

AIDER PROGRAMME

Assistance for Infirm, Disabled and Elderly Residents



What is the AIDER Programme?

The NSW Rural Fire Service AIDER Programme (*Assist Infirm Disabled and Elderly Residents*) was started in 2009 with additional funds from the NSW Government.

AIDER is designed to reduce bush fire hazards on property that is bush fire prone. AIDER is a one-off **free** service, supporting vulnerable residents to live more safely and confidently in their home on bush fire prone land.

Who is eligible?

The AIDER service can only be provided on "Bush Fire Prone Land". Bush Fire Prone Land is an area of land that can support a bush fire or is likely to be subject to bush fire attack. This area can extend 100 metres from bushland, or 30 metres from grassland.

AIDER services can be provided to vulnerable people who have limited domestic support available from family, relatives, friends or other services. This could include older people, people with disabling conditions and people who are already receiving community assistance and services.

What work can be done under AIDER?

AIDER does work to reduce bush fire risk such as clearing gutters, thinning vegetation, removing leaf and tree debris, trimming branches from around and overhanging the home, mowing or slashing long grass.

Who does the work?

The NSW Rural Fire Service has its own skilled, fully equipped and fully insured Work Teams to do this work.

How to get AIDER services

Contact **8741 4955** to request an assessment of your property. The assessment by RFS staff will be arranged at a time to suit you.

Bush fire safety

The AIDER Team will also discuss bush fire safety with clients and provide advice about completing a Bush Fire Survival Plan.

Contact details

For further information about the AIDER Programme, or to apply for AIDER services, contact the AIDER Programme Coordinator on **(02) 8741 4955**