

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Information on fire activity West of St Albans **Issued from Hawkesbury Fire Control on 14th December at 1030hrs**

Situation

The Budda Creek Fire and Terraborra North fire on the Womerah Range 15km west of St Albans. The fire started on the 10 December 2015 as a result of lightning strikes. These fires are now collectively known as the "Terraborra North fire". The fire is burning in remote and rugged bushland and is approximately 1900 hectares in size. Currently, there is no direct threat to properties.

The fire is burning in "Very High" fire danger conditions and under these conditions fires can be difficult to control. Embers may be blown ahead of the fire, creating spot fires. Residents and visitors in the immediate and surrounding areas are asked to remain vigilant and continue to prepare your property, monitor the situation and follow your Bush Fire Survival Plan.

Yesterday, crews from NSW RFS and National Parks and Wildlife Service were deployed along the northern and southern edge of the fire and conducted successful backburning operations to strengthen and consolidate containment lines, supported by waterbombing aircraft including the large air tankers. NSW RFS trail bikes have also been used across the fire ground to identify future containment lines and assist in the opening of remote fire trails.

Specialist remote area firefighting crews and heavy plant continued to construct containment lines on the eastern edge of the fire for future firefighting operations as part of the overall fire suppression strategy to minimize possible threat to isolated communities including Upper MacDonald and Webbs Creek and St Albans. On the northern edge of the fire, crews continued to patrol and mop up along the fire edge and were supported by waterbombing aircraft. Overnight, crews conducted patrols on the fire ground and undertook firefighting operations where needed.

Today, residents and visitors to the area will experience continued aircraft movements and the potential smoke drift as firefighting crews continue firefighting operations on the northern and southern edge of the fire. Remote area firefighting crews, supported by heavy plant, will continue working on fire trails on the eastern edge of the fire to prepare for future backburning operations, as required, after an expected south easterly weather change later this afternoon.

Weather Outlook

Monday 14/12/2015 - Temperature 33 degrees, humidity of 14% with winds from north west 20kph in the am and turning south east in the afternoon.

Tuesday 15/12/2015 - Temperature 30 degrees, humidity of 30% with light and variable winds, becoming south easterly in the afternoon.

Stay up to date at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au or by calling 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)

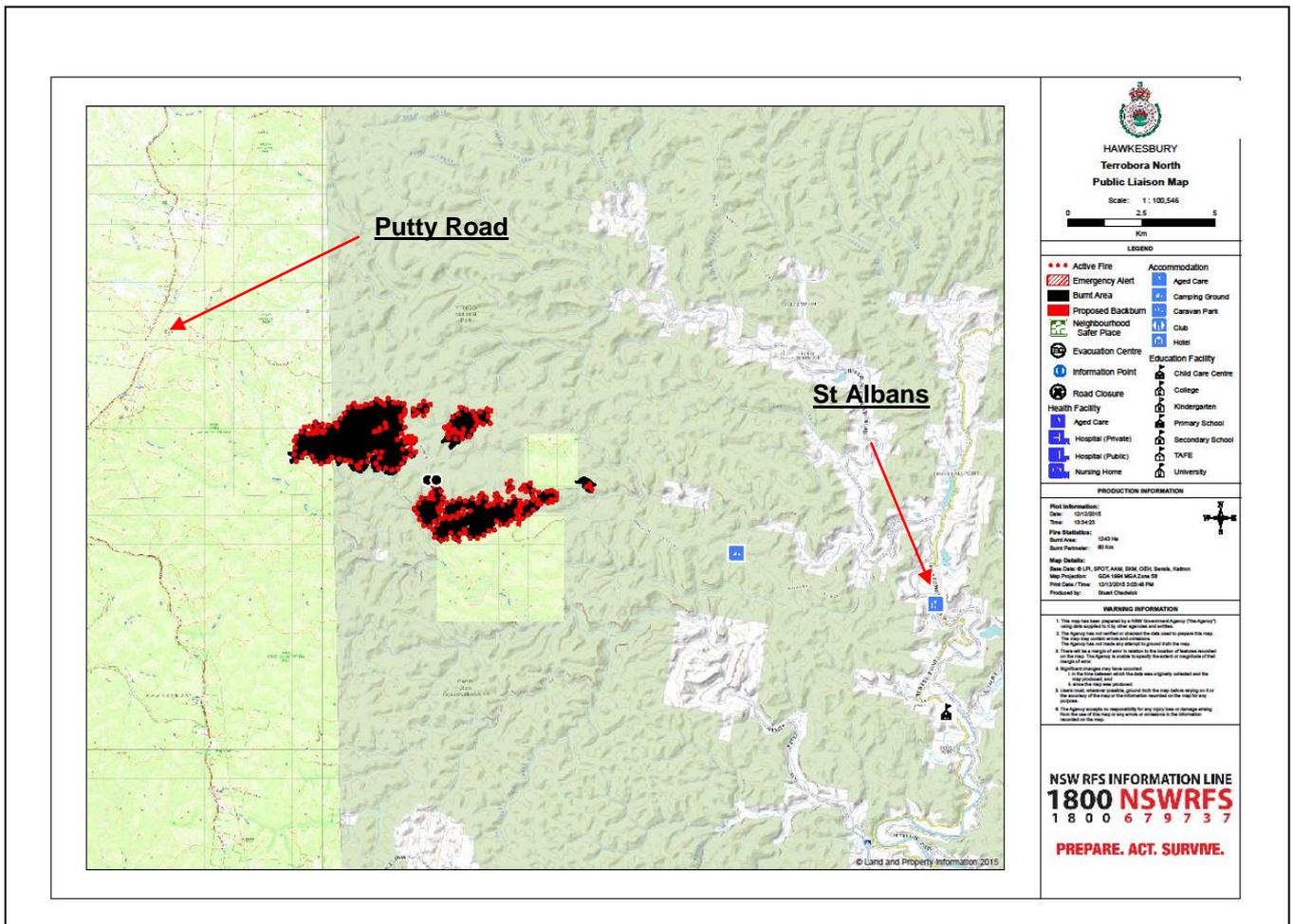
Advice

- Be aware of the fire situation and progress. Monitor conditions in your local area.
- Check and follow your Bush Fire Survival Plan. If you do not have a plan, know what you will do if the situation changes. Leaving early is your safest option.

Other Important Information

- If your life is at risk, call Triple Zero (000) immediately.
- Continue to stay up to date with the bush fire situation by checking <http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au>, listening to your local radio station or by calling the NSW RFS Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 679 737.
- For information on road closures, check <http://livetraffic.rta.nsw.gov.au>. Roads may be closed without warning.

The NSW RFS encourages you to not rely solely on these applications and services and use a range of sources for information. Fires Near Me NSW - Mobile App (To access our mobile device site, visit www.firesnearme.com)



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