

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I SIGN UP?

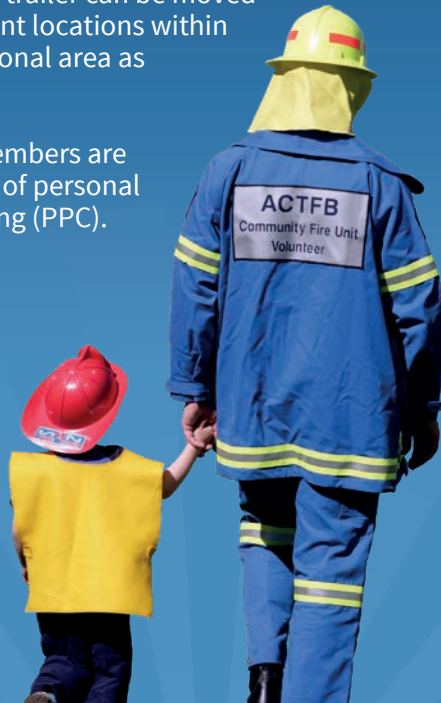
Each CFU member receives Induction training and ongoing skills refresher training from ACT Fire & Rescue.

MEMBERS WILL LEARN ESSENTIAL SKILLS, INCLUDING:

- › How to use firefighting equipment
- › Operate pumps
- › Use communications equipment
- › Understand fire behavior and fire weather
- › Personal safety techniques
- › Identify hazards
- › Develop a Bushfire Survival Plan

A fully equipped CFU trailer is provided to each unit. The trailer can be moved around to different locations within the CFUs operational area as required.

Once trained, members are issued with a set of personal protective clothing (PPC).



YOUR COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT

PROTECTING **YOUR**
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*You live in a
bushfire prone area*

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WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT?

A Community Fire Unit or “CFU” is a resource ACT Fire & Rescue can activate during a Bushfire. The CFU’s objective is to reduce the impacts from bushfires on life and property.



Your community is identified as a **Bushfire Prone Area (BPA)**.

Uncontrolled bushfires in forests, woodlands or grasslands, pose an immediate threat to properties and people in Bushfire Prone Areas.



WHO IS THE COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT?

A CFU is a team of volunteers that live in the same Bushfire Prone Area on the urban interface. The volunteers are trained to safeguard their homes during a bushfire.



A CFU TEAM INCLUDES

8 to 30 members
Operational & training area covers
50 to 80 homes

In the event of a bushfire the CFU team is activated within their operational area.

VOLUNTEERING WITH A COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT

You and your neighbours could benefit from becoming a volunteer in the Community Fire Unit Program.

AS A CFU MEMBER YOU CAN LEARN ABOUT:



Bushfire behavior



Fire-safe landscaping practices



Planning and preparing for bushfires



Operate basic firefighting equipment



Pre-treating and post fire operations

COMMUNITY FIRE UNIT ACTIVE MEMBER

As an active member of your local CFU, you will be involved in a number of activities.

AS PART OF THE CFU TEAM YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN:

- Ongoing training sessions with ACT Fire & Rescue
- Developing a Bushfire Survival Plan
- Engaging with like-minded people
- Preparing your home and local properties
- Protecting from spot fires or ember attack
- Operating basic firefighting equipment
- Mopping up and extinguishing spot fires
- Working with firefighters enabling them to concentrate on moving fire fronts

