

Welcome to Yass River – Nanima Bush Fire Brigade

When you join our Brigade, you are also joining the RFS (NSW Rural Fire Service).

There is no joining fee but each year we ask for a donation in lieu of a fee.

The brigade and the RFS put a lot of time, effort and expensive equipment into ensuring our firefighters are well trained and not a danger to themselves or other brigade members in emergency situations.

All new members are required to complete an online Volunteer Induction (VI) and Safety Induction (SI) course. These short courses give you an understanding of how the RFS operates and how to participate in RFS activities safely.

if your intention is to help with our key support activities such as fund-raising and catering, these courses are all you need to do.

If you want to take part in emergency operations you will also need to obtain the Bush Firefighter (BF) qualification.

Once you have your BF, there are many other nationally accredited courses you can undertake as you become more experienced and proficient.

<p>STEP 1: Try us out</p> <p><i>For address and contact information see page 2</i></p>	<p>Come along to training to see if fire brigade activities are something you would enjoy. We train regularly throughout the year at the brigade fire shed. Call us to find out when the next training session is on.</p>
<p>STEP 2: Apply for membership</p> <p><i>For RFS website address and captain's contact information see page 2</i></p>	<p>If you like what you see, apply for membership using the online eMembership application form.</p> <p>You will need to scan and attach four types of ID (birth certificate, etc.) to the form, as well as evidence of double Covid vaccination. This is an RFS requirement. You also need to show the captain your original ID documents – a training night is often a suitable time. The captain validates your application.</p> <p>It takes time to process your application; meanwhile keep coming to training and/or participating in support activities.</p>
<p>STEP 3: RFS accepts your application</p> <p><i>For ACTIV information and online apps stores, see page 2</i></p>	<p>The RFS notifies you that your application has been accepted and gives you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Firezone/SAP ID number in the RFS system. You will need this number throughout your time in the brigade, including for courses. Keep it safe. • a login to the RFS's member website, ONERFS. <p>You are now a probationary member of the brigade.</p> <p>You need to install the RFS ACTIV app on your mobile phone.</p>
<p>STEP 4: VI, SI & BF training</p> <p><i>For website addresses and other contact information, see page 2.</i></p>	<p>Once the RFS has accepted your application, you may take the online induction courses, and the initial modules of the BF course, through ONERFS.</p> <p>You will need your ID number and a USI number (Australian Unique Student Identifier) to apply for each course.</p> <p>You complete the BF course at an assessment weekend: see the training calendar on our website for dates.</p> <p>After successfully completing the BF course you need your 'yellows' / PPC (personal protective clothing). Ask the captain to sign your PPC, phone the RFS Yass Fire Control Centre (Fire Con) to check they have your size in stock,, pick it up from Fire Con when it is.</p>
<p>STEP 5: Brigade accepts you as a permanent member</p>	<p>After six months as a probationary member and having completed the induction courses, you are eligible to be accepted into the brigade as a permanent member, either an associate member or, if you have also obtained your BF certificate, an ordinary member.</p> <p>Your permanent membership is approved at a meeting of brigade members.</p>

The Captain, Deputies and Training Officer can assist with you with these steps. Just ask.

Contacts

Brigade

Website: www.yassriverbfb.org

Address: 322 Greenwood Rd, Yass River (PO box 3039, Murrumbateman, 2582)

Brigade duty number: 02 6100 6252, this number diverts so be patient)

Yass Fire Control Centre (FCC) 1410 Laidlaw Street (PO Box 597) YASS NSW 2582, 02 6226 3100

Email addresses: captain@yassriverbfb.org, training@yassriverbfb.org

Step 1 contact information

Call us: (02) 6100 6252

Training takes place at the brigade fire shed, which is located on our own plot of land within the grounds of the Warrambui Conference and Retreat Centre, 322 Greenwood Rd, Yass River. Once you are through the entrance to the Warrambui grounds you will see the fire shed on your right.

Step 2 contact information

eMembership: <https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/join-the-nsw-rfs>

Step 3 contact information

ACTIV app: the RFS and the brigade use this app to alert members to emergency callouts as well as to pass on brigade business. The app is free from the respective app shops. The log in is your ONERFS login.

For further ACTIV information: <https://yassriverbfb.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/RFS-ACTIV-Training-Pack-V2.pdf>

Android ACTIV download: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.emerg.bartrfs>

Apple ACTIV download: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1529573652>

Step 4 contact information

For a USI number (Australian Unique Student Identifier): <https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>

For the VI & SI online courses and the online modules of the BF course: <https://fuel.rfs.nsw.gov.au/course/view.php?id=21>.

BF course assessment weekend: These weekend courses are listed on the training calendar on our website: <https://yassriverbfb.org/training/>

Our training section also contains other useful information, including a booklet listing most RFS courses.

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