

# Eyewitness Account

Some people were evacuating their homes.

The smoke was getting thicker and ash had begun to fill the air. We could hear police and fire sirens in every direction.

Within thirty minutes we could see gigantic flames hopping across bushland six hundred metres away.

Traffic was bumper to bumper with people evacuating to our nearest shopping centre.

Our neighbour told us to water the outside of the house continuously. We knew we could not rely on anyone else for help.

A total of 691 properties were evacuated and 1,600 people went to the evacuation centre.

It was frantic and harrowing.

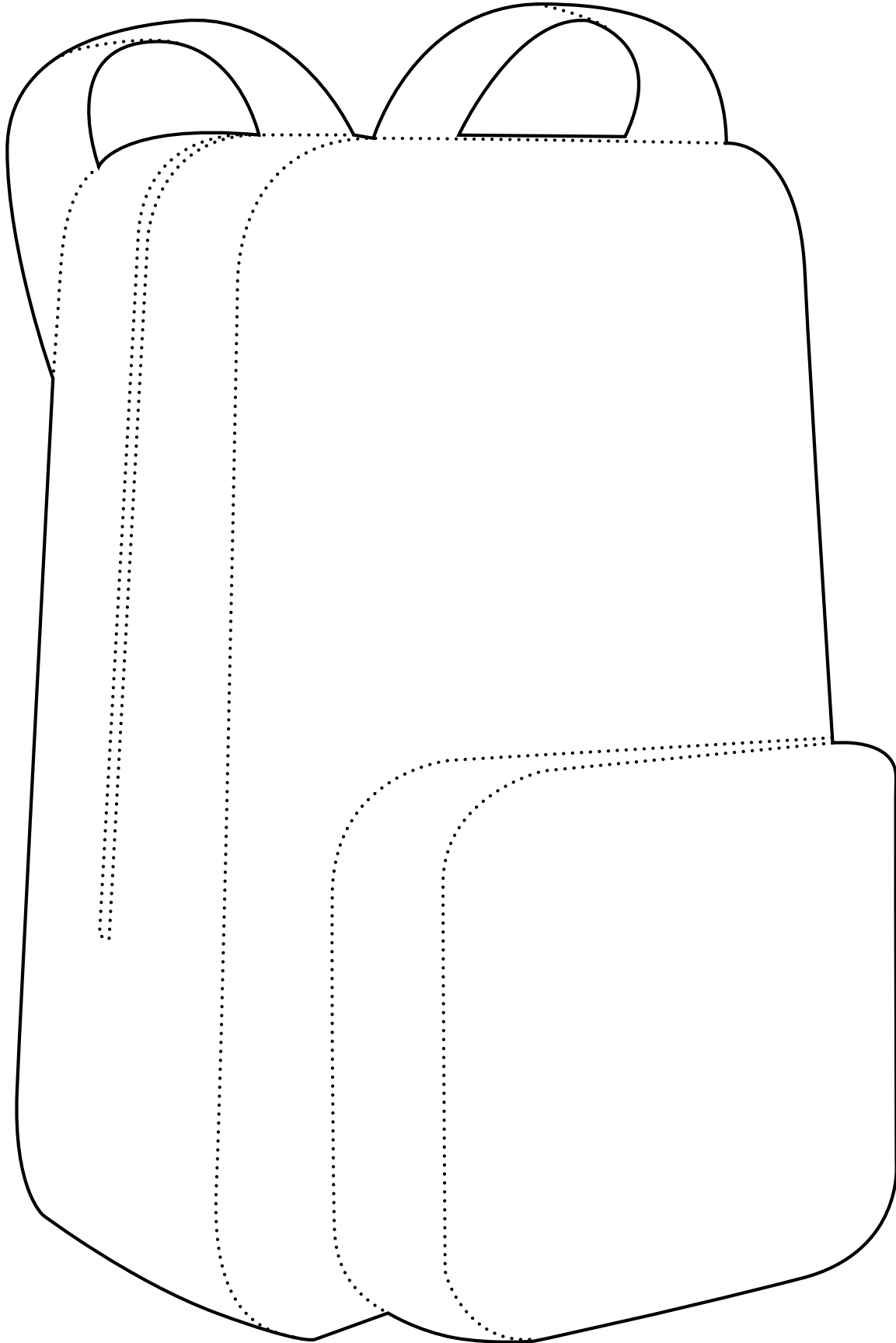
We packed some emergency clothing, food and water.

The sky was filled with smoke and took on an orange glow. My brother was unable to go to work because the fires had jumped the main roads. We had cleared the gutters, blocked the gutters with towels and filled them with water.



# ***My Emergency Grab Bag***

**IN CASE YOU HAVE TO GO, WHAT WILL YOU TAKE?**



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# MY FAMILY'S Bushfire Survival Plan

Use this guide to develop a bushfire survival plan that is suitable for your family.

## When will we know to leave?

Consider signs such as seeing a fire, smelling smoke, the Fire Danger Rating, bushfire warnings and your ability to leave your home safely.

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## Where will we go?

Consider various options.

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## How will we get there?

### Which way will we go?

Know your local area and have a map of your escape route and alternative routes. Consider what to do if you don't have access to a car.

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Don't forget to make a plan for your pets!



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**What will we take with us?**

What do you need to include in an emergency kit?  
(Include items you put in your grab bag)

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**Our back-up plan: Who will we tell if things don't go according to plan?**

What are their phone numbers?

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Where do we plan to shelter if it is unsafe to leave?

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**\*What will we do if a bushfire happens when we are at school?**

Invite your school Principal or Deputy Principal to your classroom to discuss your school's emergency bushfire plan. (\*Complete in class)

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**What about our pets?**

Include pets in your Family's Bushfire Survival Plan. Microchip and register all pets. Include food and any other items pets may need in your emergency kit.

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