



## 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.

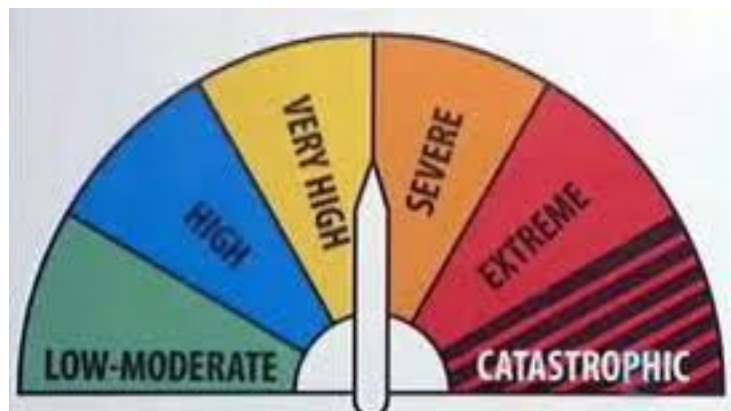
### Our Commitment:

- 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 fast 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.

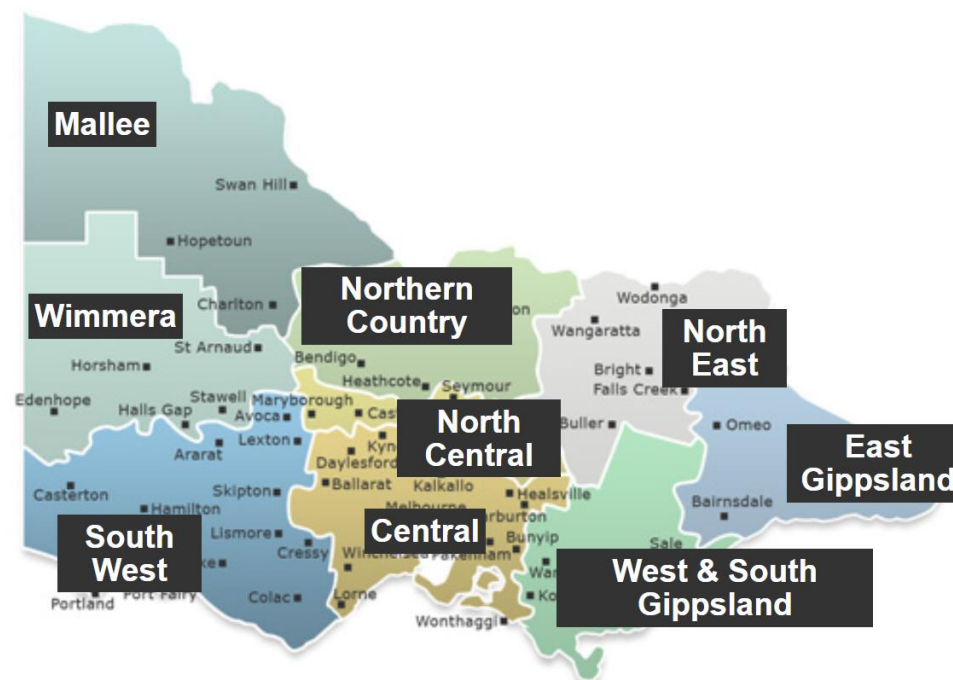
**Your survival may depend on it.**

# 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>




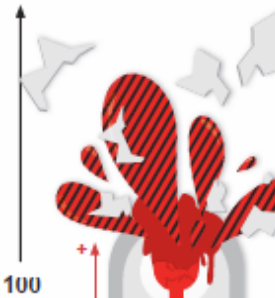





## RULES FOR WHEN A TOTAL FIRE BAN HAS BEEN DECLARED

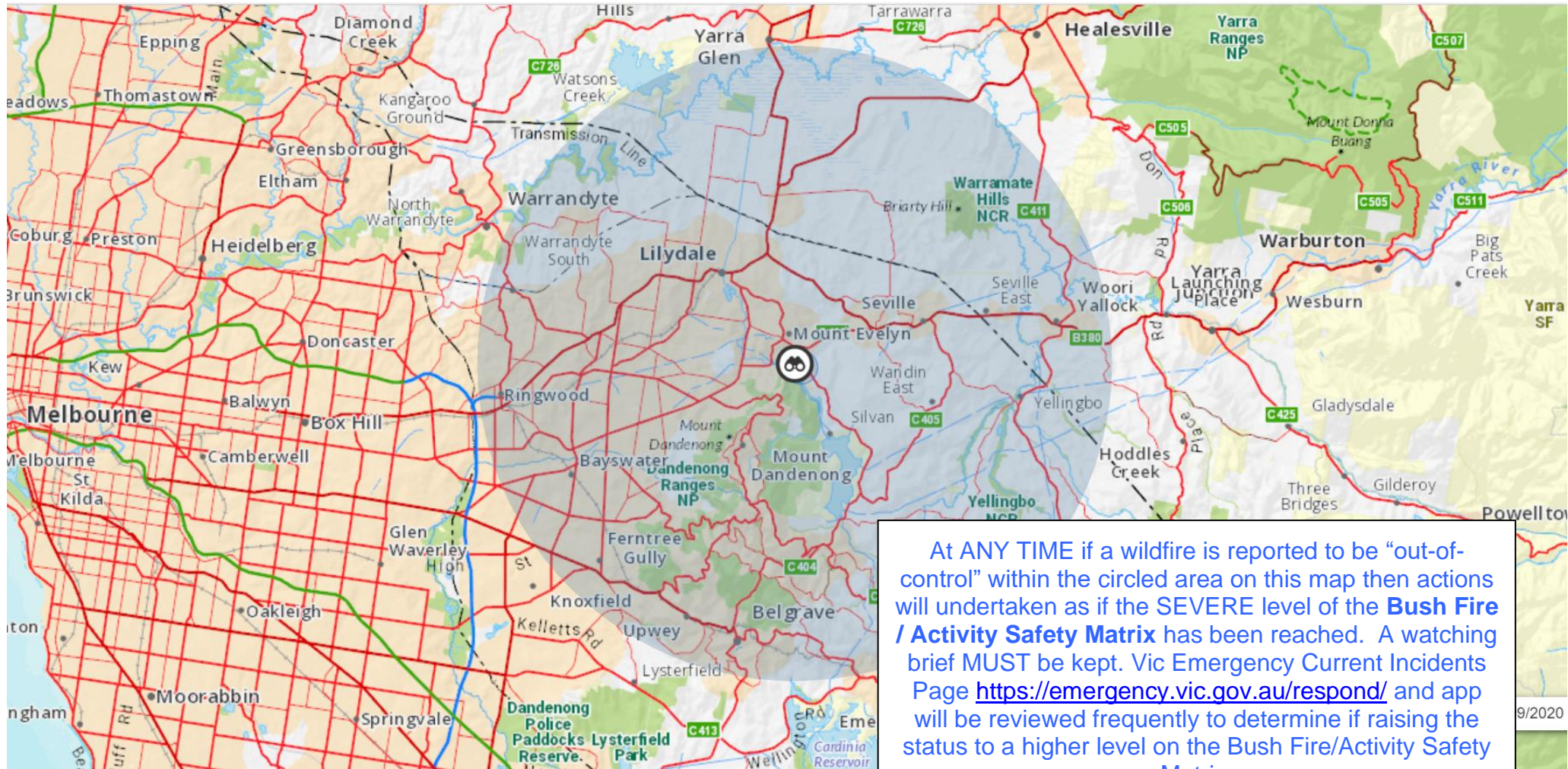
Camp Oasis is in the Central Fire District. When a TFB has been declared it will be displayed near the Dining Room.

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
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">CATASTROPHIC</span>  </div>		<p><b>Organise Evacuation of Camp</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cease all current programming</li> <li>• Arrange evacuation (if safe to do so)</li> <li>• Consider future and upcoming programmes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm updates with emergency services, including access, current fire status and location</li> <li>• Contact emergency services and local Rural Fire Brigade / HQ to update our situation and gain advice</li> <li>• Evacuation of all persons - Organise movement to safety refuge if evacuation is unsafe or impractical</li> <li>• Account for all persons and monitor their wellbeing</li> <li>• Communicate with all relevant stakeholders of the current situation</li> </ul>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">EXTREME</span>  </div>		<p><b>No one to leave Camp. All activities on-site.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move all Groups to Main/Base Camp</li> <li>• Conduct local activities on the main property</li> <li>• Camp all groups at main property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm updates with emergency services, including access, current fire status and location</li> <li>• Contact emergency services and local Rural Fire Brigade / HQ to update our situation and gain advice</li> <li>• Keep all staff, teachers and students informed</li> <li>• All group leaders to leave radios on and monitor for updates and information</li> <li>• Plan potential evacuation and contact the Group's Office.</li> </ul>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">SEVERE</span>  </div>		<p><b>No groups in any Remote Locations No offsite camping</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancel all remote bushwalks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All groups must be in locations with vehicular access</li> <li>• All group leaders to leave radios on and monitor for updates and information</li> <li>• Plan potential relocations to Main / Base Camp if necessary</li> <li>• Communicate with all relevant stakeholders of the current situation</li> </ul>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">VERY HIGH</span>  </div>		<p><b>Morning Bushwalks Only No camping in some locations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early starts on bushwalks to avoid walking in the afternoon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform group leaders during call in to implement early morning walks and rest in the afternoon heat</li> </ul>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">HIGH</span>  </div>		<p><b>Programme As Planned</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme run as planned</li> <li>• Monitor fire danger meter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme run as planned</li> <li>• Monitor fire danger meter</li> </ul>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">LOW / MODERATE</span>  </div>		<p><b>Programme As Planned</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme run as planned</li> <li>• Monitor fire danger meter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programme run as planned</li> <li>• Monitor fire danger meter</li> </ul>



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.