



**Community Meeting for Gidgegannup Residents
Wednesday 25th, March 2009
Gidgegannup Fire Station commencing 7.00 pm.**

The Bushfire Tragedies in Victoria are a stark reminder of the risks we all face and the importance of advanced preparations. Whether your plan is to *Stay and Defend or Go EARLY* (or if you have no plan at all) you should not miss the opportunity to meet with experienced Fire Fighters and BRAG Facilitators to discuss in open forum what everybody should know about being Bushfire Ready.

Come along to meet your local volunteers and join with your neighbours as we provide an update on the dangers of bushfire in Gidgegannup and what you can do to be prepared. ARE YOU BUSHFIRE READY?

All Gidgegannup residents and landowners are invited to an open information evening Wednesday 25th March 2009 to meet your local volunteers but more importantly to discuss and have your questions answered on issues including:

- Stay and Defend or Go Early is about preparation and making the decision NOW
- The dangers of late evacuation
- Being safer in your house than evacuating late in a car
- The risks of bushfires in Gidgegannup
- What to do in readiness for a bush fire
- What to do if a bushfire threatens my property or is nearby
- How to find out what is happening when there is a fire in Gidgegannup
- Understanding when and why we have a restricted burning period
- What it means to have a permit to burn
- Is my property prepared for the current season, what else can I do?
- How to plan for the 2009/2010 summer
- What it means to be a volunteer fire fighter
- How do I join the brigade?
- How can I help if I don't want to be a fire fighter?

Whether you are a long term resident/landowner or new to Gidgegannup this meeting will cover the things that you can, should and must do to protect yourselves and your homes in the event of a fire emergency in Gidgegannup. Complimentary tea and coffee will be available and the evening should conclude by 9.00pm.

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