

NEIGHBOUR NETWORKS



What is the Hill & Ridge Emergency Network?

Hill & Ridge Emergency Network is a local initiative driven by the community to build emergency preparedness, resilience and adapt to a changing climate. It's proudly supported by Red Hill and Main Ridge CFA, Hastings and Sorrento SES along with CFA District 8 HQ and the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

What is a Neighbour Network?

Community networks play a crucial role in preparedness, response, and recovery during emergencies by building resilience and local support structures.

Street level groups can share information about potential risks, preparedness strategies, and can leverage local knowledge and resources such as, assisting neighbours at higher risk or providing food and shelter if power and communications have been disrupted.

Neighbours can also set up communication channels that do not solely rely on technology, facilitating rapid information sharing, and improved coordination of community relief and recovery.

These groups are supported by Street Coordinators, they are residents who share information to the group and support community members, but are not expected to warn members of local emergencies. We recommend the use of the Vic Emergency website or App or ABC radio and not to rely on one source of information in an emergency www.emergency.vic.gov.au.

HOW TO CREATE A GROUP IN YOUR AREA:

1. Check if there is already a group or street coordinator in your area by contacting the network at hillandridgenetwork@gmail.com
2. If there is no group and you wish to start one request a Neighbour Card pack
3. Fill it out with your information and share it with neighbours on your street/road, the group can be as big or small as you wish.
4. Contact the Hill & Ridge Emergency Network for support to engage your neighbour network or share local information.