

# BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

### Information on fire activity West of St Albans Issued from Hawkesbury Fire Control on 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1430hrs

#### 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 3600 hectares in size. Currently, there is no direct threat to properties.

A number of thunderstorms have moved across the fireground this morning and are forecast to continue throughout the day. The storms are making conditions too dangerous for firefighters to be on the ground or for aircraft to continue working on the fire. Despite the majority of firefighters being removed from the fireground for the day, the fire will continue to be closely monitored.

Yesterday, firefighting crews from NSW RFS and National Parks and Wildlife Service supported by heavy plant and waterbombing aircraft including the large air tankers were deployed along the most eastern edge of the fire and conducted successful backburning operations.

Firefighting crews on the north western, northern and southern edge of the fire conducted backburning operations to strengthen and consolidate containment lines as part of the overall fire containment strategy. Late in the afternoon firefighting crews were removed from the fireground due to thunderstorm activity. Firefighting crews returned to the fireground later in the evening and remained overnight patrolling monitoring the fireground.

Today, due to current thunderstorm conditions, crews will continue to patrol and monitor the fire ground throughout the rest of today and into the evening and overnight.

With forecast fire weather conditions due to return later in the week from Friday with 30 to 40 degree temperatures and the humidity ranging between 30 to 40 percent with light and variable winds through to the weekend. 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

#### Weather Outlook

**Wednesday 16/12/15** - Temperature 26 degrees, humidity of 60% with winds from the east 5 – 10kph. Thunderstorms throughout the day.

**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.

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

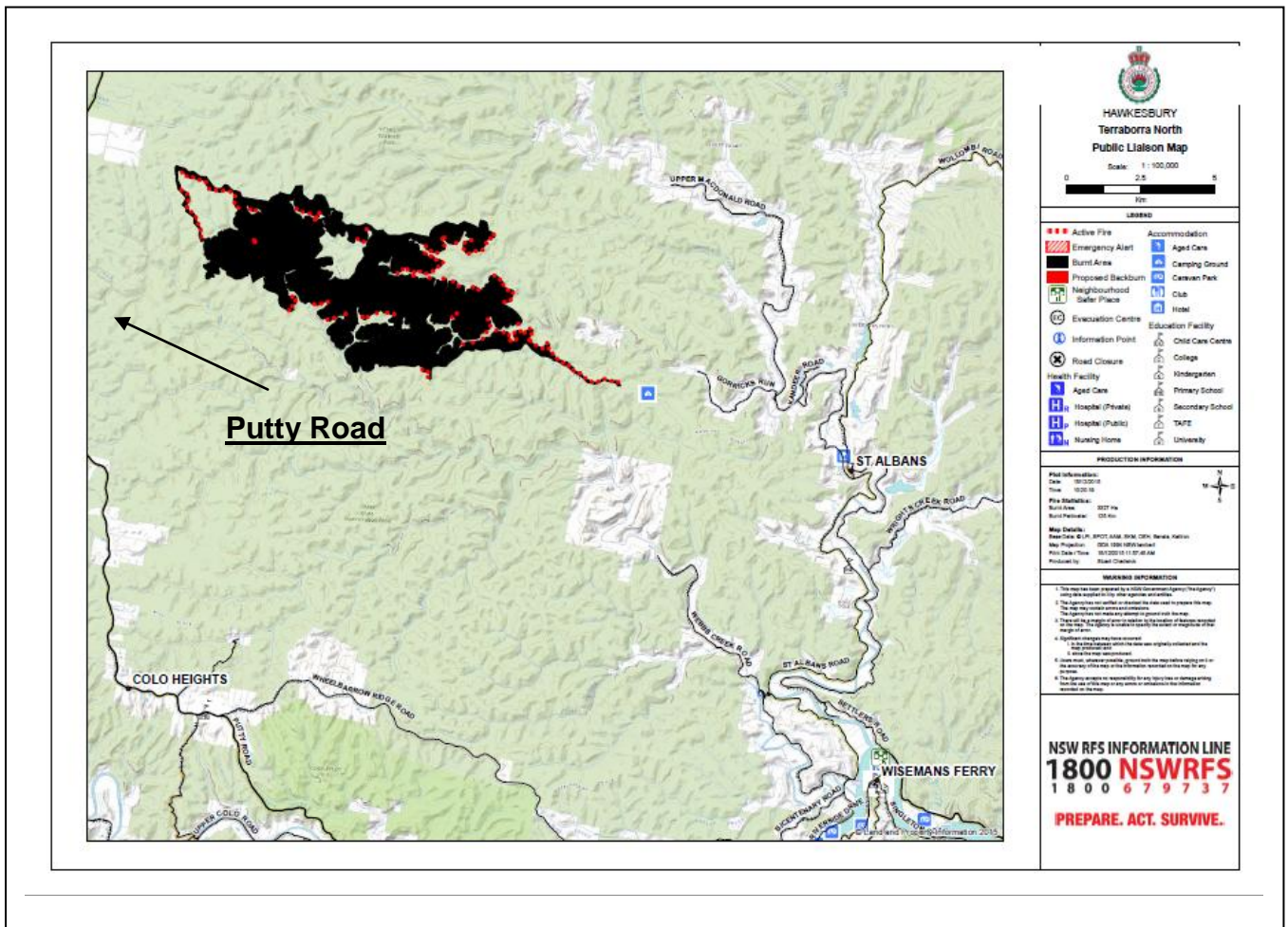
## Advice

- 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](http://www.firesnearme.com))



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