



Clarence
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Clarence Valley Bushfire Recovery & Preparedness Project Landholder Preparedness Packages



An Australian Government Initiative



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Preparedness Packages

- 65 landholders: Nymboida, Taloumbi, Glenreagh, Kremonos, Buccarumbi, Kangaroo Creek, Coutts Crossing
- Landholder package = \$3700 funding

Black Mountain Road - Nymboida



This grant has given me an enormous 'shot in the arm'. We have now purchased and installed the equipment which we needed when we fought our last fire. I have revised our fire plan and we now have some tools to fight back when the next fire comes.

Fighting to defend our place during the Black Summer fires took an enormous emotional and physical toll on me. We prepared, we fought and we saved some of our assets. Because of our physical isolation I know that there will never be any back up support. If a fire moves too quickly there will be no escape.

As a result of this grant; next time when I stand and defend, I will have a chance to fight fire with the equipment I need.



Glens Creek Road - Nymboida

Personal outcomes

How has this assisted you in being prepared for the bushfire season? Physically and mentally.

Eg. Firefighting equipment now installed at the house, I feel better prepared for the future

Prior to receiving this grant, we only had a 30-year-old firefighting backpack and sprinkler systems around the perimeter of our clearing and on the roof of our house. Whilst this helped saved our home in 2019, we lost a building as we could not get water to it. With the firefighter trailer we now feel more confident that we have reduced our risk of losing buildings and have a greater chance to support our immediate neighbour, who has no dam.

Personal outcomes

How has this assisted you in being prepared for the bushfire season? Physically and mentally.

Eg. Firefighting equipment now installed at the house, I feel better prepared for the future.

My property was 100% burned through two years in a row and I fought the fire both years with buckets of water. I started the process of assembling a firefighting unit, purchasing a trailer and portable water tank but have not been able to afford the equipment that was necessary to complete the setup until receiving this grant. The addition of a rooftop sprinkler system for the house and one shed provides another good level of preparedness. Thanks to the Black Summer Grant I am very well prepared to safely respond to future wildfire scenarios, and protect my family, animals and home. I feel extremely grateful and confident managing fires will be much less stressful in the future.

Old Glen Innes Road - Buccarumbi



Personal outcomes

How has this assisted you in being prepared for the bushfire season? Physically and mentally.

Eg. Firefighting equipment now installed at the house eg: I feel better prepared for the future.

Both firefighter trailers will be mobile and have access to all areas of our property

This will take away the mental stress in being prepared for the bush fire season

Grasstree Drive - Taloumbi



Personal outcomes

How has this assisted you in being prepared for the bushfire season? Physically and mentally.

Eg. Firefighting equipment now installed at the house eg: I feel better prepared for the future.

OUR WESTERN PERIMETER IS NOW PROTECTED BY
ROOF SPRINKLES AND POP UP (IN GROUND SPRINKLERS)
ALSO A 120FT FIRE HOSE+REEL PLUS STORZ FITTING FOR R.F.S.
WE FEEL MUCH BETTER PREPARED FOR THE FUTURE

Laytons Range Road - Nymboida



Installation Complete and Operational



Laying Pipes



Joining Hose Reel and Roof Sprinklers

2. PROJECT ON GROUND OUTCOMES (Upon completion of Project)

Please describe how you implemented the project on your property eg. We purchased and installed the firefighter pump and fire hoses onto our house tank. Please attach photos of these completed works:

1. We purchased fencing material and completed six fence lines.
2. Purchased hose and fittings to complete a fire truck.

Frickers Road - Nymboida



Personal outcomes

How has this assisted you in being prepared for the bushfire season? Physically and mentally.
Eg. Firefighting equipment now installed at the house eg: I feel better prepared for the future.

1. Having fencing completed allows us to put stock back on our property, which helps manage the land.
 2. Having the fire truck ready for upcoming fire season.
- Both items gives us reassurance in a fire season.

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Please describe how you implemented the project on your property eg. *We purchased and installed the firefighter pump and fire hoses onto our house tank.* Please attach photos of these completed works:

We purchased the plumbing materials for our on ground and roof sprinkler project from various resources. Ryan used a trench digger to lay the underground pipes for sprinklers to be set up at a 360 around our Asset Protection Zone of our dwelling. The roof sprinklers hook onto the gutters during Bushfire Season.

Brooms Head Road - Taloumbi

Personal outcomes

How has this assisted you in being prepared for the bushfire season? Physically and mentally.

Eg. Firefighting equipment now installed at the house, I feel better prepared for the future.

The completion of this project is a great asset to our bushfire protection plan for our family home and we very

much appreciate the assistance from Clarence Landcare for their financial assistance and support in setting

up our sprinkler systems. The energy put into this project is absolutely worth the extra piece of mind in

bushfire protection!! We are much better prepared for future bushfire events.



2. PROJECT ON GROUND OUTCOMES (Upon completion of Project)

Please describe how you implemented the project on your property eg. We purchased and installed the firefighter pump and fire hoses onto our house tank. Please attach photos of these completed works:

I purchased 3 hoses and 2 firefighting pumps – one is attached to the 20000l concrete tank that survived the fires with 2 hoses, the other pump is connected at the dam so that water is able to be pumped up to a header tank and accessed up on the driveway, with a firehose located at the dam as well for fire-fighting. Half-way down the hill is a 6-man fire-bunker – I purchased two 16l fire-fighting backpacks which are full and ready for use inside the fire-bunker so that anyone sheltering inside will be prepared to fight any fires when they emerge once fire danger has passed. If someone is on the property and fire arrives, as it did on November 8 2019, they will be able to survive and fight fires effectively to protect the buildings on the property.



1.4 Davey double impeller pump/ hose installed.



1.4 Davey Single Impeller pump installed.



Fire reel installed



Aerial location of firefighting items

Martin Road - Nymboida



Firefighting knapsacks in a bunker ready for use.

Personal outcomes

How has this assisted you in being prepared for the bushfire season? Physically and mentally.

Eg. Firefighting equipment now installed at the house, I feel better prepared for the future.

It is a great relief to know that nobody will ever be stranded on my property, as I was, without options or

ability to fight the fire that grew closer on November 8 2019 and eventually arrived and burned everything.

I have a great sense of relief now knowing that, even in a catastrophic fire event, there is an excellent fire safety plan in place that will ensure the safety for the people living on the property as well as the buildings and infrastructure. The relief is palpable.

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- Contracted a local tree feller to fell the four hoop pines and to chip them to use as mulch for the new planting in the same area.
- Purchase of a brush cutter from Grafton Power Products in order to keep fire load to a minimum along the river bank and around the house.
- Purchase and installation of a 7HP Fire Fighting Pump and hose kit and installed onto house tank.

Personal outcomes

How has this assisted you in being prepared for the bushfire season? Physically and mentally.
Eg. *Firefighting equipment now installed at the house, I feel better prepared for the future.*

The Hoop Pines are now no longer a threat to fall on the house or catch on fire leading to the potential of the fire to be able to spread to the house.

Using the brush cutter I will be able to keep the long grass around the house and the river bank tidy reducing the fire load.

Peace of mind having good water pressure to wet down the house and surrounding area to try to avoid embers taking hold, and having the capability to fight small fires.

Armidale Road - Nymboida

