

WATCH AND ACT: Driffield, Hazelwood: STRZELECKI HWY

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Watch and Act

Issued For: Driffield, Hazelwood

Fire Origin: DRIFFIELD

Incident Name: STRZELECKI HWY

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This is a DOWNGRADED **Watch and Act** message issue by Country Fire Authority for Driffield, Hazelwood.

Firefighters are working to stop the spread of the grassfire in the DRIFFIELD and HAZELWOOD area. It is not yet under control.

This fire is affecting the open cut mine. Fire services and mine management are working to bring this fire under control.

Smoke will continue to be visible and affect nearby communities including Morwell.

Staying close to shelter is the safest option, in case conditions change again suddenly. Continue to stay informed and monitor conditions.

Travel to:

- The Relief Centre at Traralgon Performing Arts Centre at 55 Grey Street.
- The home of family or friends that is away from the warning area.

Road Closures:

- Strzelecki Highway is closed at the Princes Freeway, Morwell

The next update is expected by 10/02/14 4:00 AM or as the situation changes.

Safety information:

- Remember to take your prescriptions and medication, photo ID, bottles of water, your mobile phone and charger and consider what you will do with your [pets](#).
- When driving, slow down and turn on your headlights; smoke will make it difficult to see.
- If you have time, check your neighbours to see if they are monitoring conditions.
- Contact a family member or friend to tell them what you plan to do now.

Stay Informed:

- Via www.cfa.vic.gov.au
- Tune to ABC Local Radio, commercial and community designated radio stations or Sky News TV.
- Call the [Victorian Bushfire Information Line \(VBIL\)](#) on freecall 1800 240 667.
- Deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment can contact VBIL via the National Relay Service on 1800 555 677.
- Download the FireReady App and follow CFA on Twitter or Facebook.
- Road Closures: check [VicRoads](#) website.

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