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Community Bushfire Preparedness

The **Emergency Services Training** team at Swinburne as part of the Department of Public Safety and Sciences will be conducting a pilot community safety training program targeted at home and landowners living in high bushfire risk areas. Swinburne will be providing a unique opportunity for those homeowners wanting to acquire additional knowledge and skills that will enable them to prepare themselves and their properties if they choose to do so as part of a preplanned, pre-fire season decision.

Training will be conducted by public safety practitioners in three primary areas and will be conducted at **Swinburne's Croydon Campus**

- Home and self preparation
- Firefighting equipment
- Bushfire awareness

Dates for this event will be: Thursday 8th October 7 pm— 9 pm

(Welcome, enrolment and guest speaker – **Jim Baruta,**

Black Saturday fire survivor from St Andrews inc. video footage)

Saturday 10th October 9 am—4 pm

Sunday 11th October 9 am—4 pm

Topics covered will include:

- Planning and preparing your home against bushfire
- Management of vegetation around your home and property
- Bushfire behavior including the effects of fuels, extreme weather and topographical factors
- Fire Danger Index (FDI) and what it means
- Risk management strategies
- Health and fitness discussions
- Protective clothing and equipment
- **Practical workshops** using pumps, fire hoses and associated firefighting equipment readily available to home owners

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