



WATER SECURITY: Clayton and Max Jones of Watermin Drillers. Photo: MARK LOGAN

Experience counts when drilling for groundwater

WATERMIN Drillers can boast 200 years of combined practical experience on tap.

The company is 100 per cent Australian owned and, although based in Orange, travels all over the state to obtain underground water for those who need it.

Watermin offers a complete service, from the initial site selection to design and construction of the production bore and final pump testing, as required.

Watermin can organise every aspect

of obtaining and utilising underground water, whether they are drilling high-yield, large-diameter irrigation bores capable of producing more than 200,000 GPH, or domestic bores to supply water to homes and gardens.

Although a high proportion of the bores they construct are for primary producers, Watermin also drills for caravan parks, schools, sporting and social clubs and for local councils for town water supplies.

Bore water is also

ideal for fire fighting, as the water is stored underground and is immediately available to be pumped into fire fighting tanks / tenders when required.

Each rig manager is fully qualified and licensed for the construction of water bores, ensuring that each individual client receives qualified, personalised attention for his or her particular requirement.

Staff will happily give obligation-free advice and assistance with all aspects of water bore construction, including the necessary legal requirements of land owners.

During the past 50

years, Watermin has recorded a wealth of information totalling 3700 kilometres of bore hole drilling through all formations and consisting of more than 60,000 bores throughout Australia.

Watermin's wealth of knowledge and their huge purchasing power ensures that they can design and construct the most efficient water bore for the lowest overall cost.

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Prepare your home and property for bush fire

IN a bush fire many houses are destroyed through ember attack, when burning twigs and leaves carried by the wind land on or around the house.

Even houses away from the direct path of the fire can be affected.

Look for the places embers could start fires - on the roof, under the floor and around windows and doors - and take action to prevent them.

These maintenance tips may help prevent burning embers

destroying your house:

- Install metal gutter

guards

- Repair damaged or missing tiles on the roof

- Install fine metal mesh screens on windows and doors

- Fit seals around doors and windows to eliminate gaps

- Enclose the areas under the house

- Repair or cover gaps in external walls

- Attach a fire sprinkler system to gutters

Things to do around your house and garden:

- Keep lawns short and gardens well main-

tained.

- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings

- Clean up fallen leaves, twigs and debris around the property

- Have hoses long enough to reach around your house

- If you have a pool, tank or dam, put a Static Water Supply (SWS) sign on your property entrance

- Check that your insurance is adequate and up to date

- Complete your Bush Fire Survival Plan available at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.



St John Ambulance volunteers evacuate elderly residents from an aged care facility in the Blue Mountains during the bushfires.

St John supports firefighting effort

AFTER a state of emergency was declared by NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell due to devastating bushfires across NSW in October, St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) was called upon to provide transport, first aid and health services to those affected by the fires.

More than 100 fires were burning, with one of the largest spreading through bushland in the Blue Mountains west of Sydney. More than 200 homes were lost across the state.

St John (NSW) is the only voluntary first aid and health services organisation able to provide disaster relief in these situations.

Within 24 hours St John mobilised more than 50 volunteers, a fleet of close to 20 patient transport vehicles and 15 people movers to assist with the evacuation of elderly residents from aged care facilities in the Blue Mountains.

St John was also called upon to ensure evacuation centres in Springwood, Lithgow and Richmond, as well as Rural Fire Service staging areas in Homebush, Flemington, Penrith and Mittagong, ran efficiently

through the provision of medical support.

St John volunteers displayed enormous courage and capability in delivering services for those affected by the NSW bushfire emergencies.

To do so, St John volunteers give up their time within their jobs, from studies and with family and friends.

St John volunteers were available to ensure that those fighting the fires, defending their homes, were evacuated or who tragically lost their possessions received first aid and health services.

Unlike other emergency services, St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) is a completely self-funded organisation and relies on the generosity of donors.

As the only provider of first aid and health services in times of natural disaster, you can help make sure they will always be there for those that need it, by donating or becoming a regular monthly supporter.

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