

Bushfire Safety Information and Contacts

Emergency Contacts, Warnings & Alerts

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Police, Fire And Ambulance

Bureau of Meteorology

www.bom.gov.au

Phone

You may receive alerts via your phone or mobile during an emergency

Flood/Storm Emergency

132 500

Vic Emergency Website

www.emergency.vic.gov.au

www.emergencyalert.gov.au

Radio Emergency Info

ABC 774, 621, UGFM 106.9FM, 88.9FM, 98.5FM, 98.9FM and 94.5FM

VIC SES Info Line

Only available during large scale emergencies

1300 842 737

FireReady App

Get it on your [Android device](#)

Get it on your [iOS device](#)

For a full list of broadcasters visit

www.emv.vic.gov.au

Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL)

1800 240 667

Department of Health Website

www.health.vic.gov.au/chiefhealthofficer

Five easy steps to prepare your household for bushfire

1. Know your risk: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/am-i-at-risk/
2. Create your own Bushfire Plan: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/your-bushfire-plan/
3. Create your own Fire Ready Kit: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/fire-ready-kit/
4. Have a backup plan: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/back-up-plans/
5. Plan for your pets: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/pets-and-bushfires/

What is Council's role in bushfire planning?

Council's fire prevention activities are developed in consultation with CFA and DELWP. For more information visit <http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Emergency-Management/Bushfire-Prevention-and-Planning>

Can I or Can't I light a fire?

Find out what you can and can't do during the declared Fire Danger Period and on days of Total Fire Ban: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can/

North Central Fire District Fire Danger Rating

To know the current fire danger rating for the North Central Fire District, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/north-central-fire-district/

Heatwave Information

For information on dealing with heatwaves visit <http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Our-Community/Heatwaves> or www.health.vic.gov.au/environment/heatwaves

Questions

For further information contact Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or Emergency Management Coordinator on 5772 0333.

Building and Vegetation Removal in Murrindindi Shire

Building and Bushfire Prone Areas (BPAs) and Bushfire Attack Levels (BAL)

What is a BPA and BAL and what does it mean when building a new house? See the Council website <http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Property/Planning-and-Building/Building-and-Construction/Building-standards-and-regulations>

Exemptions regarding vegetation removal for bushfire protection

- **The 10/30 rule**
Under the 10/30 rule, owners of homes built before September 2009 are exempted from some vegetation clearance restrictions. If this rule applies, all vegetation can be removed from within 10 metres of the house. Vegetation (excluding trees) can be removed within 30 metres of the house.
- **The 10/50 rule**
If your property or dwelling falls within a bushfire management overlay, the planning provisions allow finer fuels to be managed up to a distance of 50 metres from your house. Trees can also be removed within 10metres according to this rule.

If you are unsure whether either of these rules apply to you, contact the Murrindindi Shire Council Planning Department on 5772 0317 or visit the vegetation management section of Councils website <http://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Your-Property/Environmental-Management/Vegetation-Management>

Neighbourhood Safer Places: Bushfire Places of Last Resort

Neighbourhood Safer Places – Bushfire Places of Last Resort (NSPs) are a place of last resort and do not guarantee safety. They should only be used if a resident's Bushfire Survival Plan fails and residents have no other place for shelter. The following NSPs have been declared in Murrindindi Shire:

- Alexandra—Leckie Park—Station Street (opposite Lamont Street) Alexandra
- Eildon Basketball Courts Corner Centre Avenue and Main Street Eildon
- Flowerdale— Flowerdale hall—Whittlesea-Yea Road opposite Broadford-Flowerdale Road Flowerdale
- Kinglake West Recreation Reserve—Corner of Whittlesea-Kinglake Road and Recreation Road Kinglake West
- Marysville Community Centre—Gallipoli Park—Falls Road Marysville
- Thornton Recreation Reserve Oval—Taggerty-Thornton Road, Thornton
- Yarck Recreation Reserve, Corner Yarck Road and Goodear Lane, Yarck
- Yea Skate Park—Station Street (Melba Highway), Yea

Community Information Guides (CIGs)

CIGs (formerly known as Township Protection Plans) are a key source of information for the community and an important tool to emphasise the shared responsibility between the community, fire services and local government. CIGs have been completed and are available for the following towns in the Murrindindi Shire:

- Flowerdale
- Marysville
- Toolangi and Castella
- Kinglake
- Kinglake West and Pheasant Creek
- Eildon / Taylor Bay

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/community-information-guides/