**Greensborough bushfires 1960s**

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Can anyone remember the bad bush fires we had in 1967-68 came right to the back of the cemetery. I can remember my dad coming home from work (Smith Motors) to help fight them.

 [Jan Parnell](https://www.facebook.com/jan.parnell.904?fref=ufi) I remember .. Dad went to fight the fires just to save the pub in Greensborough

 [Wendy Coulson](https://www.facebook.com/wendy.coulson.10?fref=ufi) Sure can we lived in Watsonia and both my dad and brother fought them ..

 [Dean Gordon](https://www.facebook.com/dean.gordon.18?fref=ufi) I was too young but my dad worked for Smith Motors as well and helped fight them.

 [Sally Cant](https://www.facebook.com/sally.cant?fref=ufi) I remember vividly my dad setting off to fight the fires

 [Rosalie Collins Elliott](https://www.facebook.com/rosalie.elliott.18?fref=ufi) I can remember being sent home from school, wouldn't happen these days

 [Sandy Anton](https://www.facebook.com/sandy.anton?fref=ufi) yes ash floating in the sky..very scary day..we got sent home from school too

 [Faye Fort](https://www.facebook.com/faye.fort.5?fref=ufi) Yes our huge shed at Whatmough Park went up in flames with machinery etc inside Only through the fire brigade the house was saved. We had to pull all the curtains down. Then to think there wouldn't be a Riverside Cricket Club today it was so close and not much water to fight it I can still see all the hill ablaze so frightening

 [Sandy Anton](https://www.facebook.com/sandy.anton?fref=ufi) awful day Faye.l remember sitting in class watching it come over the hill...the town almost went that day

 [Dean Gale](https://www.facebook.com/dean.gale1?fref=ufi) I remember being evacuated from GPS when the smoke got really bad

[Sandy Anton](https://www.facebook.com/sandy.anton?fref=ufi) Yep ash floating some still burning...sent home to an empty house. Mum was in the city that day.

 [Sandy Anton](https://www.facebook.com/sandy.anton?fref=ufi) l think it was earlier than 67 though. l was at primary school, think l was in grade 6

 [Faye Fort](https://www.facebook.com/faye.fort.5?fref=ufi) So so scary We hadn't long been in our new house up in the hills here if it had got a hold up here it would have been off and there weren't many houses back then so a lot more huge trees

 [Jan Parnell](https://www.facebook.com/jan.parnell.904?fref=ufi) My hubby lived in Yarrambat at the time and had to wait at the bottom bridge. For fire brigade to give all clear so he could get home on the bus..

 [Adrian Redfern](https://www.facebook.com/adrian.redfern.3?fref=ufi) My Dad was carting water to the CFA with Diamond Valley Council tanker lost it out the back of Parade in the paddocks when the diff gave out.

 [Sandy Anton](https://www.facebook.com/sandy.anton?fref=ufi) l remember going in the train after it had happened. Marshes backyard was burnt (the blue stone house ) it had crossed the railway line .Partingtons flat was just black

 [Dianne Pratt](https://www.facebook.com/dianne.pratt2?fref=ufi) My sister was at day care in Briar Hill and my mum could not get there to pick her up. Can’t remember how long she had to stay there. Dad came home to help fight the fires with his hessian bag and rake.

 [Rosalie Collins Elliott](https://www.facebook.com/rosalie.elliott.18?fref=ufi) The fires were in 65 as I was in grade 2

 [Jenny Grigsby](https://www.facebook.com/jenny.grigsby.3?fref=ufi) You are probably right Rosalie, the old memory isn't so good.

 [Sandy Anton](https://www.facebook.com/sandy.anton?fref=ufi) We had a few bush fires as the town was surrounded by bush back then.

 [Sandy Anton](https://www.facebook.com/sandy.anton?fref=ufi) l know l did a painting of the bushfires in form 1 in 1964 as my parents kept it it. It has my name and form on it

 [Ross Brooks](https://www.facebook.com/ross.brooks.3344?fref=ufi) We were sent home early from school, because we lived close to the fire, we were later evacuated, spent the night in Nepean St at my uncle's, went home next day when it was safe

 [Tania Lee McDonald](https://www.facebook.com/tommomcdonald?fref=ufi) Wasn’t born then but my father fight the fire with potato sacks almost got to the ‘borough pub

 [Dean Gale](https://www.facebook.com/dean.gale1?fref=ufi) I was at g'boro primary for 2 years so it was 64 or 65 ??

 [Leila Leaford](https://www.facebook.com/leila.leaford?fref=ufi) It was 1965 our son Steven was born Jan 65 and only a few weeks old when my father moved us to Poulter Ave, Greensborough (closer to the fires) from Briar Hill. Fires came up to the back of the R S L and John wanted to know why we were there as he had been working in Sunbury and had no idea about the fires.

 [Adrian Redfern](https://www.facebook.com/adrian.redfern.3?fref=ufi) We had a few nasty summers through the mid sixties. I remember Dad saying the Salvos set up the rest station for the Volunteers at the Masonic Hall in Ester St he was there during the day when they came off the fire ground. Then had to travel all the way to Vermont Pde to get home poor bugger lol.

 [Faye Fort](https://www.facebook.com/faye.fort.5?fref=ufi) The fires that burnt the big shed at Alwyn was about late 1960s

 [Norm Colvin](https://www.facebook.com/norm.colvin?fref=ufi) I remember standing at the corner of Poulter Ave with my mum and others as we watched them put the fire out behind Burkitt's. That would not be allowed now. We could clearly see the flames.

 [Sandy Anton](https://www.facebook.com/sandy.anton?fref=ufi) l could get the exact date, it was the day my Grandparents divorced that’s why Mum wasn’t home. If l knew how to find the records lol

 [Shelley Didier Banks](https://www.facebook.com/shelley.banks.54?fref=ufi) My dad will know. I just added him, waiting for admin. His stories and those of my mother in law were amazing. I remember she told me that a lot of households used to keep their briquettes under the houses. A bit of a problem in the case of fire I reckon.

 [Norm Colvin](https://www.facebook.com/norm.colvin?fref=ufi) [Leila Leaford](https://www.facebook.com/leila.leaford) is correct.

 [Karen Woodward](https://www.facebook.com/karen.woodward.376?fref=ufi) Hi Ross Brooks, I remember packing my dolls into the back seat of the car as mum packed essentials and important stuff. Only problem was Dad was fighting the fires on the other side of the Hailes street train line and Mum couldn't drive !

 [Lionel Annett](https://www.facebook.com/lionel.annett?fref=ufi) They were bad came thru where the TAFE is now rail sleepers were smoldering near Kalparin

 [Shelley Didier Banks](https://www.facebook.com/shelley.banks.54?fref=ufi) I spoke to dad last night he said 1965. I was only 4 so no wonder I can't remember.

[Wayne Meikle](https://www.facebook.com/wmeikle1?fref=ufi) my father sat on the roof of our house housing down we were sent to the army barracks as that was the border line