

Lessons Learned from the Sherwood Fire Workshop

John Probert – CFS Regional Commander

We all need to keep raising awareness about mobile black spots.



Darryl Napper – Tatiara CFS Group, Group Officer

Local knowledge is invaluable during a fire. Are your neighbours home or not?

Tractors, disc ploughs, and farm fire units are incredibly valuable during a fire.



Robynne Jaeschke – Sherwood landholder

Can you get your car out if you have electric roller doors and the power goes out?

It was a hot day and the blinds were down.

We had a plan for where we were going (to Bordertown), but not how we were going to get there.



Steven Jaeschke – Sherwood landholder

Smart phones were difficult to handle when our hands were sticky and dirty.

Where are the tenants? Do they know what to do in a fire?



Charlie Crozier – Sherwood landholder

All of the plastic bits above the ground melted – water pipes, wires on electric fences.

Too many phone calls! 90 in the day after the fire.

How many kilometres of fence do you have on your place?

Pam Holland – Landmark-Marsh Advantage & Chris Matthews – MGA Insurance

Things that tended to be uninsured – fencing, shedding, grain, livestock.

Business Interruption and Continuation Insurance is very important.

Your insurance policies require regular review – every 12 months.

Asbestos in buildings greatly increases the clean up costs.

Andy Watts – Watts Abestos

There is asbestos in more things than you think.

Chemical masks do not filter out asbestos!



Leah Bertholini – CFS, Development Assessment Unit

Soon in Australia all fire trucks will be compatible with a Storzs Couplings.
Should be considered for being fitted on all fire water tanks.



Can you put one on your water tank? Can a fire truck get within 6 metres of your water tank?

Jason Drewitt – CFS, Regional Operational Planning Officer

When you arrive at a fire the Fire Appliances can be contacted on UHF 9.

Upon arrival on the fire ground a Farm Fire Unit should call into UHF 9 to register their presence, both for safety reasons and to be covered by CFS Workcover.

When is it OK to stop fighting the fire? It is ok to stop.

If you hear the sirens take cover, a water bomber is about to drop its load!



Megan Hurrell – CFS, Community Engagement Officer

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