

Jandakot Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

I've been volunteering for the Jandakot Volunteer Bushfire Brigade for about 14 years now. I joined as soon as I was available at 16 and moved onto there and progressed through the years and up through the ranks. And loved serving for Jandakot. It's really good, you meet people from all walks of life, from lawyers down to plumbers down to electricians. You meet new people that you know you can never do in day-to-day life. So we can either run classroom sessions or we can actually do practical stuff where we're doing hose drills, practicing our rural exercises with the rural urban interface between here and also our local areas. So they can be pretty intense or they can be classroom based. With the level of training that we do, we are prepared to fight those fires that when we are facing a wall of flames what we can do, with the crew protection we know we're safe, but the training we've got and the regime we run we're definitely prepared. Gives me a sense of well-being, I'm proud to be a member of Jandakot. I actually know that these guys out here are safe. You can walk down to the shops and someone will go "Yeah you're Gavin from Jandakot Volunteer Bushfire Brigade" and I'm like "Yeah, I am" and they respect you. You know. It's very proud to be a member and known as a firefighter in a local area.