

## LATEST TIPS FOR HOUSEHOLD BUSHFIRE PROTECTION

- Be prepared to act in the event of a bushfire emergency
- Be safe this summer by reducing the risks around your home and take some precautions
- **Clear any debris from within a 15 metre radius of the house - Cut back trees overhanging the roof, they can provide easily combustible roof debris - Clean the guttering of leaves Keep all long grass and creepers cut short**
- Installing a Davey engine driven Firefighter pump on your swimming pool, dam or rainwater tank may save your home

Here are a few more helpful tips...

### Water Supply - Rainwater Tank

- If relying on your normal household rainwater tank for fire protection you must monitor the water level on a regular basis. You cannot rely on it in an emergency if the tank is almost empty

### Dam

- Make sure the pump is as close to the dam as possible and that the dam is accessible during a bushfire

### Swimming Pool

- An ideal water source as the pool is always full of water. If installing a new pool, consider putting in a separate suction line for your Firefighter

### Pipework

- Polyethylene rural pipe of 40/50mm diameter is ideal for underground. Use metal pipe for above ground applications

### Sprinklers

- A 5.5HP to 6.5HP pump situated near the water supply will supply up to 7 twin nozzle 20mm impact sprinklers. Ideally you would install sprinklers around the home in addition to having sprinklers on the roof

### Hose

- For best performance it is advisable to invest in a good quality canvas hose. Your local brigade will be able to advise on this

### Pre Season Dress Rehearsal

- This is an absolute necessity, not just to make sure the equipment is in perfect working order but also to ensure that all operators are familiar with its operation
- You should run your pump briefly at regular intervals. This ensures the engine has fuel and oil and the pump is full of water (primed)
- It is advisable to replace the petrol in the engine at the beginning of each season