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TOWN OF GAWLER REMINDS RESIDENTS TO GET BUSHFIRE READY

With the warmer months approaching, the Town of Gawler is reminding residents to prepare themselves and their properties for the risk of bushfire.

Gawler and surrounding areas can experience significant bushfire risk during the warmer months, and Council is encouraging residents to act now rather than waiting until a high-risk day.

Preparing for bushfire season can include clearing excess vegetation and dry grass from around properties, keeping gutters and outdoor areas maintained, considering how you will protect your home, and having a bushfire survival plan in place.

Residents are also encouraged to stay informed and familiarise themselves with bushfire warnings and emergency information, so they know what to do if conditions change.

Town of Gawler Mayor Nathan Shanks said preparing for bushfire season was something everyone could play a part in.

Quote attributable to Mayor Nathan Shanks:
“Being prepared for a bushfire doesn’t start when the temperature rises or the wind picks up. Taking a few simple steps now can make a real difference, from preparing your property to knowing what you would do if a bushfire threatened your home or neighbourhood,” **Mayor Shanks** said.

Town of Gawler CEO Chris Cowley encouraged households to have a plan and stay informed throughout the bushfire season.

Quote attributable to CEO Chris Cowley:
“We encourage everyone to take the time now to prepare their property, talk with family and household members about their bushfire plan, and make sure they know where to find reliable warnings and emergency information. A little preparation now can help you respond with confidence if an emergency occurs.”

Council’s Fire Prevention Officers also undertake inspections of properties across the Council area as part of Council’s fire prevention responsibilities.

Residents are encouraged to make sure their properties are maintained and free from excessive vegetation and other potential fire hazards.

For more information about preparing for bushfire, visit **gawler.sa.gov.au/services/fire-safety**.

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