

COMMUNITY EVENT • RUFFY, VIC

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A free community information evening on bushfire home protection

FREE
EVENT
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After the January 2026 bushfires devastated Ruffy and the surrounding district, many residents are rebuilding - and asking: **how do we protect ourselves if there's a next time?**

Join us for a free community evening bringing together fire scientists, industry experts and local voices to share practical, proven solutions for protecting your home and property from potential future bushfires.

WHAT'S ON



Expert presentations on bushfire home protection



Live fire demonstration using protective coatings



Open Q&A – ask the experts your questions



Catering provided - come, eat and connect



DATE

Monday, 3 Aug 2026



TIME

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Catering provided



VENUE

Tablelands Fire
Recovery Hub

@ Ruffy Hall

3 Nolan's Rd, Ruffy VIC 3666



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LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING



To help us with catering, please RSVP by scanning the QR code.

HEAR FROM OUTSTANDING REBUILDING & FIRE PROTECTION PARTNERS

For more information on who is coming and their expertise, please read the next page.

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Dave Owens

Master of Ceremonies. Dave is the Founder and Managing Director of Risk-e Business Consultants and a former Deputy Commissioner of the NSW Police Force. A recognized leader in risk, emergency management, and crisis response, he brings extensive experience advising government and industry on resilience, security, and business continuity.



Dr. Matthew Robards

is the Co-Founder and CEO of FiSci, an AI company focused on bushfire risk and mitigation. A machine learning expert, entrepreneur, and volunteer firefighter, he combines advanced technology with frontline experience to help organizations make smarter, data-driven decisions that strengthen wildfire resilience and community preparedness.



Kishen Khosa

is the Managing Director of Sto Australia, a leading provider of façade systems and sustainable building solutions. He is passionate about advancing innovation, sustainability, and diversity in construction, helping shape healthier, more resilient communities through responsible building practices and high-performance construction technologies.



Ben Hughes-Brown

is a Fire Safety Engineer and Managing Director of Ignis Labs, a leading Australian fire testing and research facility. With more than 20 years of experience, he is a recognised expert in fire engineering, building material compliance, and construction safety, helping shape industry standards and improve fire resilience across the built environment.



Trent Dunn

is an experienced industry executive and workplace relations specialist with more than 25 years of leadership experience across construction and related industries. He is an advocate for workforce development, industry collaboration, and organisational excellence, helping businesses build strong, resilient, and future-ready workforces.



Tony Overstead

is Co-Founder and CEO of Flame Security International (FSI), the company behind FIRECOAT, an award-winning fire protection technology developed to improve resilience against bushfires and urban fires. A technology entrepreneur and business leader, he specialises in commercialising innovative solutions that deliver real-world safety outcomes.



Dr. Cheng Wang

is a Lecturer at UNSW and Chief Operating Officer of the ARC Research Hub for Fire Resilience Infrastructure, Assets and Safety Advancements (FRIASA). His expertise spans fire safety engineering, flame-retardant materials, fire risk management, and infrastructure resilience. Dr Wang works with industry, government, and academia to develop innovative solutions that enhance fire safety and strengthen resilience across Australia's built environment and critical infrastructure sectors.