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Businesses invited to take part in Bushfire Building Conference and Expo

Builders, architects, designers and landscapers are invited to join leading planners, researchers, regulators and insurers to explore issues around building in a bushfire zone at the upcoming Bushfire Building Conference and Expo on 18-19 September in Springwood.

Presented by Blue Mountains Economic Enterprise (BMEE), The Bushfire Building Conference on Friday 18 September is the first of its kind in Australia. SBS *Insight*'s Jenny Brockie will MC the conference, which will include panel discussions, talks and Q&As around the key issues of planning and building in a bushfire zone.

"The conference is a must-attend event for builders, landscapers, designers, architects, regulators, planners, building certifiers and suppliers and manufacturers of building products suitable for bushfire-prone areas," said BMEE Chairman Donald Luscombe AFSM. "As a member of the RFS for nearly 40 years, I am delighted that BMEE is hosting the Bushfire Building Conference and Expo to help inform industry and residents alike about the important issues around building in a bushfire zone."

Members of key industry organisations will receive Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points for attending the conference. A limited number of early bird tickets are still available at www.bmee.org.au

Local businesses are also invited to take part in the Bushfire Building Expo on Saturday 19 September. The Expo, which will be held in the Springwood Hub Auditorium is an exhibition showcase of leading technology, products and professional services necessary to build in a bushfire zone.

"More than half the trade booths at the expo are already sold, so we urge local businesses wishing to promote their building products and services to register now," said BMEE CEO, Jacqueline Brinkman. "This is a great opportunity to showcase the vast expertise and experience that exists in the Blue Mountains' building and design industries," said Ms Brinkman.

The Expo, which last year attracted more than 750 people will also feature free Community Information Sessions, presenting essential knowledge and information for all residents living in a bushfire-prone area.

"The Expo is a great way for builders, architects, designers, bushfire consultants and specialist manufacturers and suppliers to speak directly with their target audiences." Said Ms Brinkman.

To find out more, contact Michelle Locke on 4782 6555 or visit www.bmee.org.au

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