



# Michael Gallacher MLC

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **BUSH FIRE SURVIVAL PLAN NOW AT YOUR FINGERTIPS**

NSW residents now have another way to make a Bush Fire Survival Plan with the launch of a new smartphone application.

Police and Emergency Services Minister Michael Gallacher said the NSW Rural Fire Service's MyFirePlan app is available through the Apple app and Google Play stores.

"We have seen in recent weeks the devastating effect bush fires can have on people, properties and communities," Minister Gallacher said.

"We have also seen how important it is to be prepared, and to have a plan for what to do during a fire.

"Having a plan and taking decisive action can make the difference in surviving a bush fire.

The MyFirePlan app provides general preparation advice including steps to take around the home, along with fill-in plans which will help you make the decision on staying and defending a prepared property, or leaving early.

The app gives the user the ability to share their plan with family and friends, and print it off so it can be easily accessed by family members.

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said the MyFirePlan app complements the existing Bush Fire Survival Plan which is available from local Fire Control Centres or through the NSW RFS website.

"We know during a bush fire one of the first things people take is their mobile phone and this puts important safety information right at their fingertips," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

"Anyone who lives near the bush should make a Bush Fire Survival Plan, which will help them with important decisions on when to leave, what to take and what to do with animals.

"Making a Bush Fire Survival Plan, such as through the MyFirePlan app, is an easy process.

"It's not too late to make a plan for this summer," Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

**The MyFirePlan app is available through the Apple App store or Google Play by searching for 'Bush Fire Survival Plan' or 'MyFirePlan' and is free of charge.**

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