

PRE SUMMER HOME CHECKLIST

Clear your gutters





- · Removes leaves & debris before storms hit
- Helps prevent overflowing into roof cavities & walls
- Reduces ember ignition risk during bushfire season

Check downpipes are flowing





- Run a quick hose test or look during rain
- A blocked downpipe = instant gutter overflow
- Overflowing water often travels inside walls before it shows

Look for rust or lifting roof sheets





- Check ridges, valleys & around penetrations
- Rust spreads more quickly in hot + humid weather
- · Lifting sheets can let wind get underneath in storms

Inspect flashing & sealants





- Pay attention to skylights, chimneys, solar mounts, vents
- These are the most common leak points not the sheet itself
- Small cracks now = major leaks in summer rain

Review ventilation





- Hot upstairs = heat trapped in the roof space
- Whirlybirds or passive vents let heat escape
- Better ventilation can reduce A/C load & power costs

Trim overhanging branches





- Reduces leaf fall into gutters
- Lowers fire risk from embers landing on dry material
- Helps prevent possums accessing your roof