Neighbourhood Safer Places: Places of last resort

Neighbourhood Safer Places are places of last resort in bushfire emergencies and are quite LIMITED in their capacity to support you in a bushfire emergency. They are not a relief centre.

These places do not replace having a personal bushfire survival plan and are not the place to relocate to when leaving early.

If it is not possible to follow your bushfire survival plans, a Neighbourhood Safer Place may provide some protection from radiant heat.

The following risks are associated with Neighbourhood Safer Places:

- Travelling to a Neighbourhood Safer Place is inherently dangerous with traffic congestion, poor visibility, fire activity, heavy smoke and accidents or fallen trees that may block the route there.
- There is no guarantee that you will not be mentally traumatised, injured or killed when travelling to or sheltering at a Neighbourhood Safer Place.
- You are likely to experience extreme conditions such as; heat, high winds, fire noise, embers, radiant heat, smoke and ash sheltering at a Neighbourhood Safer Place.
- There is no guarantee that emergency services will be present.
- There will be no provision for pets.
- There will generally be limited parking. Large numbers of vehicles may further compromise what little protection the area affords.
- There will be limited capacity. No amenities (eg. food, drinks, toilets) will be provided.
- Neighbourhood Safer Places will not exist in all communities. In some instances there may not be a Neighbourhood Safer Place identified in your local area or close to your home.

Please see www.saferplaces.cfa.vic.gov.au for more information and the location of current Neighbourhood Safer Places