



# When a Disaster affects your Practice: Part 3 – Fire, Bushfire and Thunderstorm Asthma

WINTER TRILOGY EVENT ON HOW TO PREPARE YOUR PRACTICE FOR A DISASTER

In the last few years, the Hunter New England and Central Coast regions have been affected by various disasters, including floods, bushfires, drought, the Covid-19 pandemic and a rodent plague. For providers, disaster preparedness is a vital step to reduce vulnerability, to minimize risk and to increase their business and workforce resilience.

This virtual winter trilogy event will be held over three education sessions. During each event we will present two example hazard desktop scenarios and the relevant business continuity measures for optimal preparedness. This session will be addressing bushfire, structural fire, smoke & thunderstorm asthma.

## Learning outcomes:

- Learn how to assess your individual disaster risk.
- Learn from hazard desktop scenarios: Immediate, medium and long-term effects a disaster may have on your business.
- Understand how lived experiences can inform better outcomes.
- Understand how to perform business continuity planning, including a helpful PHN template.
- Build capacity with resources to support your individual planning.

## SPEAKERS:

**Leanne Bell (NSW Rural Fire Service)** is the Fire Behaviour and Planning Officer with Hunter Area Command of the RFS. During the 2019/2020 fire season, Leanne was the Public Information Officer (amongst other roles) for the fires in the Hunter. For over 20 years, Leanne has been engaging with Communities and Organisations on bushfire safety and preparation.



**Dr John Goswell** is a General Practitioner in Lochinvar, and the Vice-Chair of the Hunter GP Association. For 11 years, John was also active as a Divisional Surgeon for St. Johns Ambulance. John is a GP advisor to the PHN in the field of emergency and disaster management, contributing his 36 years of experience working as a GP in various settings.



**WHO:** All HNECC health providers and their interested practice staff from General Practice, Aboriginal Medical Services, Allied Health, Pharmacy and Dental

**WHEN:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Webinar Presentation: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, discussion and Q&A forum from 7.30 pm - 8.00 pm.

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