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Your story	<p>On the morning of the fire (31/12/2019)I received a message on my mobile phone at 10.30am to seek shelter so I took my wife to a friends place & came back to try to stop the fire from getting to my place.My neighbour & a friend where on the road looking towards the north west,approximately 2 Kim's away was 2 helicopters bombing the approaching fire,there was also a 3rd helicopter directing the bombing.After 2 passes the helicopters left & that was the last we saw of any help.No one came door knocking there was no RFS to help we were left to burn. My friend & his son came up to help wet down our neighbours houses at the end of the cul de sac the fire started coming up the paddock behind the houses on the high side of the road so we grabbed wet towels & tried to stop the grass fire heading towards the rear of the houses in Kurrajong cres but the wind was to strong & we couldn't keep in front of it. The fire hit some palm trees and at the back of one of the properties & spread quickly towards the house.By this time the smoke was very dark & it was</p>
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hard to see so we ran back to our street grabbed what we could & drove to Cottee close near the lake. The fire had jumped the lake from Conjola West ,Sandra st was burning & the grass fire was heading towards houses in & around Cottee close,so again we grabbed hoses & towels to stop the fire from spreading further,this time we were successful. The rest of the afternoon was spent putting out spot fires & some hedges had caught on fire. At 12.30 my friend rang 000 to report a house on fire in Windermere st which was threatening to spread to other houses after 3 calls 2 fire & rescue trucks came & stopped the fire spreading further,2 houses were lost,the water pressure was very low.
There was a lot more happening around the area,what I have described is only what I was involved with,

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

1.2 Preparation and planning

1.3 Response to bushfires

1.4 Any other matters

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