

SUMMER FIREUP

2025

Proposed Hazard

Reduction (HR) for 2026

A planned hazard reduction burn is being considered from Gorricks Run to Bakers Creek. This proposal is still under negotiation, as the area may be too large and could require adjustment. Further updates will be provided in 2026. As we can never assume that our Hazard Reduction proposals will be approved or included in the 2026 HR program, we are encouraging property owners to take proactive steps. In the true spirit of St Albans resilience and self-reliance, we're promoting the use of Hazard Reduction certificates (HRCs) so that landowners can manage their own properties and create protective buffer zones around their homes. This helps reduce the risk and impact of future wildfires.

Fire season is
1st October to
31st March.
Fire Permits are
required
during this period.



Hazard Reduction Certificates (HRC) Updated Information

Landowners may apply for a Hazard Reduction Certificate to conduct burns on their own property or request assistance from the RFS (availability permitting). Burns are not permitted in areas impacted by Gosper's Mountain fires due to the required 7-year regeneration period. More information and the application form are available via the link below.

Application form:

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0017/13319/CMR1474Standards-HRC-Application-Formupdate-2021-final.pdf

Application instruction:

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/13320/CMR1475Standards-HRC-Applicationinstructions-2021-final.pdf

St Albans Personnel

Carrier (SAPC) - Becoming

Community First Response Vehicle

The SAPC is currently being upgraded to serve as a Community First Response vehicle.

This will allow our crew to provide initial triage and first aid while NSW Ambulance services are on their way. The vehicle is being fitted with dedicated first-aid equipment, and several of our crew have already completed advanced first-aid training through TACMed.

There is also the possibility of further training being arranged in partnership with RFS and NSW Ambulance Services to continue improving our first-aid capability.



We're Upgrading Our Brigade Website!

Soon you'll find direct links for:

- Fire Permit Information
- Providing or Updating Property Mud Maps
- SWS Info
- Request a Property Inspection
- 24/7 Q & A section.

The website will provide an online information pack for new and existing property owners.

We're also adding historical stories to celebrate the rich history of our brigade and community.

ST ALBANS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 13
FROM 5.30PM**

Join us as Santa arrives to kick off the festive celebrations!



Kids will receive show bags handed out by Santa; we'll have our classic jumping castle for the children. Come and enjoy fun community event with live music and more.

Tickets:

- \$20.00 per person, children under 10 years free.
- Sold on the night only
- BYO

Changes and Highlights This Year:

No raffles this year, so more dancing time.

Instead, participate in a **Silent Auction** featuring fabulous prizes, including Christmas Spectacular Vouchers, Sydney Chamber Orchestra tickets, a BBQ, and more!

PLUS - Lucky door prizes will also be up for grabs throughout the night.

We would greatly appreciate toy donations for underprivileged children.

Desert donations are also welcome, but with a twist!

We're holding a **Bake-Off Competition for the best desserts:**

- Entries to be delivered on the night by 6:00p.m
- Judging will happen during the evening by neutral parties. Prizes for 1st,
- 2nd and 3rd place.

Interested in competing?

Email the Brigade on stalbansbushfirebrigade@gmail.com with your details and the dessert you're entering.

You're also very welcome to simply bring a dessert to share and not enter the competition. All donations are gratefully accepted.

HAVE A COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND A SENSE OF ADVENTURE?

JOIN A GREAT TEAM AT THE ST ALBANS VOLUNTEER BUSH FIRE BRIGADE!



- We welcome Volunteers for
 - Fire Fighting
 - Communications
 - Community Engagement
 - Catering
 - Various Support Roles and
 - First Aid Response Team.
- We also hold Area Familiarisation Days to build essential local knowledge.
- We have a junior crew members team, and we're developing a Youth Leadership Course to support their growth.
- Plus, our Kids Fire Safety Program returns in 2026 during the school holidays - date to be announced.
- In 2026, we'll also deliver community training in radio use, the community firefighting trailer, and portable pump operation and maintenance.

Our Next Basic Firefighting Course begins late January 2026.

Find out more, and Apply using these links or just Come have a chat.....

Candidate Guide:

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/232653/N_SW-RFS-candidate-guide.pdf

How to Submit an Online Application Guide:

<https://youtu.be/ULvMPeBCUCE>

Application Form:

https://nswrfsprod.servicenow.com/rfse/mbr?id=embr_start