

BUSH FIRE INFORMATION

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Information on fire activity West of St Albans **Issued from Hawkesbury Fire Control on 20th December at 1200hrs**

Situation

The Terraborra North fire continues to burn in remote and rugged bush land 8km West of St Albans and is approximately 4,500 hectares in size. There is currently no direct threat to properties.

Yesterday, ground crews were able to strengthen containment lines through backburning operations. Aerial incendiary runs were also completed to consolidate containment lines on the eastern edge of the fire ahead of forecast north-westerly winds.

Overnight, crews continued to monitor and patrol the fire, identifying and eliminating hotspots.

Today, fire from backburning is predicted to meet which will increase smoke and fire activity for a short period of time within the eastern perimeter of the fire. This increased activity is likely to affect residents and visitors to Higher Macdonald, Upper Macdonald and St Albans.

Ground crews, waterbombing and reconnaissance aircraft will be monitoring the fireground throughout the day with teams identified to respond rapidly to any emerging situations.

Residents and visitors in immediate and surrounding areas should expect an increase in smoke and aircraft activity as the day progresses.

Weather Outlook

Sunday 20/12/15 - Temperature 36 degrees, humidity of 17% with north-westerly winds between 25-35 km/h.

Monday 21/12/15 - Temperature 32 degrees, humidity about 30% with north-westerly winds tending south-easterly between 20-30km/h from early afternoon.

Tuesday 22/12/2015 – Temperature 19 degrees, humidity of 60% with south to south easterly winds up to 15km/h.

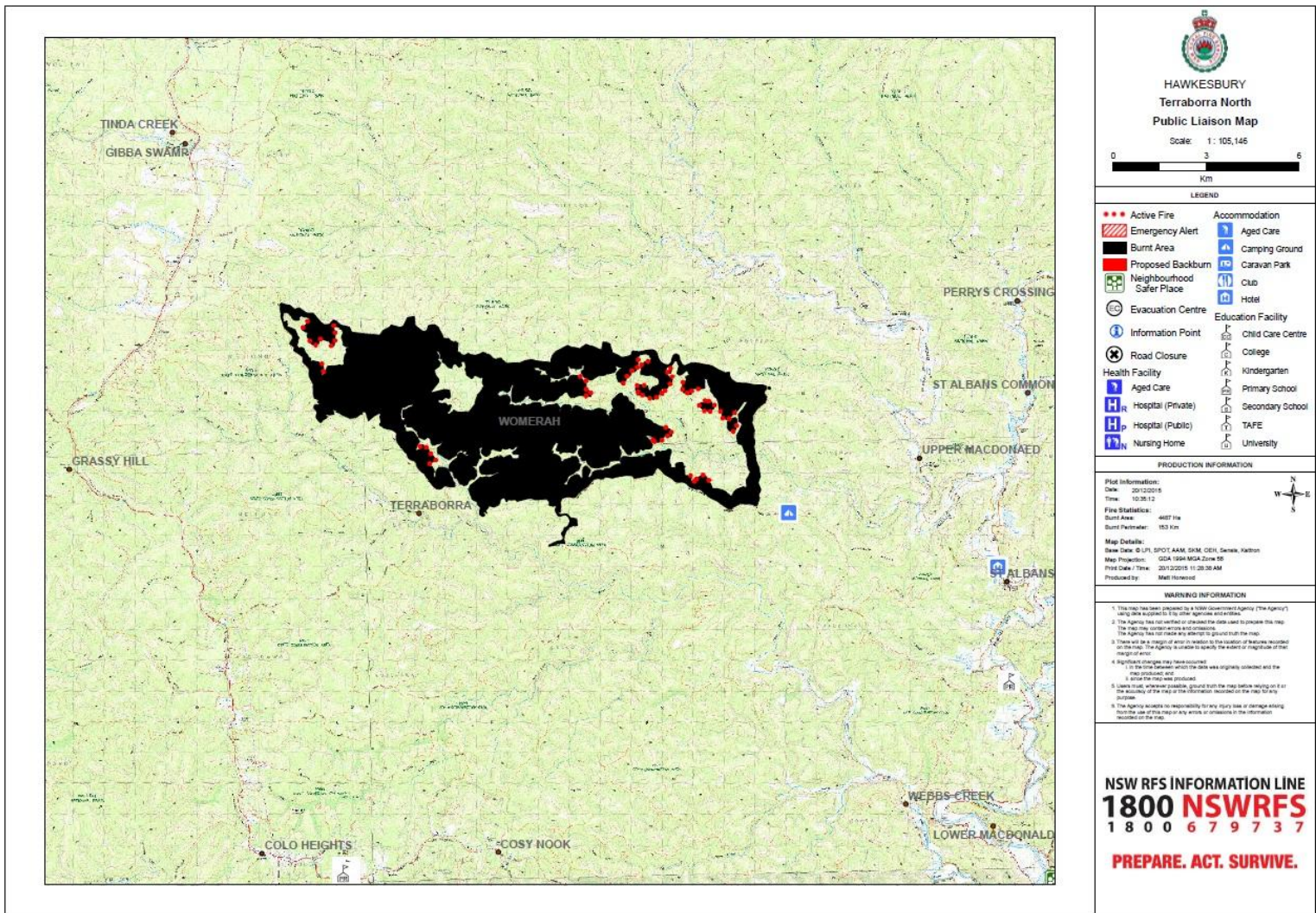
Advice

- 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.

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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