



Cover Design Competition – SBMPv5

Living in Canberra means we get to enjoy the natural beauty that the ‘bush capital’ has to offer. The ACT bushland also means we need to be prepared for bushfires. The ACT Rural Fire Service (ACTRFS) review the ‘Strategic Bushfire Management Plan’ (known as the SBMP) every five years, to plan out how to protect and prepare the Canberra community against bushfires.

Version 5 of the SBMP is currently being created and is set to launch in early 2025, and it needs a fantastic and creative cover to go with it – a new plan needs a new look!

The ACTRFS is asking any creative and artistic ACT school students to design a new cover for the SBMP that represents the following design theme: *“Shared Responsibility – we all have a role in preparing for bushfires”*.

A complete guide to the cover design competition can be found below. Several winners may be selected, and their design will be featured on, and within, the new plan – group entries are also welcomed.

While you brainstorm an awesome cover design idea, think about the role you play in preparing for a bushfire. Chat with your friends and family about how to be better prepared. Visit the ESA website to create a [‘survival plan’](#), or to get some ideas on what to include your [‘emergency kit’](#) – it’s a great place to start! [| ACT Emergency Services Agency](#)

The competition will close on Sunday, **Sunday, 15 December 2024**. All design submissions can be sent to RFS@act.gov.au.

Competition Guidelines –

Competition start date:	Monday, 18 November 2024
Competition end date:	Sunday, 15 December 2024
<i>Who can enter?</i>	Any student that attends school in the ACT. Students from kindergarten – Year 12 can enter this competition. Solo and group entries are welcomed – you can enter as a class if you wish!
<i>How do I enter?</i>	All submissions can be made via email to RFS@act.gov.au . All submissions must be scanned or photographed and attached to the email as a PDF or jpeg file.



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Design Guidelines –

<p>Design Theme:</p>	<p>“Shared Responsibility – we all have a role in preparing for bushfires”.</p> <p>We would love to see some creative representations of shared responsibility, in relation to preparing for and responding to bushfires.</p> <p>This can be literal and realistic, or abstract.</p> <p>Think about all the different roles that need to be played: ACTRFS – our volunteer firefighters/first responders, our fire planners and strategic experts. ACT Government – strategic planning support, broader community services that need to keep running even during a bushfire. ACT Community – supporting each other, learning from the experts and staying informed, making their homes safe. Your immediate family – making a ‘survival plan’ together, creating an ‘emergency kit’, making your house prepared. You – <i>what role do you play?</i> <i>Other roles?</i></p>
<p><i>What design mediums will be accepted?</i></p>	<p>All design mediums will be accepted, as long as it can be scanned or clearly photographed when submitted.</p> <p>Mediums – painting, pencil/pen/charcoal/pastel drawings, digital/graphic design, collage, etc.</p> <p>If photography/images are featured in your design, they cannot show people’s faces and must be your original images.</p>
<p><i>Design size</i></p>	<p>The design must fit in a standard A4 page size - 210mm x 297mm</p>

Entry Terms and Conditions –

<p>Entry in this competition indicates acceptance of the following terms and conditions.</p>	
<p><i>Original design</i></p>	<p>All designs submitted are original work and are not plagiarized.</p>
<p><i>Design use and creator credit</i></p>	<p>Competition winners’ designers will be featured in and/or on the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan version 5 (SBMPv5) document, and any other SBMPv5 related documents or content.</p> <p>Designs will be credited to their creator within the SBMPv5 document.</p>
<p><i>Media promotion</i></p>	<p>Upon winner selection, a story will be run via the ESA social media channels (and other ACT Government social media channels). This story will feature winners’ names and designs.</p> <p>Winning creators may be asked to participate in this story. Photos of the winner to feature in this story are optional – written parental permissions must be granted for use of any student photos to feature in this story.</p>



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