

# Living With Fire Event-Healesville

## Wednesday the 17th October 2018.



Justin Leonard

Kurth Kiln member Laurence Gaffney is a member of the Healesville Environment Watch Inc. on the Healesville Safer Together Committee. His representation has resulted in an Evening with Justin Leonard at the Memo in Healesville on Wednesday the 17th October 2018.

Justin Leonard, a lead CSIRO researcher who has dedicated the last 20 years of his research career to the understanding of how bushfire risk to life and infrastructure can be managed, presented the event.

Justin's research and presentations focus on the area where the majority of the Bushfire Risk to humans lies. i.e. close to houses, not on bushland remote from the asset. He also focuses on the design of buildings and improving related Standards.

The Healesville Community Bushfire Group hosted Living With Fire, a community event with a focus on sustainable co-existence with bushfire.

This theme explored bushfire risk in the Healesville area, and considered how as a community, we can best prepare for and minimise that risk. People interested in knowing more about fire in general, or seeking a better understanding of local bushfire risk and how best to prepare for the fire season, attended the session.

Many participants asked questions after the talk.

There were displays by CFA, Red Cross, Healesville Historical & District Society Healesville Environment Watch (HEW) and Forest Fire Management. The event was supported by Yarra Ranges Council and Victorian Police.

Seven Friends of Kurth Kiln Members attended the interesting event and during a delicious supper had an opportunity to speak with other participants.

We thank the organisers for the opportunity to learn more about Living with Bush Fire.

