

**Vale Sally Kaufmann, Hazard Reduction tips, Spring has sprung!
Murrumbateman Field Days**

Hello everyone!

Spring is here after a quite mild and wet winter. A wet winter combined with spring means that we may have lots of long dry grass by summer. With Fire season rapidly approaching make sure your property and you are ready.

Vale Sally Kaufmann

As many of you know, our long serving brigade member and Yass River resident, Sally Kaufmann passed away on 14 August.

Sally was passionate about our brigade, its history and its members and will be sorely missed. Sally had a special talent for rallying people to support fundraising activities and community events.

The Brigade is hosting an afternoon tea in memory of Sally on Saturday 10 October 2026 at 3 pm at our Fireshed to reflect on and remember Sally. All welcome. Please RSVP to me (address below) If you can bring a plate to share that would be great!



Photo of Sally from her friend Adele Z.

Fire Season - Are you prepared

Top 5 Actions to Make Your Property Safer



1. CLEAR / SLASH

Clear flammable materials (e.g. gas cylinders) and slash areas of long, dry grass around structures like the home and shed.



2. BURN

If you have the required permit / approval and training, conduct a controlled burn on your property to reduce fuel.



3. PLOUGH

Plough firebreaks around each paddock boundary to prevent the spread of fire.



4. ROTATE

Rotate stock across the property to ensure paddocks are well-grazed.



5. PREPARE

Prepare and maintain sturdy hoses and water pumps in case you need to defend your property.

More permanent protection for your property

- ☒ Prepare a property map and action plan
- ☒ Clean and maintain machinery such as tractors, slashers, harvesters, welders, chainsaws and grinders
 - Fit an approved spark arrestor
 - Carry a working water fire extinguisher (minimum 9L liquid or 0.9kg dry powder) or knapsack (minimum 16L)
- ☒ Prepare a safer location for livestock
- ☒ Remove overhanging branches from power lines
- ☒ Ensure that a fire truck can safely access your property
- ☒ Place water pipes from dams underground and install a pump to the house
- ☒ Make sure hoses have spray nozzles attached
- ☒ Keep water tanks full and connected to pumps

And last, but not least clear your gutters!

Murrumbateman Field Days – Save the Date/Volunteers

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 October 2026. I'll be seeking volunteers to fill our roster to work in Als shed very soon!

The field days are a major fundraiser for 11 local RFS brigades: Back Creek, Good Hope, Gundaroo, Jeir, Manton, Murrumbateman, Sutton, Springfield, Wallaroo, Yass River–Nanima and Yass Support.

A significant portion of the brigades' annual budgets on top of what we get from the RFS is raised through the efforts of our volunteers on this weekend.

Between us all we handle Al's Kitchen, the parking and the rubbish – all major logistical exercises.

While raising funds for our brigades, RFS volunteers also help the MFD management make the field days a successful weekend, meaning this weekend is another way our local brigades give to the community.

Training

Our next training will be 6.30 pm Tuesday 6 October 2026 at the shed - all are welcome even if you are just curious to see what we are all about.

Brigade Christmas Party – Save the Date!

Saturday afternoon, 12 December at the shed! All welcome!

Missing Notice Board

We are missing our Brigade 'corflute' Notice Board from the Yass River and Greenwood Road T intersection. If you happen to notice it please let me know and I'll come and grab it.

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