

THE **BUSHFIRE** *BOOK*

HOW TO BE AWARE AND PREPARE

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Bushfires can make a real
mess of things.

The air fills with smoke.
The sky turns red.
Ash falls.
Precious things burn.



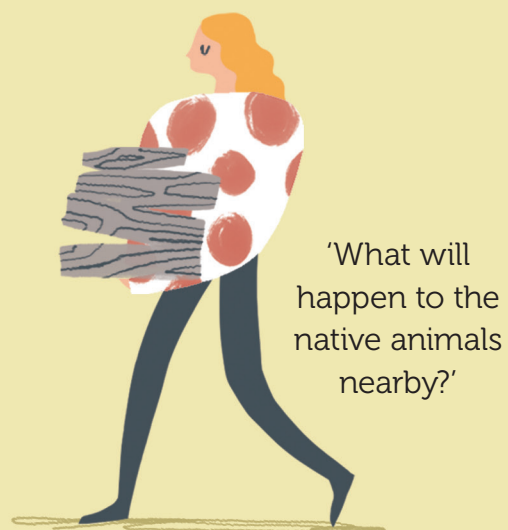
A stylized illustration of a bushfire scene. The background is a warm orange and yellow gradient, suggesting a sunset or fire. In the foreground, a white cockatoo with a yellow crest stands on the left. A koala is on a tree branch on the far left. A large, spotted wallaby is in the center. A dark, patterned emu is on the right. A small, striped turtle is in the water. A koala is climbing a tree on the right. A child with orange hair is in the bottom left. The text "Bushfires can be very dangerous. For us and for *them*." is in the center.

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If you're scared of bushfires then guess what –
you're not alone.

We all are.



But here's the thing.
We don't need to be scared.
(Seriously!)

We just need to be smart.



The background is a light grey, textured surface. Scattered across it are several small, stylized illustrations of dry vegetation: a spiky plant, a leafy branch, a small bush, and a long, thin stick. The main title is composed of large, 3D block letters. The top row contains the word 'FACTS' in a teal color with orange tops and black sides, followed by an equals sign made of two stacked orange and teal blocks. The bottom row contains the word 'SMARTS' in the same style. The letters cast long, yellowish shadows to the right.

FACTS = SMARTS



So, here are some facts about bushfires ...

YOUR BUSHFIRE PLAN STARTS HERE

It's important to know that each state and territory in Australia has different resources to turn to. The Australian Red Cross website (and app) is a good place to find out what's going on where you are. It also offers great advice on how you can get started on your very own *BUSHFIRE PLAN*.

www.redcross.org.au/get-help/emergencies/looking-after-yourself/how-to-prepare-for-a-bushfire

When you're curious about *BUSHFIRE WEATHER*, the Bureau of Meteorology website is the place to go.

www.bom.gov.au/weather-services/fire-weather-centre

You can also keep an eye on your local *FIRE DANGER RATING* chart.

The higher the rating, the greater the need to check
(and follow) the warnings.

Want to know how you can help *WILDLIFE* affected by bushfires?

Check out the WIRES website. www.wires.org.au

And remember to keep discovering everything you can about bushfires in Australia (and share these facts with friends!).