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# HOLY SMOKE!

## NORTHERN RIVERS FACES FIRE EMERGENCY



Photo: Jimmy Maleki

The November fires have disrupted the lives of many in northern NSW, with schools closed and events cancelled. The severity of the fires was made worse by the very dry drought conditions in the region, the build-up of forest fuel loads and strong winds swinging north-east to north-west. While we have been spared the large-scale destruction of properties such as in Rappville and Nimboida, and the loss of life, this has been a huge wake-up call for our fire preparedness. Emergencies are renowned for bringing out the best in people, and these fires were no exception, with hundreds of people standing up to help in many different ways. This edition carries a raft of examples inside.



The Mt Nardi fire crosses control lines on Wallace Road.  
Photo: Marc Stapleberg, The Northern Star



Fires burning during Anthony Albanese's press conference at the Nimbin Evacuation Centre. Photos: Chibo Mertineit



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