Every year as summer approaches, the bushfire season begins.

Before summer, you should prepare yourself, family and animals for bushfire.

If you live in a high-risk bushfire area, you need to be ready to leave if necessary.

You need to prepare your emergency kit. Watch the video Your Emergency Kit for more information on how to do this.

You need to download the FireReady app onto your smart phone and make sure it is working properly.

You need to set aside appropriate clothing made from natural fibre material, such as wool or 100 per cent cotton, strong leather boots, a face shield and hat, strong leather gloves,

and eye protection. Make sure you prepare clothing for yourself as well as each member of your family. Appropriate clothing will offer some protection against radiant heat if there is a fire.

Practice moving your livestock to a safer place, such as a ploughed paddock, grazed land, or an equestrian ring. It is vital you know how long it takes to move your animals to a safer place. Many people have died during a bushfire trying to save their animals at the last minute. Remember that stressed and frightened animals will take longer to relocate.

Use the CFA website to find the Community Information Guide for your local area. This map details the routes in and out of your specific area. Use your Community Information Guide to plan how you will leave. Make sure you have at least two route options, so that if you find one exit is blocked, you know you have another option for leaving the area.

Once you have completed these actions, it means that when you see your trigger to leave early, you will be calm and ready to leave.