

DO PEOPLE WHO OWN OR RENT THEIR HOMES HAVE DIFFERENT VALUES, KNOWLEDGE, PERCEPTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS?

This bulletin summarises results from the Thuringowa Bushfire Survey 2005, which randomly sampled residents living outside the Thuringowa metropolitan area, within the jurisdiction of a Rural Fire Brigade Group (RFB). The survey response rate was 28%, with 263 surveys returned. Bulletin No. 6 provides the background to the Thuringowa Bushfire Survey, and this bulletin.

OWNERS AND RENTERS

The majority of residents owned their house (90%), with or without a mortgage. Residents renting their house were a minority (10%), and under-represented according to data from the 2001 Census. Therefore caution should be taken when interpreting the following results relating to owners and renters.



KNOWLEDGE, PERCEPTIONS AND EXPECTATIONS OF SERVICE PROVIDERS

Owners' and renters' knowledge and perceptions of service providers were very similar (see Bulletin No. 9). However, there were some differences in expectations of responsibility for maintaining RFB access to properties; although a majority did state that it is the property owner's responsibility, particularly owners, renters were more likely to expect the RFB to take responsibility. Renters