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Bushfire Safety Management Plan

A plan to guide Staff and Guests in the conduct of camps and programs dependent on the weather conditions during the Bushfire Season.

Prepare. Act. Survive.

Prepare

Good preparation and management procedure allow us to continue to conduct programs in the Bushfire Season.

Well Prepared Participants

- Staff training on emergency procedures is conducted regularly.
- Guests will be thoroughly briefed on bushfire safety, prevention and the emergency procedures.

Comprehensive Procedures

- A Bushfire / Activity Safety Matrix that has predetermined trigger points for action (see attached).
- Development (with local Emergency Services) of comprehensive Emergency management Plans.
- Robust Communication systems allow information flow with participants.
- Procedures in place to receive warning of changed conditions from Rural Fire Service and Early Warning Network.

Act

Preparation has us ready to enact an Emergency Management Plan at any time of increased fire danger.

Comprehensive Plans

- Evacuation and Emergency response procedures are in place if ever required. These include but are not limited to:
  - Transport Plans
  - 24 hour communications with all groups
  - Measures taken to reduce fire risk to buildings and provide safer place inside buildings.
- Safer Places (Emergency Refuges) have been identified on out trips if evacuation were not practical.
- Bushfire survival plans maintained to current State Bush Fire Service publications and recommendations.

Survive

Good planning and preparation will provide the opportunity to enter the Australian Bush for your Camp or Activity with the knowledge that your safety has been comprehensively considered.

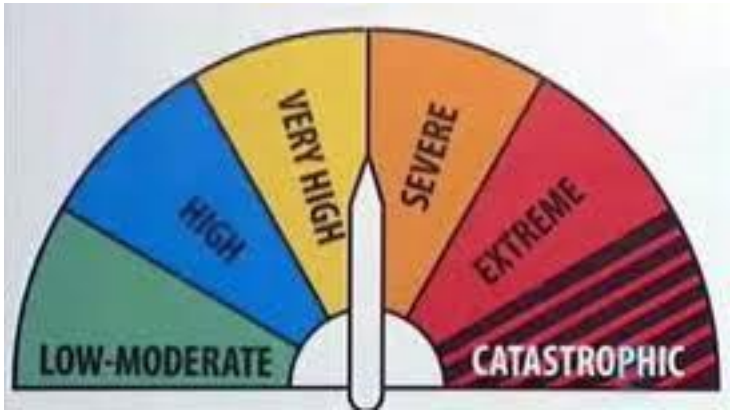
Our Commitment:

- We are committed to doing all that we can to ensure Bushfire does not have a negative impact on our environment and our guests.
- We live and work in these beautiful locations.
- We know the value of the Outdoors and are working to ensure they are accessible to all at all times it is safe to do so.

Fire Danger Rating

The Fire Danger Rating (FDR) indicates the expected Fire Behaviour on a given day. The FDR is determined by the Fire Danger Index (FDI), which is determined by a combination of air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought factors.

An FDI of 1 indicates that a fire will not burn, or will burn so slowly that it can easily be controlled. A FDI in excess of 100 (FDR is Catastrophic / Code Red) means that any fire that starts will burn so fats and hot that it is uncontrollable.



When a Fire Danger Rating is advised, you need to take it seriously and be prepared to act.

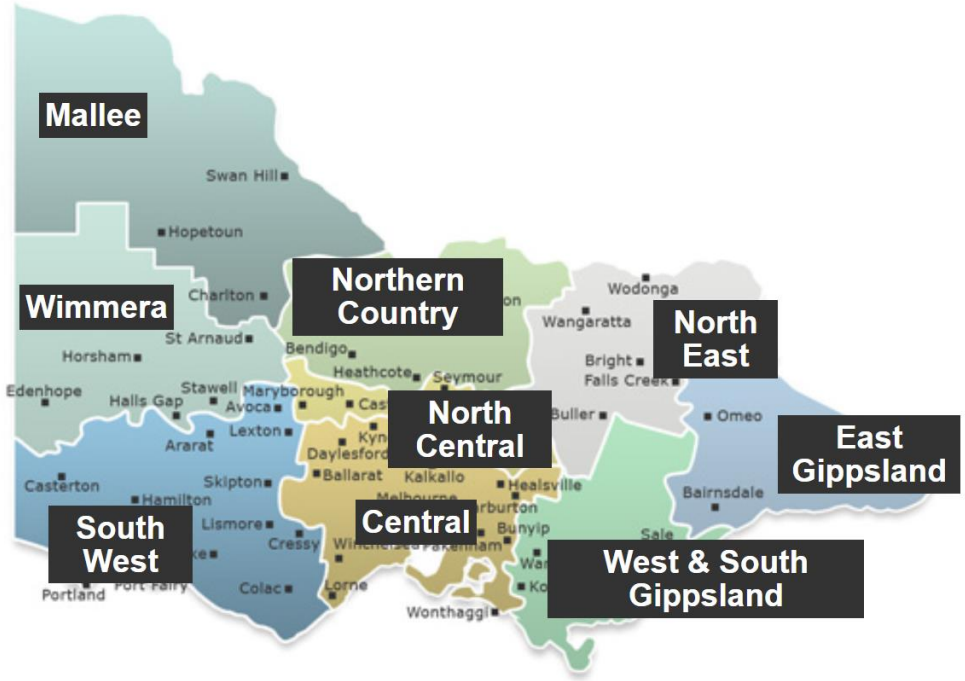
We display the current FDR near the Dining Room.

Your survival may depend on it.

Total Fire Ban

A Total Fire Ban may be declared for days of increased fire danger, based on advice from the Bureau of Meteorology.

Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans are generally issued for Fire Districts.
https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/total-fire-bans-and-ratings

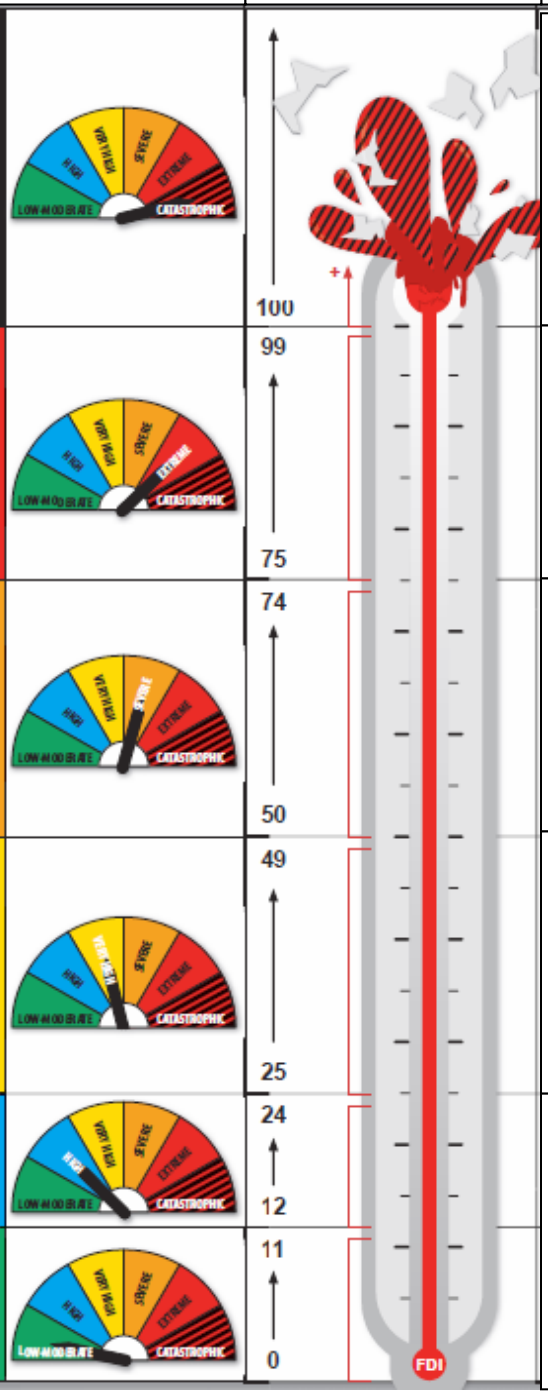


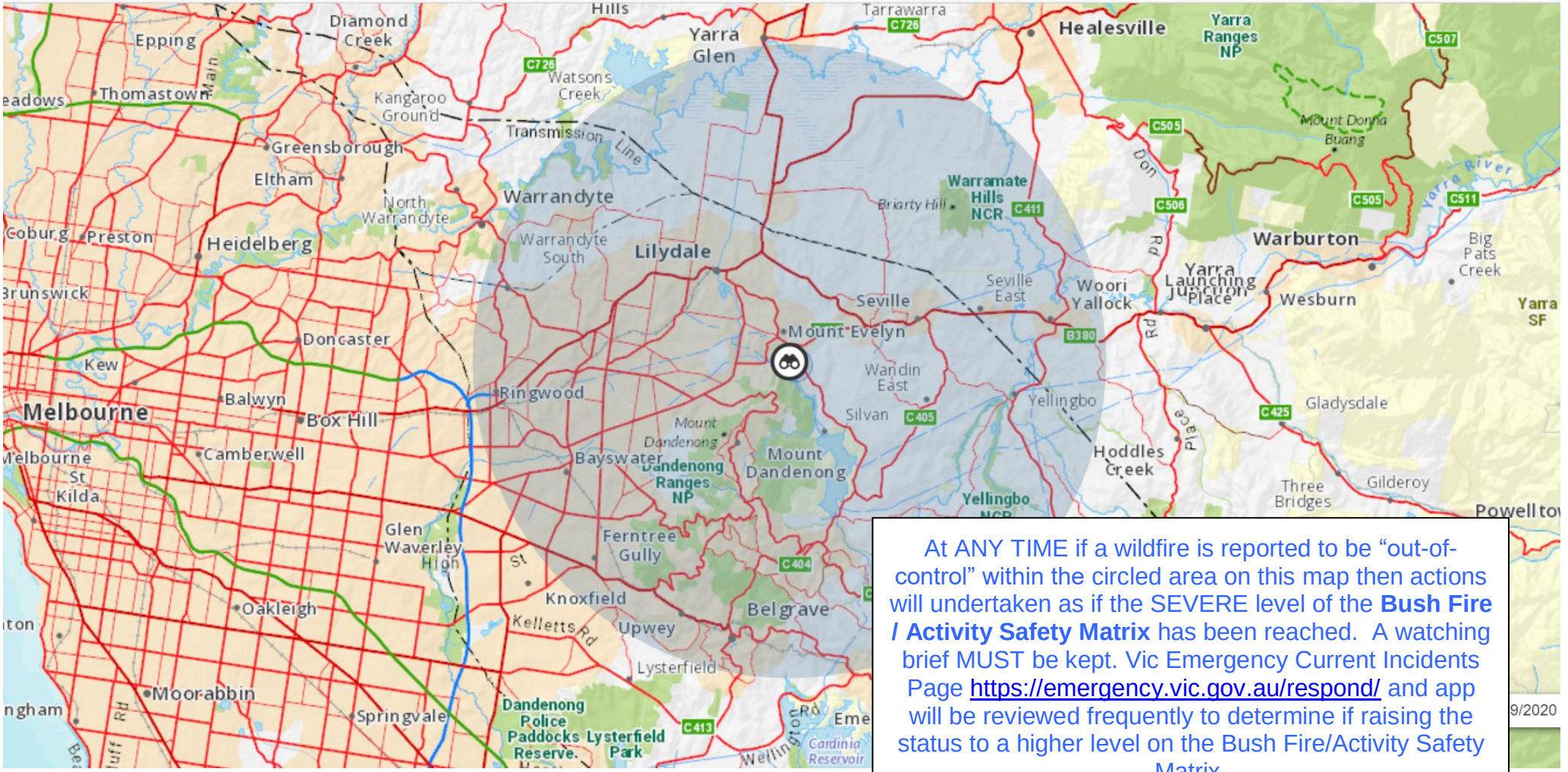
RULES FOR WHEN A TOTAL FIRE BAN HAS BEEN DECLARED

Camp Oasis is in the Central Fire District. When a TFB has been declared it will be displayed near the Dining Room.

There will be:
No Campfires. Gas BBQ is permitted with running water and adult supervision. All Guests and Staff will be briefed on procedures in the event that a fire starts in the vicinity

Bush Fire / Activity Safety Matrix

FIRE DANGER	FIRE DANGER INDEX	KEY ACTIONS	PROGRAMME CHANGES	MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES
CATASTROPHIC		**Organise Evacuation of Camp**	• Cease all current programming • Arrange evacuation (if safe to do so) • Consider future and upcoming programmes	• Confirm updates with emergency services, including access, current fire status and location • Contact emergency services and local Rural Fire Brigade / HQ to update our situation and gain advice • Evacuation of all persons - Organise movement to safety refuge if evacuation is unsafe or impractical • Account for all persons and monitor their wellbeing • Communicate with all relevant stakeholders of the current situation
EXTREME		**No one to leave Camp. All activities on-site.**	• Move all Groups to Main/Base Camp • Conduct local activities on the main property • Camp all groups at main property	• Confirm updates with emergency services, including access, current fire status and location • Contact emergency services and local Rural Fire Brigade / HQ to update our situation and gain advice • Keep all staff, teachers and students informed • All group leaders to leave radios on and monitor for updates and information • Plan potential evacuation and contact the Group's Office.
SEVERE		**No groups in any Remote Locations No offsite camping**	• Cancel all remote bushwalks	• All groups must be in locations with vehicular access • All group leaders to leave radios on and monitor for updates and information • Plan potential relocations to Main / Base Camp if necessary • Communicate with all relevant stakeholders of the current situation
VERY HIGH		**Morning Bushwalks Only No camping in some locations**	• Early starts on bushwalks to avoid walking in the afternoon	• Inform group leaders during call in to implement early morning walks and rest in the afternoon heat
HIGH		**Programme As Planned**	• Programme run as planned • Monitor fire danger meter	• Programme run as planned • Monitor fire danger meter
LOW / MODERATE				



At ANY TIME if a wildfire is reported to be “out-of-control” within the circled area on this map then actions will undertaken as if the SEVERE level of the **Bush Fire / Activity Safety Matrix** has been reached. A watching brief MUST be kept. Vic Emergency Current Incidents Page https://emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/ and app will be reviewed frequently to determine if raising the status to a higher level on the Bush Fire/Activity Safety Matrix.