

MY WILDFIRE SAFETY BUNKER

My new Wildfire safety bunker sits in position on my block. All I can see is the door. You can't imagine a more reassuring sight. I've been inside, of course, to try it out. It's kind of fun. My laughter echoes in there. I can afford to laugh. I feel safe.

I wasn't feeling safe in February 2009, when I lost my house to the Black Saturday bushfires. After the fires, everyone was talking of bunkers. There were some pretty inventive projects going on around me – people burying shipping containers or erecting a range of weird-looking structures that may or may not be any good in a real fire. The problem was that nobody really knew what would work when it came to it. The thing is – you have to know. There's no room for guesswork when the flames are rushing towards you.

A neighbour said he'd heard there was a company who'd got government approval for their bunkers. After looking around on the web, I came upon Wildfire Safety Bunkers and telephoned Anthony. From the minute we started talking, it felt good. Anthony knew exactly what I was looking for. He had answers for every question that I asked. What came across more than anything was that he and his company had researched, tested and, above all, thought about every possible aspect of fire safety. After losing my house, I felt pretty knowledgeable about what I needed. Anthony pointed out things that I'd never even thought of, and every one of them made complete sense.

There was no hard sell. I went to see the company's factory, where I was invited to inspect every aspect of their production process for myself and check out the safety tests, which are truly impressive. The doors are tested to over 1,000 degrees Celsius - a lot hotter than even Black Saturday.

My block is steep and hard to access. I had difficulties with my rebuilding schedule and had to ask Anthony to wait until I was ready. Nothing was a problem. Throughout the whole process, he was patient, well-informed and, above all, understanding.

Wildfire Safety Bunkers don't only have the best product you can get. They really care. They want to save lives. I'm happy and relieved that I've entrusted mine and my family's lives to their product.

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