE A LIFESAVER

Rural road numbering provides an easy to use address reference, similar to urban residential street addresses. Emergency services rely on clear and legible property identification to enable access and egress when responding to emergency situations.



### HOW DO RURAL NUMBERS WORK?

The numbering system is based on the distance in metres (divided by 10) from the start of the origin of the road to a formed driveway. It also identifies which side of the road your property is located, with odd numbers on the left and even numbers on the right.

### GETTING A NEW RURAL NUMBER

For new residences, Cook Shire Council will supply a post and the reflecting rural numbers at no charge. The property owner is responsible for installing the post number themselves. The post should be located 2 metres outside the edge of the road shoulder and approximately 1 metre above the ground.

### MAINTAINING YOUR RURAL NUMBER

Once installed, maintenance of a rural number marker becomes the responsibility of the property owner. Maintenance should include removing grass and vegetation to ensure the marker is clearly visible from the road. The marker should be regularly checked to ensure the numbers are legible. If your rural number has become illegible due to sun or other damage, Council will replace the marker at the property owner's cost.



### HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

- Clear leaves, twigs, bark and other debris from the roof and gutters.
- Keep loose items around your property and garden secure.
- Point LPG cylinder relief valves away from the house.
- Conduct maintenance checks on pumps, generators, water systems.
- Check and fix any corrosion, rotten timber and loose fittings.
- Seal all gaps in external roof and wall cladding.
- Reduce vegetation loads along your access path.
- Mow your grass regularly.
- Remove excess ground fuels and combustible material (long dry grass, dead leaves and branches).
- Trim low-lying branches 2 metres from the ground surrounding your home.

### HOW DO WE FIND YOU?

- Display a prominent house, rural number or lot number, in case it is required in an emergency.
- Ensure there is adequate access to your property for fire trucks - 4 metres wide by 4 metres high, with a turn-around area.

### HAVE YOU CHECKED?

- That you have sufficient personal protective clothing and equipment.
- That flammable items are not stored near your home, including woodpiles, boxes, crates, hanging baskets and garden furniture.
- That your first aid kit is fully stocked.
- That your household Emergency and Bushfire Survival Plan is up to date.

### IN AN EMERGENCY

If you are aware of a fire which could cause harm to people, property or the environment, always phone 000 to report.

### OTHER FIRE CONTACTS

For fire permits, information about membership, training or hazard reduction burns, contact your local rural fire brigade or Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Rural Fire Service by phoning 07 4232 5468.

