

Being ready

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What is “being ready”

- Understanding what might happen
- Having “files to go”
- Having “equipment to go”
- Having a place to go
- Having all of your data backed up in multiple locations
- Having electricity and data for when you need it

Official information

- ABC Radio - 92.3 FM or online ([Link](#))
- RFS website ([Link](#))
- RFS North Bellingen Facebook ([Link](#))
- RFS Mid North Coast ([Link](#))



BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Information on fire activity in the
Bellingen Local Government Area
Issued on 19 December 2019 at 6pm

Situation

The Andersons Creek Fire remained largely inactive today, despite forecast weather conditions. The fire continues to burn slowly along Blackscrub Ridge. Ground crews were using direct attack to extinguish the fire in the Darkwood Rd/Bishops Creek area, as it moved into open country. Crews were also patrolling in the area of Bellbucca Road, mopping up and blacking out along the roadway. The fire is still burning within soft containment lines in the Upper Kalang, made up of creeks and gullies. Plumes of smoke may be visible in multiple places across the fire ground.

Weather conditions for tomorrow are expected to be mild. Fire activity is likely to increase on Saturday, with a predicted Very High fire danger rating.

The local Incident Management Team (IMT) is working closely with the Kempsey IMT, who are managing the Carrai East Fire in Upper Taylors Arm and Thumb Creek area to the south of the Andersons Creek Fire.

Advice

- Monitor conditions. Check and follow your Bush Fire Survival Plan. If you do not have a plan, decide what you will do if the situation changes. Leaving early is the safest option.
- Unauthorised lighting of fires can compromise the safety of ground crews working in the area and other residents, and put further assets at risk.
- Heavy plant is being used to support of the firefighting operation. Please be advised of heavy vehicles and machinery moving around the area.
- **A state-wide Total Fire Ban is in force until midnight Saturday 21 December 2019.**

Information

- Stay up to date on bush fires in your area by checking www.rfs.nsw.gov.au, the Fires Near Me mobile app, or by calling the Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 679 737.
- For information on road conditions or closures, please call Transport for NSW (RMS) on 131 700 or check www.livetraffic.com. Remember roads may be closed without warning.
- State Forests throughout the area remain closed to the public.
- For information of closures of National Parks associated with this fire, please visit www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au
- **If you need to report a new fire or require urgent assistance, dial Triple Zero (000).**

Authorised by Incident Controller Superintendent Stuart Watts, Clarence Valley Fire Control Centre.
Issued by the Incident Management Team on behalf of the Commissioner of the NSW Rural Fire Service.

Stay up to date at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)

RFS planning checklists



[Link](#)

**CHECK
YOUR
INSURANCE**

Being ready

Files to go

- Notebook (paper)
- Laptop/tablet
- Current receipts and old tax records
- Certificates and official documents
- Pads, pens, highlighters and stickies
- Recommend 4 wheel 55cm bag (carry-on)
- Samsonite bag link ([click](#)). \$189 at Strandbags



Electronics to go

- Power cable for computer and or tablet
- Power cable for phone and or watch
- USB sticks, audio visual dongles and headphones
- Power board and battery
- Modem to connect to internet
- Incase Accessory Bag ([Link](#))



A place to go

- Libraries: Coffs, Woolgoolga, Toormina ([Link](#)), Nambucca and Macksville ([Link](#))
- Coworking spaces: Togetha ([Link](#)), Six Degrees at SCU ([Link](#)). Price \$25 day and cheaper
- Coffee shop: Palate and Ply in Coffs ([Link](#))
- McDonalds: Coffs south, Coffs north and Nambucca Heads
- Accommodation: [booking.com](https://www.booking.com)



Data back-up

Best practice

- One back up “on-site” - **at home** - a physical disk
- One back-up “off-site” - **at a friend’s place**, once a week or month - a physical disk
- One back-up in “the cloud” - as it happens - on a disk drive **at the service provider**



Physical back-up

- Get a 250 gb, 500 gb or 1 tb drive
- Avoid old “HDD” or “rotating drives”
- Get “SSD” or “Solid State Drive”
- Recommend Samsung T5 \$145 ([Link](#))
- Make a daily back-up
- Once a month, give it to a trusted friend to store
- Put in another drive and in one month rotate it with the one at your friend’s house



Cloud storage



iCloud



Google Drive



Apple Computers 1

Backing up and syncing with iCloud

- Store all documents in Documents
- Have iCloud store a synced copy to documents in the cloud
- Turn on everything to sync to iCloud
- Pay \$4.50 a month for 200 gb of storage

Other cloud back up

- You can also use other online storage
- But you must store your document in 'their' folder
- Turn everything on



Apple Computers 2

**Doing a daily back-up to the onsite back-up
to the external Solid State Drive**

- Use Time Machine

and/or

- Also suggest daily back-up to SSD at 2 am
- Suggest Carbon Copy Cloner application
([Link](#))
- This creates a bootable back-up



Windows Computer

Backing up and syncing with the cloud

- Get online storage provider
- Store all documents in 'their' designated folder
- Turn everything on

Daily back-up

- Article on apps: PC World ([Link](#))
- Windows built in back-up: MS ([Link](#))



Mobile power

Charging

- Power banks cost \$50 to \$100
- Recommend Belkin ([Link](#))
- JB Hi-Fi and Officeworks

Remember

- Your car is a charger
- If the power is out in Bello, the petrol stations won't be able to pump fuel



Mobile data

- You can use your phone as a mobile data 'hot spot' for your laptop
- Mobile prepaid hotspot with Optus \$99, includes 50 gb data ([Link](#))



Document scanning

Recommended scanner

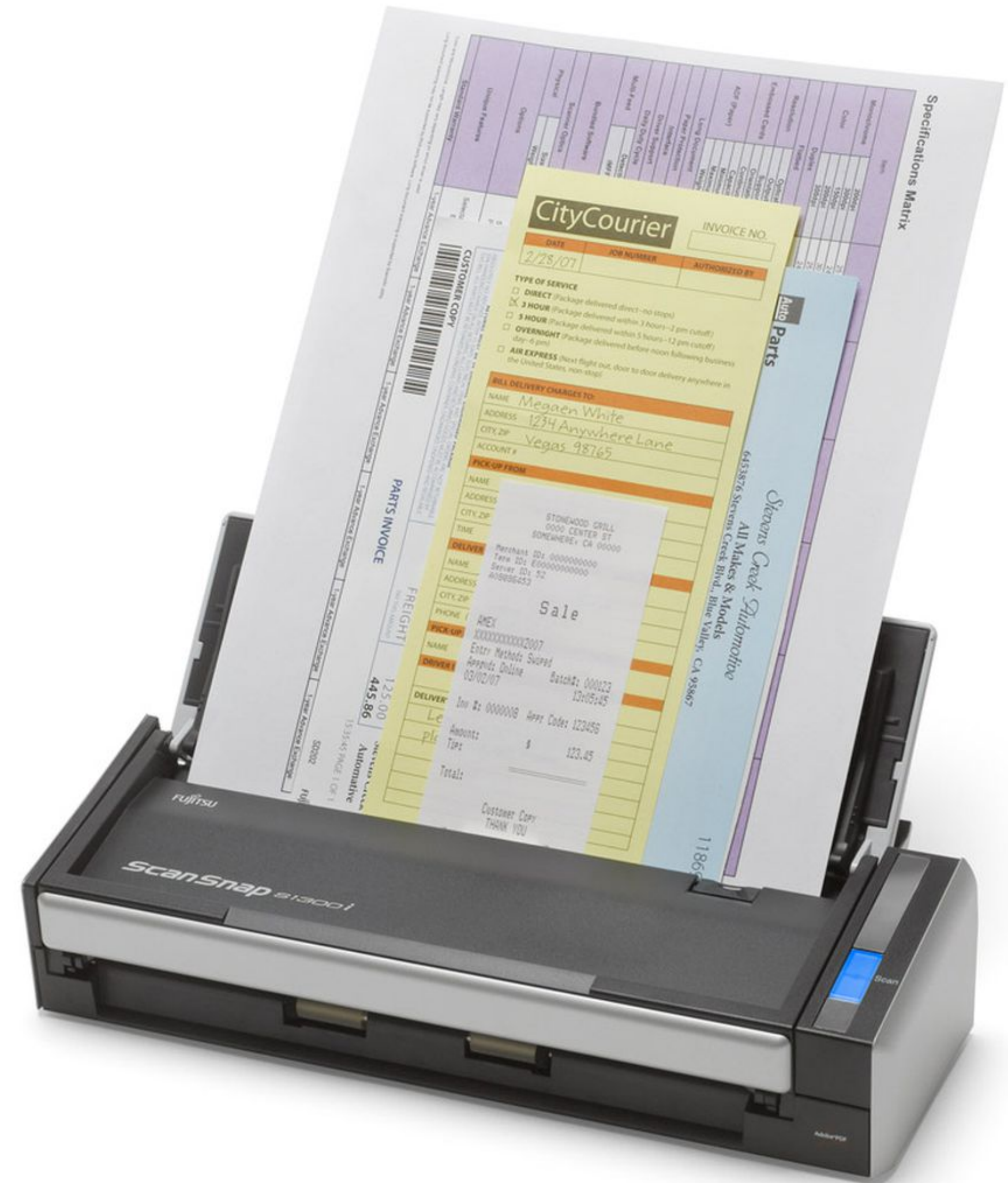
- Fujitsu Scan Snap ([Link](#))
- Cost: Under \$400 ([Link](#))

Remember

- Your phone is a scanner

Good scanning apps

- [Scanner Pro](#) (Readdle) (iPhone only)
- [Office Lens](#) (Microsoft)
- [Adobe Scan](#) (Adobe)



Summary

- Observe official information
- Check your insurance
- Spend a few hours getting organised - physically and digitally
- Make your digital back-ups 'set and forget'
- Scan or photograph essential documents
- Back-up, back-up, backup - real-time, daily, monthly

Assistance

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