

**HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES  
EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT**

## STATE SITUATION REPORT

1700 hrs, 09/02/2014

<b>INCIDENT / EMERGENCY NAME:</b>	Fire Preparedness 8-10 February 2014		
<b>SITUATION REPORT NUMBER:</b>	# 2	<b>INCIDENT LEVEL:</b>	2

SITUATION SUMMARY:	
Situation Summary	<p>Today has been declared a day of Total Fire Ban across the state. Fire danger ratings today of extreme and severe were experienced in Victoria today.</p> <p>A strong south westerly wind started moving through the state from the west this morning, making conditions on current fires very challenging. It reached Melbourne at midday and moved through Gippsland in the afternoon.</p> <p>There has been extreme fire activity across the state today, including a number of fires around the fringes of Melbourne. Multiple LGAs have been impacted, and there have been extensive road closures.</p> <p>Heat Health Alerts were issued for today for every district except the North East district and East Gippsland district.</p> <p>Recovery coordination for the Grampians Northern Complex fire is ongoing.</p>
Known impacts	There are varying reports of impacts from multiple fires, including property damage and injuries to fire fighters. These impacts to be confirmed.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES:	
Health Command/Coordination	<p>Yarram Regional Health Service on high alert and sheltering in place. Maryvale Private Hospital and Heritage Manor Residential Aged Care Services sheltering in place and supported on site by local CFA and Victoria Police.</p> <p>Buchan Bush Nursing Centre and Gelantipy Bush Nursing Centre working closely with local emergency services. Vulnerable members of the community are being contacted by the bush nursing services.</p> <p>Orbost Regional Health Service and Cann River Hospital have significant fires within close proximity to them. They are working closely with local emergency services. Planning in place to evacuate as required.</p> <p>Multiple fires across the state are causing significant drain on Ambulance Victoria management resources.</p> <p>Ambulance Victoria has deployed approximately 15 + Health Commanders in Incident Control Centres across the state. A strike team has been deployed to support the fire at Craigieburn. A Field Emergency Medical Officer has been deployed to the Ambulance Emergency Operations Centre.</p> <p>Ambulance Victoria has treated 5 fire-fighters for relatively minor injuries. Multiple Ambulance Victoria resources despatched to support fire fighting efforts.</p>
Health Protection	<p>Regional Emergency Management Team and Department of Health Environmental Health Officer continue to monitor water supply situation relating to the limited capacity of water treatment plants in the townships of Euroa and Violet Town.</p> <p>No adjustments made to Heat Health Alert messages.</p> <p>Concerns raised about effects of smoke in air at Orbost, standard messaging included in all warnings to date.</p>
Human Services Command	A number of Department of Human Services clients and services have been affected by fires today, resulting in the relocation of a small number of facilities and individual clients. These include a Child Protection client in Wangaratta, and a Disability Group Home in Yarram. DHS continues to work with emergency services to identify clients at risk, facilitate relocation and support affected clients.
Relief (inc Red Cross)	<p>Fourteen relief centres have been opened across the state in response to widespread fires. Red Cross, Salvation Army and Victorian Council of Churches are activated at a number of locations to support affected communities and provide relief services.</p> <p>Foodbank Victoria and Save the Children are on standby and ready for activation.</p>
Recovery	Early impacts are still being assessed. This will inform early Recovery planning across the state.
Communications / Public Information	<p><a href="http://www.recovery.vic.gov.au">www.recovery.vic.gov.au</a> and the Victorian Emergency Relief Information Line have been updated hourly regarding relief and recovery centre activity.</p> <p>Information has been provided to the Emergency Management Joint Public Information Committee (EMJPIC) teleconferences (9:00 and midday), emphasising the readiness of relief services and public messaging. A further EMJPIC teleconference will be held at 17:00.</p> <p>Actively monitoring media and communications issues.</p>
Business Continuity	Nil to report

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### ISSUES:

Issue	Multiple local councils and communities have been impacted by the fires today.
Actions taken	Health and Human Services are maintaining regular contact with local councils.

### OPERATIONAL STATISTICS:

#### RELIEF/ RECOVERY CENTRES

Region and LGA	Location	Type of Centre	Hours/Attendees
Grampians Northern Grampians Shire Council	Grampians Community Health Centre 8 Patrick Street, Stawell	Recovery	Wednesday 5 Feb - Friday 7 Feb 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Grampians Horsham Rural City Council	1574 Northern Grampians Road, Latharum	Recovery	Friday 7 Feb 10:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday 11 Feb 1:00pm - 4:00pm Thursday 13 Feb 1:00pm - 4:00pm
Gippsland East Gippsland Shire Council	Orbost Secondary College Assembly Hall, Arnold Street, Orbost	Relief	24 hours Attendees: 100
Gippsland East Gippsland Shire Council	Cann River P-12 School, Tanboon Road, Cann River	Relief	24 hours Attendees: Nil
Gippsland East Gippsland Shire Council	Bruthen Mechanics Hall, 31 Great Alpine Road, Bruthen	Relief	Attendees: Nil
Gippsland Wellington Shire Council	Yarram Secondary College, James Street, Yarram	Relief	Attendees: 35 adults and additional children
Bombala Council, NSW	Delegate Country Club, Bombala Street, Delegate, NSW	Relief	24 hours Attendees: 11
Hume Mitchell Shire Council	Wallan Multipurpose Centre, 42 Bentick Street, Wallan	Relief	Attendees: 45
North and West Nillumbik Shire Council	801 Main Road, Eltham	Relief	Attendees: Nil
North and West Hume City Council	Broadmans Stadium, Cnr Mitchells Lane and Wilsons Lane, Sunbury	Relief	Attendees: 1
Loddon Mallee Macedon Ranges Shire	Gisborne Community Centre Hamilton Street, Gisborne	Relief	Attendees: 60
Gippsland Latrobe City Council	Moe Town Hall, Albert Street, Moe	Relief	Attendees: 5
Gippsland Latrobe City Council	Traralgon Town Hall, Grey Street, Traralgon	Relief	Attendees: 3
Eastern Metropolitan Manningham City Council	Donvale Indoor Sports Centre, 360 Springvale Road, Donvale	Relief	
North and West Hume City Council	Craigieburn Leisure Centre, 127 Craigieburn Road, Craigieburn	Relief	Attendees: 25
Hume Shire of Moira	Wunghnu Recreation Centre, Goulbourn Valley Highway	Relief	Attendees: 40

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

No information on grants received today. Figures as at yesterday.

Region and LGA	Number Emergency Grants	Total \$139,250
Grampians – Ararat	58	\$51,250
Grampians – Horsham	10	\$9,000
Grampians – Northern Grampians	82	\$74,250
Grampians - Pyrenees	1	\$1,250
Gippsland – Baw Baw	1	\$500
<b>Sum Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>\$139,250</b>

**Next Sit Rep: The next situation report will be issued at 1700hrs, Monday 10 February 2014**

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