

## Bush Fire Management Committee Report

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Location: NSW Rural Fire Service, FCC Kempsey

Chairperson: Cr Arthur Bain

### Subcommittee Report:

- Changing meeting dates to comply with new legislative requirements, 3 weeks prior to next BFMC meeting. This will enable more detailed reporting to the BFMC.
- Next Gen Risk Management Plan is underway
  - Electronic Fire Access and Fire Trail (FAFT) inspections, data currently collected by RFS volunteers and shared with agencies
  - Annual works program targets – Hazard Reduction (HR)/Asset Protection Zone (APZ) maintenance/FAFT/Community Engagement/Neighbourhood Safe Places (NSP)
  - NPWS – additional funding for FAFT maintenance in Arakoon and other areas outside KSC

### Grant Funding:

- This is a new permanent agenda item, allowing BFMC members to raise issues to direct staff to seek funding, or for agencies to share both grant opportunities, and successful grant applications.

### Organisation Reports:

#### Crown Lands:

- Business as usual – APZ & FAFT maintenance, burn plans in place

#### Forestry Corporation:

- Fire response to suspicious ignitions and escaped pile burns on boundaries

#### TfNSW:

- Vegetation Management on Highway

#### NPWS

- Additional FAFT funding
- HR's completed

#### RFS

- 3 HR's completed 8 plans ready to go when conditions permit
- 13 Hazard complaints managed (time consuming)
- Deployments to Victoria, Queensland, Hunter Valley and Western NSW
- Developing 25/26 Community Engagement Plan
- Promoting Community Engagement Facilitator training of volunteers

### **Seasonal Update**

- Above average rainfall, patchy, with areas within the district receiving high rainfall and other areas significantly less.
- Higher Temperatures
- Recommendation to maintain Fire Danger Period to 31<sup>st</sup> March

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

- Members to familiarise with [BFMC Handbook](#)
- 2-year plans legislated
- Preseason checklists
- Bush Fire Management Plan (5 year)
  - Works Plan – Hazard Reduction (HR)/Asset Protection Zone (APZ) maintenance/FAFT/Community Engagement/Neighbourhood Safe Places (NSP)
  - Ignition Prevention Plan
- Annual Reports published
- Need for Council to appoint an alternate delegate to BFMC

Meeting closed: 11:27 am

Next Meeting: Wednesday 14 May 2025 10:30 RFS FCC Macksville