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BALRANALD TRAIL TO BENEFIT FROM BUSHFIRE MITIGATION FUNDING

Member for Murray Adrian Piccoli said \$28,000 for bushfire mitigation strategy will go to the Devil Creek Bank Trail.

Mr Piccoli said that the previous summer's unprecedented weather and a number of disastrous fires across the state means there was no room for complacency when it comes to preparing for bushfires.

"The next fire season will roll around soon enough and this funding will help our community prepare in the lead up to next season," Mr Piccoli said.

Minister for Emergency Services Troy Grant said the funding investment has been made to help give the local community the capability to safely respond to future bushfires.

"In this round of bushfire mitigation funding, the Government has prioritised maintenance works on fire trails in some of the state's most difficult to access areas," Mr Grant said.

"Our firefighters need to be able to get to the fires before they reach properties and threaten lives, and the best way to ensure they can do this is to have a properly maintained network of fire trails."

Mr Grant said it's important to make time to prepare for bushfire season and ensure you have a bushfire survival plan.

"You can never be too prepared. When a bushfire strikes you need to have a plan, it could be the difference between saving your property and more importantly your life," Mr Grant said.

The Rural Fire Service has four steps to get ready for bushfires:

- Talk with your family about what to do if a bushfire threatens your home;
- Prepare your home and get ready for bushfire season;
- Know the bushfire alert levels; and
- Keep all the bushfire information numbers, websites and the smartphone app.

The Devil Creek Bank Trail funding has been provided under the Commonwealth's \$15 million National Bushfire Mitigation Programme, \$4 million of which has been made to NSW.

For further information on bushfire preparation please refer to the Rural Fire Service website: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/resources/bush-fire-survival-plan.

For further information on the National Bushfire Mitigation Programme please refer to the [Emergency New South Wales](http://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au) website.

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