

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Information on fire activity West of St Albans **Issued from Hawkesbury Fire Control on 15th December at 1330hrs**

Situation

The Budda Creek and Terraborra North fires on the Womerah Range, 8km west of St Albans, 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 3300 hectares in size. Currently, there is no direct threat to properties.

The fire is burning in "High Fire Danger" conditions. 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, firefighting crews from NSW RFS and National Parks and Wildlife Service were deployed along the northern and southern edges of the fire and conducted successful backburning operations to strengthen and consolidate containment lines. These crews were supported by waterbombing aircraft including the large air tankers.

Throughout the day the large air tankers conducted several fire retardant drops over the fireground to assist with the overall fire containment strategy. Specialist remote area firefighting crews and heavy plant continued to construct containment lines on the most eastern edge of the fire. Overnight, crews continued to monitor and patrol the fire ground and undertook firefighting operations where needed.

Today, residents and visitors to the area will experience continued aircraft movements and potential smoke drift as firefighting crews continue firefighting operations around the fire.

Remote area firefighting crews, supported by heavy plant, will continue with backburning operations on the most eastern edge of the fire and undertake backburning operations on the north western edge of the fire to strengthen containment lines. Firefighting crews will continue backburning operations into the evening with patrols of the fireground continuing throughout the night.

Weather Outlook

Tuesday 15/12/2015 - Temperature 32 degrees, humidity of 30% with light and variable winds, becoming south easterly in the afternoon.

Wednesday 16/12/15 - Temperature 26 degrees, humidity of 60% with winds from the east 5 – 10kph. The chance of a late afternoon thunderstorm.

Thursday 17/12/15 Temperature 26 degrees, humidity of 55% with winds from the south east 15 kph. The chance of showers, mostly during the morning.

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