

Community Information Newsletter #5

Crooked River/Waterford

Friday 17 March 2017

INCIDENT INFORMATION

Crooked River & Waterford Fires

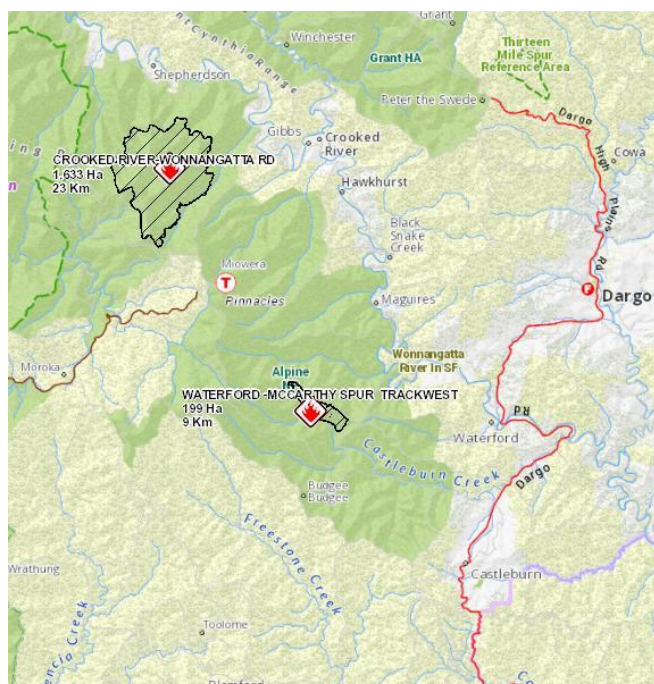
Crooked River fire is currently 1476ha in size with a 20km perimeter, **Waterford** fire is currently 192ha in size with an 8km perimeter, fire's were caused by lightning.

Roads and track closures include:

Billy Goats Bluff Track, Moroka Road east of Marathon Road, Shanty Hollow Road, Dairy Farm Track, Pinnacles Road, Mount Kent Track, Castle Hill Track, Horse yard Flat camping area, the Pinnacles fire tower viewing area, the Moroka Falls walking track, Castleburn Creek Track, 65 Firetrail Track, McDonald Gap Track, Junction Spur Track, McCarthy Spur Track, McCarthy Spur West Track, Scrubby Creek Track, Trail Track, Dairy Farm Track, Pinnacles Rd, and Castle Hill Track.

Operations:

9 aircraft currently bombing the fire including a Large Air Tanker (LAT)
Over 190 ground crews currently working on these fires,
Over 20 Bulldozers and excavators are currently working on perimeter containment lines.



Incident Controller: _____

THANKYOU TO OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Looking after 280 personnel takes a lot of effort with meals, accommodation, equipment and hospitality– a big shout out to all the local businesses who are helping to look after our frontline and background emergency service staff.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

A high pressure system will pass to the south of Victoria on Friday and will strengthen over the Tasman Sea on Saturday then remain over the Tasman Sea during Sunday. A low pressure trough will cross the Bight on Sunday and will reach Victoria on Monday.

Forecast for the rest of Friday 17 March

Partly cloudy Slight (30%) chance of a light shower about the ranges. Winds south east to south westerly 15 to 20 km/h tending south easterly in the morning then tending easterly 25 to 35 km/h in the middle of the day. Daytime maximum Temperatures 20 to 25.

Latrobe Valley	Partly cloudy.	Max 24
Sale	Partly cloudy.	Max 23

Fire Danger: High

Forecast for Saturday 18 March

Sunny, Patchy fog about the ranges in the early morning, Winds easterly 25 to 35 km/h. Overnight temperatures falling to between 9 and 14 with daytime temperatures reaching 24 to 30.

Latrobe Valley	Sunny.	Min 12	Max 28
Sale	Sunny.	Min 13	Max 26

Forecast for Sunday 19 March

Patchy morning fog Sunny day, Light winds becoming east to south easterly 15 to 25 km/h during the afternoon then becoming light during the evening. Overnight temperatures falling to between 11 and 14 with daytime temperatures reaching 27 to 33.

Latrobe Valley	Mostly sunny.	Min 14	Max 32
Sale	Mostly sunny.	Min 13	Max 31

SIRENS

What does a community alert siren mean?

If a siren sounds for up to 90 seconds it indicates a CFA brigade is responding to an incident nearby. A continuous siren for five minutes means that there is a significant emergency and you must seek further information because it may affect you.

What do I need to do if I hear a community alert siren sound in my community?

If a siren sounds for five minutes, you must seek further information immediately from a source such as the emergency services' websites, the Victorian Bushfire Information Line or emergency broadcasters such as community radio stations, ABC Radio or Sky News.

STAY INFORMED

For information on fires in Victoria and general fire safety advice, please contact the **Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL)** on free call **1800 226 226**. Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment can call VBIL via the National relay Service on **1800 555 677**.

Check for the latest warnings and advice messages at www.emergency.vic.gov.au

Facebook ([facebook.com/vicemergency](https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency)) or Twitter (**Twitter @vicemergency**)
Local ABC radio
Sky News TV

It's important to understand where you are, what you will do and where you will go during an emergency. Know how to stay informed and never rely on one source for emergency information.

CAMPERS

We want to remind everyone who is camping over the weekend to be vigilant with their campfires

Unattended campfires or those that are not extinguished properly are a common cause of bushfires.

We want people to enjoy everything the environment has to offer, but we also want people to understand the risks when it comes to campfires.

If you see anyone behaving suspiciously or irresponsibly, call 136 186 and report it, or contact your local DELWP or Parks Victoria office, or a police station.

Those caught doing the wrong thing can be prosecuted under the Country Fire Authority (CFA) Act 1958.

For further information go to <http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/fire-restrictions-and-regulations>

HEALTH INFORMATION

For information on how smoke from bushfires can affect your health, and emergency assistance availability:

The Department of Health and Human Services
www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/environmental-health/climate-weather-and-public-health/bushfires-and-public-health

Nurse-on-Call on 1300 60 60 24 (this is a phone service that allows you to discuss any health related issue with a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the cost of a local call from anywhere in Victoria).

ROAD INFORMATION

Information on updated road closures is available via 13 11 70 or the Vic Roads website www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

**For more information
about this fire:**

**Contact Heyfield Incident
Control Centre on**

Ph: 5139 7779