

## Are you ready for bushfire season?

It's important to be prepared with a bushfire safety plan ahead of the coming warmer months. During the ongoing pandemic there are a few extra things to think about in your emergency planning. Now is the perfect time to review your plans and factor in COVID-safety.

- Do you have a plan? Create a bushfire plan in just 5 minutes at <u>www.bushfire.tas.gov.au.</u>
- Include hand sanitiser, facemasks and tissues in your emergency kit.
- Think about what you will do and where you will go if you need to evacuate. If planning to stay with family/friends outside your area, consider COVID-safety, ie. it might be a good idea to have a couple of evacuation options in case the household you plan to stay with is quarantining or impacted by a COVID case. Make sure everyone in your house is clear on what you will do. Discuss and write down your plan.
- Remember that in an emergency your immediate safety takes priority over COVID restrictions. If you need to evacuate, do so as soon as possible. You can help reduce risks by wearing a mask, keeping your distance from others as much as possible and, if you are in quarantine, alerting authorities to your circumstances as soon as it is safe to do so.