



## EPPALOCK GROUP SUPPORT TEAM

Dear fellow brigade members,

As you know, things can get pretty hectic during extreme fire conditions, and when they do, resources can become stretched. The Eppalock group has decided to become a little more proactive in making sure we have all the resources we need during these times.

For this reason, we are undertaking a skills audit of group members. This is not an audit of your fire skills, those are well known within your own brigade. What we are looking for are typically non fire fighting skills that can be used in emergencies when no one else is available.

These skills might include your ability to speak another language, even sign language, you may have a forklift licence or be a mechanic at work. On good days we have professionals available to us to carry out these duties but Black Saturday showed us that these people are stretched to the limit. We need to be capable of providing our own support.

You may have a skill that no one has recognised as useful to the brigade but you could see it working. If so let us know.

Some of the skills we know we need include:

- Members for an incident management team
- Interpreters
- IT consultants (or higher than average computer skills)
- Average computer skills
- Mechanics
- Fork lift drivers
- Plant operators

This is only a suggested list, please feel free to add any other skills you have that may be useful.

We are also keen to hear from anyone interested in training to be a ground observer.

Also you may have a friend or member of the family who is keen to help but isn't keen on being a fire fighter. If you can think of anyone, ask them if they are interested and include them on the list.

Please take a few minutes to print and fill out the form below. You can then post or email it to:

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Axe Creek 3551

email: [bull.susan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:bull.susan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au)

Thank you so much, your time is appreciated.

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## Eppalock Group Brigades Skills Audit

Your name and contact number.....

Your availability: Weekdays  Weekends  Nights  Anytime

1. Do you speak any languages other than English ?


2. Do you have average or above average computer skills, if so describe your capabilities and software you can use.

Basic email:
Microsoft office (including word and excel):
Networking skills:
GIS:
Other:

3. Do you have any tickets or licences that may be useful?

Fork Lift driver:
Plant operator:
Other:

4. Do you have any other skills that you believe may come in handy?

Have you worked in an incident management team:
Other:

5. Do you know of anyone outside the brigade who may have the above mentioned skills that would be interested in helping? (These people will need to become a brigade member and undergo a police check)


**Thanks again for your assistance. It is appreciated.**