

Good afternoon,

The Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC, commissioned by the NSW RFS, is undertaking research into people's experiences of the 2019-20 bush fires in NSW. The results of the study will be used to inform strategies to improve community bush fire safety in NSW.

I am inviting you to support the research by letting your local community know it is happening and distributing the invitation amongst your Brigades who can share it with their communities.

The researchers are interested in hearing a range of stories and views from people who were directly and indirectly affected by the fires, including residents and tourists from all parts of NSW. Due to the current social distancing restrictions, community members will be interviewed via telephone or video conferencing (e.g. Zoom, Skype).

Please pass this information on to others who may be interested in participating by sharing the link to the [NSW RFS website page](#).

You could also share the post on the [NSW RFS Facebook page](#).

If you would like to know more about the NSW RFS involvement in this research please feel free to email community.engagement@rfs.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your assistance,

Regards,

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In the spirit of Reconciliation, I acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country, and their connection to land, water and community. I pay my respect to them, their cultures and customs, and to Elders past, present and emerging.

Community members are invited to participate in an interview via telephone or video conferencing (e.g. Zoom, Skype) to discuss their experiences of the recent fires.

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The results of the study will be used to inform strategies to improve community bush fire safety in NSW. Results will be presented to the NSW RFS, and reports and other publications will be publicly accessible at www.bnhcrc.com.au.

If you would like to arrange an interview, or have any questions about the research, please email bushfire-research@uow.edu.au or call Josh Whittaker on 0409 007 842.

Go to for more information:

<https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/general-news/research-into-the-2019-2020-bush-fires>