The Bushfires in Numbers

2,700 firefighters were battling the blazes at the beginning of January

500,000 hectares was burnt by the largest fire - about the size of half a million rugby pitches and which would swallow all of greater London

7 cigarettes a day equivalent inhaled by Melbourne residents due to fires

70 metres (230ft) high flames have been reported. A fire this size would climb above Westminster Abbey (69 metres).

120 fires still rage across the country



This is a 3D visualisation of the fires in Australia. NOT A PHOTO. Think of this as prettier looking graph.

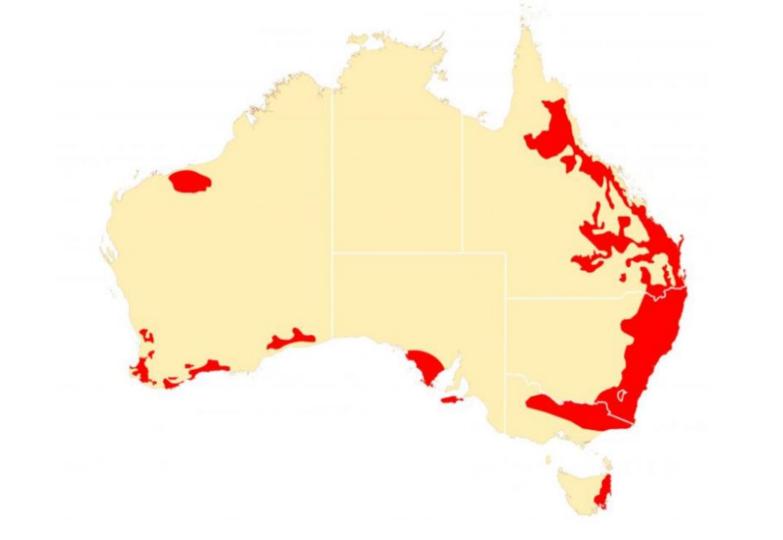
These are all the areas which have been affected but not all the areas are still burning.

This is made from data from NASA's FIRMS (Satellite data regarding fires)

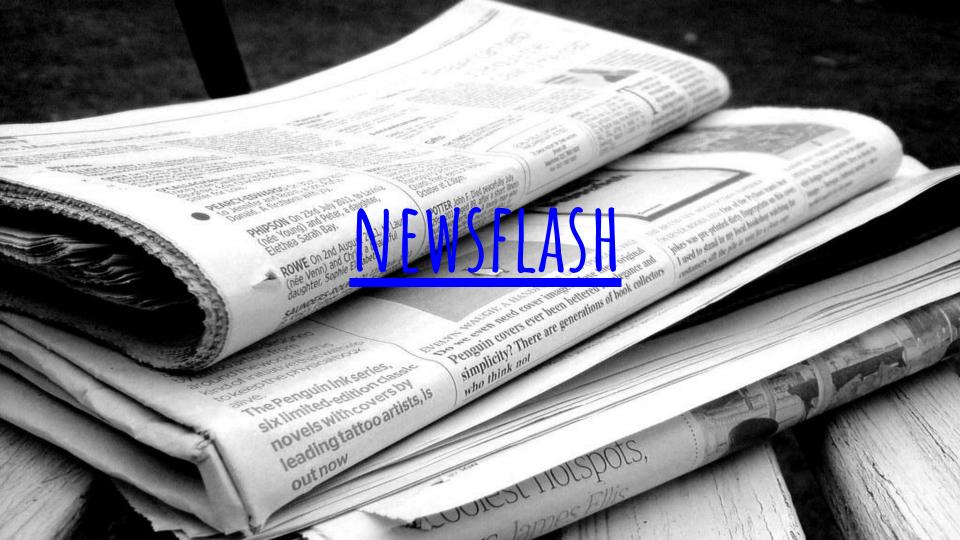
The Australian Bush Fires

by 7W

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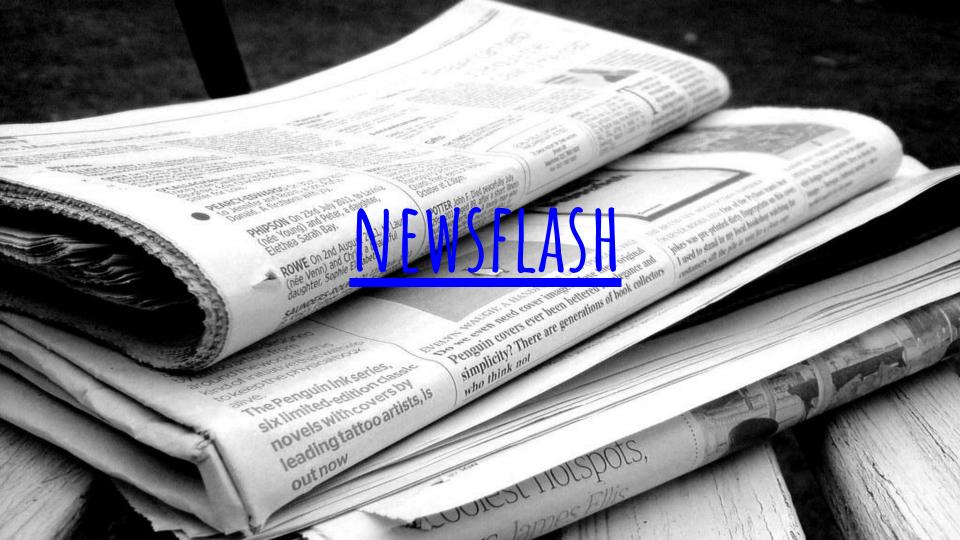


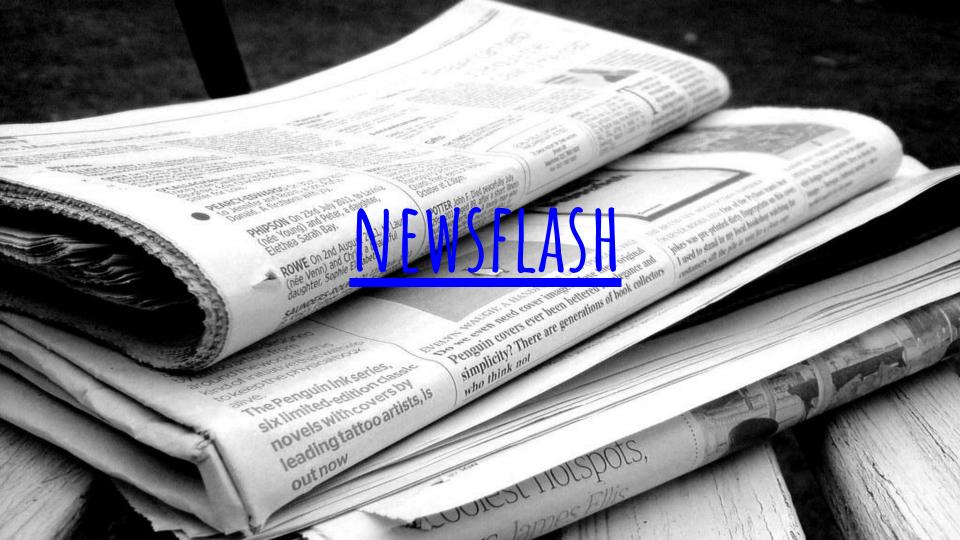
Australian bushfire map as reported by ABC news



STORIES FROM THE PUBLIC...







<u>CELEBRITIES INVOLVEMENT</u>

Many celebrities have been raising awareness. They have also been donating money to the Australian bushfires:

Celeste Barber-\$45 million

Miley Cyrus-\$3 million

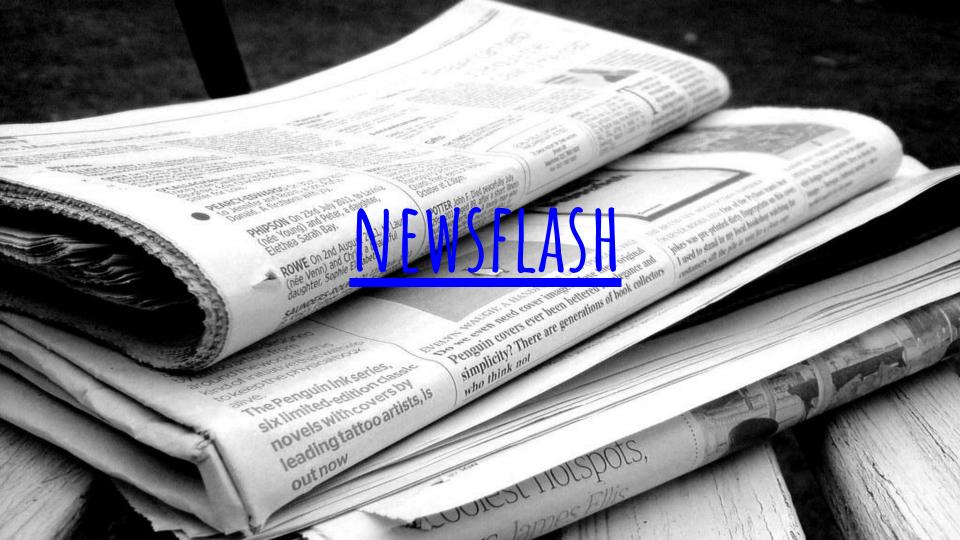
Shawn Mendes-Started a charity

Chris Hemsworth-\$1 million

Taylor Swift -\$5 million

Selena Gomez-\$3 million

Leonardo Di Caprio-\$3 million



Blazing Inferno

Rushing through fields of fieny trees, All I can feel is a brutal breeze, Devouning the place I once called home, Blasting out in the shape of a dome, Flames encincle me with smoke and cnimson ned, I tried to stop it, I tried but fled. With no space to wander free, And no sight left to see,

Just blazes of heat and blazes of light, It stantles me and bunns bright.

By Sahasna Vatsavayi

Poem time!....

By Ketaki Ingale A peaceful night, What is that in that in the conner of my eye? Arkanganoo jumping with delight No I am Wrong Fan fnom night It is a kanganoo jumping with fright A luscious tree What is that fieny gloom? An out seges peeking out of her wooden noom? No I am Wrong Fan fnom night It is an owl struggling against a smokey fume

What was once Perfect Poem time!..

An elagant surset What is that Aling the skies? A flock of pannots poyfully flying high? No I am Whong Far from night It is a flock of prevents on their last flight

Flames surrounding me with feansome

Their viscious fans T nemember the place this was Before there dreadful cause A place of beauty and of light

Destruction

Raging, rampaging, the firestorm ravages destruction Deaf to the screams of the forest. Deaf to the screams of the animals Homes burn, terrified, the survivors flee **Beloved pets abandoned to** the flames A beacon of distress dominates the horizon Sucking up any hope of **prosperity** Searing heat overwhelms the

The sun opens our eyes We are awoken to fields of ash, choking smoke, blackened earth But does anyone stop to ask: Is this the inheritance earned from years of global greed? One people, one earth, one chance.





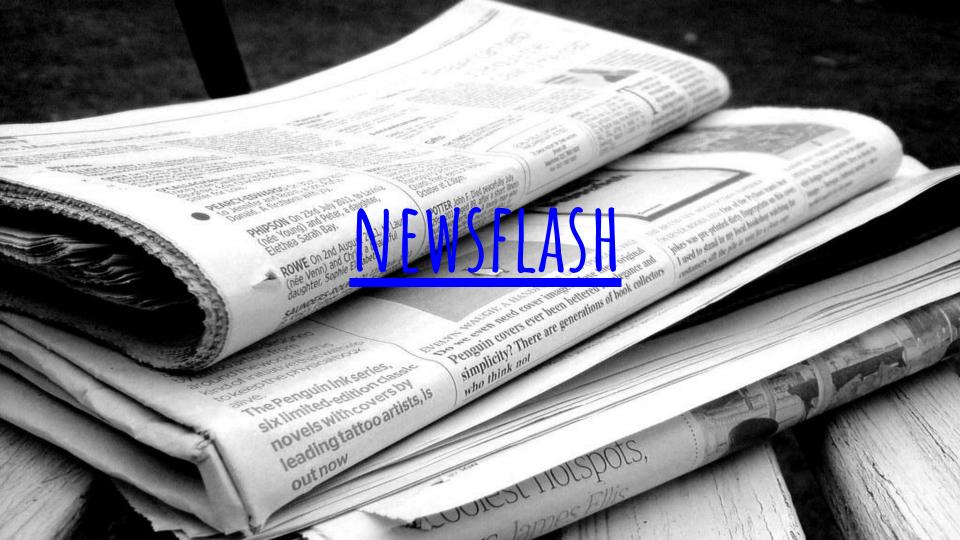


Drama time!!



Bushfire videos

Sir David Attenborough warns of climate 'crisis moment'



Climate Change

It is the biggest problem our planet is facing right now.

The Australian bush fires have contributed to climate change more than we expected. The forests of Australia were thought to re-absorb the carbon dioxide from the bush fires. However, the effect of climate change made the bush fires burn more intensely than expected. The fires have emitted **400 MEGATONNES OF CARBON DIOXIDEI** That is potentially more than Australia's ANNUAL Greenhouse gas emissions. This is just from September till New year!

In 2050, it is predicted that London may even be as hot as Barcelonal

Data from NASA's Climate Experiment show Greenland and Antarctica lost an average of 286 and 127 billion tons respectively per year between 1993 and 2016.

Due to climate change, the acidity of surface ocean waters has increased by about **30 percent**, since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

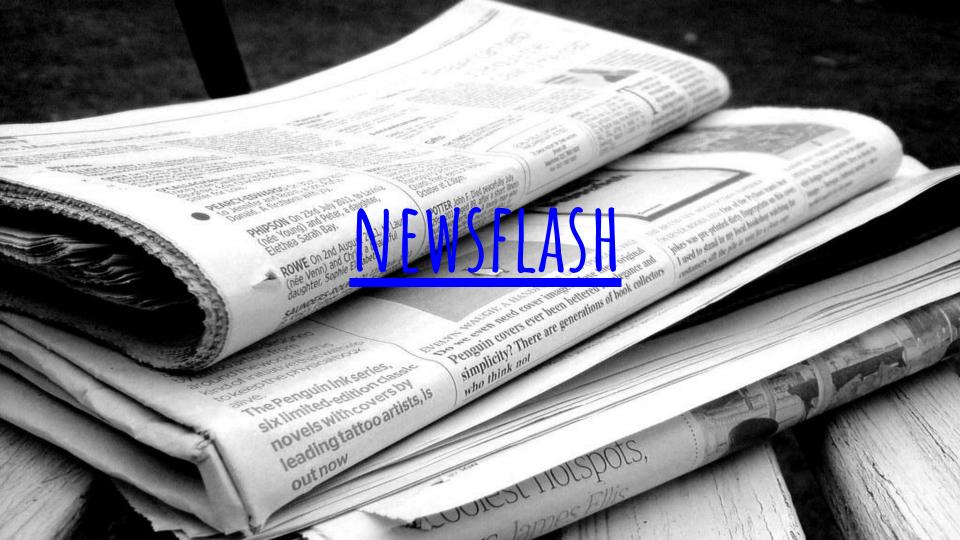
In addition, the sea levels are rising. Global sea levels rose about **8 inches** in the last century but the amount that it increases by is becoming larger each year. Scholars and scientists have predicted that by **2050**, Portsmouth will be completely below water. Due to this, preparations have been made, such as water barriers. But, who knows whether the UK will still exist in the next 1000 years?



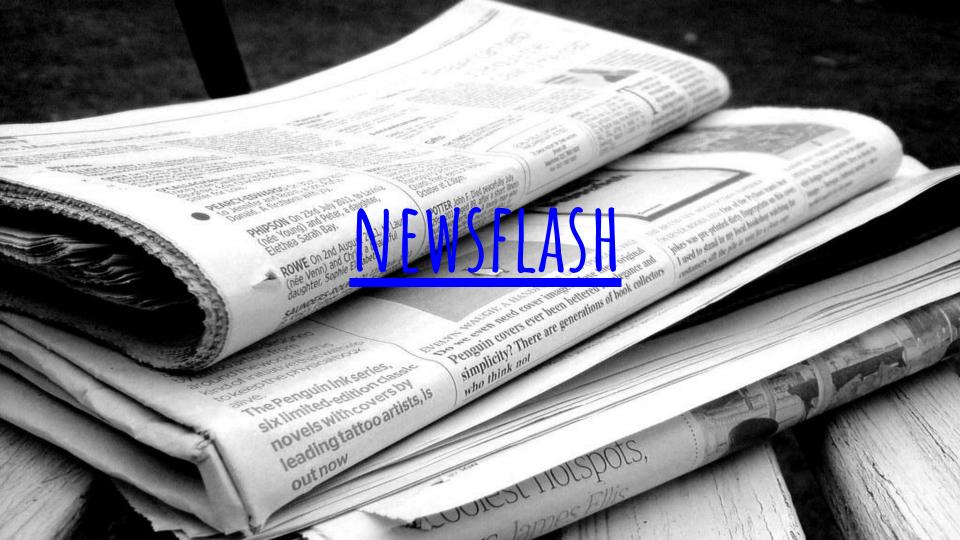


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The Weather now:



Save the Animals!

One study estimated that 480 million animals in NSW may have been killed already, either during blazes or afterwards from lack of food, water and shelter and increased risk of predation

Up to 30% of koalas on the New South Wales mid-north coast may have perished because up to 30% of their habitat has been destroyed.

THANK YOU! For listening to our assembly ,hope you take this away and do something about climate change!

The Australian Bush Fires: A Timeline

• September 2018: Eastern Australia experiences its driest September ever amid a prolonged drought that began in 2017.

- October 2019: Australia's annual bushfire season officially begins. The prolonged drought causes embers from fires to spread, leading to more intense fires than in the 2019 season
- **November 11, 2019:** A state of emergency is declared in New South Wales and Queensland.

The Australian Bush Fires: A Timeline (Part 2)

• **December 18, 2019:** Australia experiences its hottest day in history with average temperatures reaching 40.8 degrees celsius

- **December 21, 2019:** A bushfire in the East Gippsland region of Victoria begins creating its own weather. The smoke generates clouds that create thunderstorms leading to more fires.
- January 6, 2020: Decreasing winds and temperatures ease conditions, but fires are expected to continue burning for weeks.

Nearly 15 million acres of land has been burnt to the ground. Approximately 1,400 homes have been destroyed and tragically about 30 people have lost their lives as a result of the fires

An unknown number of children have been displaced from their communities, with those exposed to trauma and the stress of evacuation still processing this life-altering disaster.

As expected, many schools have been periodically suspended to ensure that children are safe. In addition to missing out on critical days of learning, out-of-school children can experience additional hardships if they depend on school for supplementary meals and care.