

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Information on fire activity West of St Albans Issued from Hawkesbury Fire Control on 18th December at 1000hrs

Situation

The Terraborra North fire continues to burn in remote and rugged bush land 8km West of St Albans and is approximately 3,700 hectares in size. Currently, there is no direct threat to properties.

Yesterday, ground crews conducted reconnaissance across the fireground to assess the impact of storm activity over the fireground. Ground crews were able to commence backburning operations to strengthen containment lines and these operations were monitored overnight.

Backburning operations are expected to continue throughout Friday and Saturday. Residents in the Colo Heights area should expect smoke drift across the area with the North-East to Easterly wind influence.

Hot and dry conditions are expected at the weekend with a North-West to Westerly wind to return on Sunday. Under these conditions, smoke drift is expected to affect communities of Higher MacDonald, Upper MacDonald and St Albans.

Residents and visitors in immediate and surrounding areas should expect an increase in smoke and aircraft activity as backburning operations continue over coming days.

Weather Outlook

Friday 18/12/2015 – Temperature 32 degrees, humidity of 26% with north-east to easterly winds. Warm and dry conditions.

Saturday 19/12/15 - Temperature 36 degrees, humidity of 25% with light and variable winds tending north-easterly to easterly during the afternoon between 15-25 km/h.

Sunday 20/12/15 - Temperature 37 degrees, humidity of 15% with north-westerly winds between 15-25 km/h.

Monday 21/12/15 - Temperature 33 C, humidity about 30% with south-easterly winds between 15-25km/h. A high chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Advice

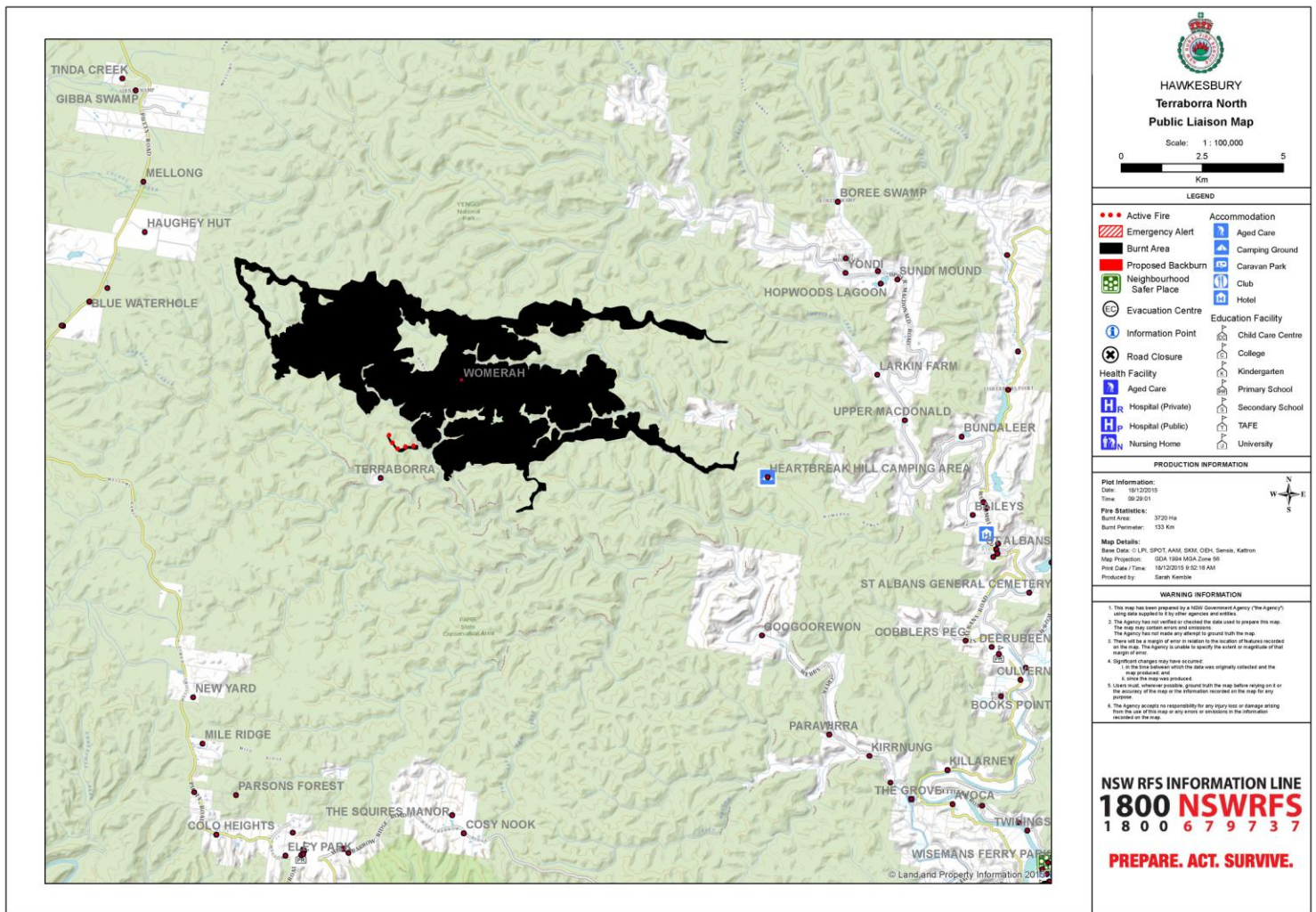
- Be aware of the fire situation and progress. Monitor conditions in your local area.
- Know where to go should you need information.
- Check and follow your Bush Fire Survival Plan. If you do not have a plan, know what you will do if the situation changes. Leaving early is your safest option.

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

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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