

Gippsland Regional Emergency Management Team REMT Teleconference

Meeting held on Sunday 9 February 2014 at 1430hrs

Purpose of Regional Emergency Management Team:

- Facilitate a discussion to enable agencies to develop a consistent situational awareness regarding the emergency (s) affecting the region.
- Identify risks and consequences
- Facilitate the achievement of the State Controller's Intent
- Develop a Regional Plan outlining the regional actions of all agencies
- To maintain a log and keep an audit trail.

Facilitator: Bryan Russell, Regional Controller

Note Taker: Jo Brent, Executive Officer

Attendees: NO ROLE CALL WAS TAKEN

RC-	Bryan Russell	VicRoads-		Telstra-	
EO-	Jo Brent	SP Ausnet-		Vline-	
CFA AC-		Education-		Mt BawBaw-	
CFA-		Em Broadcaster		Parks-	
DEPI AC-		PTV-		HVP-	
DEPI-		Gipps Water-		CGIG-	
SES AC-		Sth Gipps Water-		Bass Coast-	
VICSES-		East Gipp Water-		Baw Baw-	
DHS-		Southern Water-		East Gipps-	
Health-		Sth East Water-		Latrobe	
AV-		Melb Water-		Wellington	
RERC-		Energy Australia		Sth Gipps-	
VICPOL-		Red Cross		GLaWAC (Gurnakurnai Land and Water Aboriginal Corp)	
Defence					

Apologies:

#	Agenda Item
1	<p>Situation Awareness</p> <p><u>Weather Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The change has come through South Gippsland and has hit Latrobe Valley now. • It is due in Bairnsdale at 1600. Mallacoota at 1900. Later at Gelantipy. <p><u>Road Traffic Closures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates will be distributed by VicPol. <p><u>Relief Centres</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Relief Centre located at Yarram at the Yarram SC Walpole stadium.

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Operational Activity Update

Emergency Warnings in place for:-

- Buchan, Buchan South, Sunny Point. Fire Origin: 20KN NW BUCHAN
- Bellbird Creek, Cabbage Tree Creek, Club Terrace, Combienbar, Murrungowar. Fire Origin: 10 K NNW CLUB TERRACE. Incident Name: CLUB TERRACE - GOOLENGOOK RIVE
- Goongerah and Martins Creek. Fire Origin: 6KM NW OF GOONGERAH. Incident Name: GOONGERAH-MT JERSEY
- Alberton, Calrossie, Devon North, Glen Rose, Greenmount, Macks Creek, Whitelaw, Won Wron, Woranga, Yarram. Fire Origin: Madalya. Incident Name: EGANS RD.
- Alberton West, Hiawatha, Jack River, Madalya, Staceys Bridge. Fire Origin: MADALYA. Incident Name: EGANS RD.

Recommendation to Evacuate is in place for:-

- Bonang, Cabanandra, Deddick Valley, Dellicknora, Tubbut and Amboyne, to go to Delegate Relief Centre at the Delegate Country Club, Bonang Road, Delegate.
- Bete Bolong, Bete Bolong North, Youngs Creek and the outlying areas of Jarrahmond to go to the Orbost Relief Centre at Orbost Secondary College, Arnold Street, Orbost.
- Goongerah or Martins Creek to go to the Relief Centre at the Orbost Secondary College Assembly Hall.

Traralgon ICC

New Fire – Yarram – Jack River – Egans Road.

- Westerly wind is pushing this fire to the north of Yarram towards Woodside. Yarram is not expected to be impacted.
- Warnings and Advice messaging is in place.
- Ember attack is reported in Won Wron.

Hernes Oak – McDonalds Track fire

- This fire has escaped and is running parallel with the freeway and railway towards Morwell, in between the Coal mine.
- Reports that this fire is now spotting into the Hazellwood Power station.
- There is possible fire in the coal mine. The Traralgon ICC is working on this.

Road Closures

- It was identified that we can't continue diverting traffic through Yallourn North due to the current fire activity in this area, and we can no longer use the South Gippsland Highway. We may need to block the highway at Traralgon and Trafalgar.

Bairnsdale ICC

Timbarra - Gil Groggin

- Able to maintain this fire on the hill for now. The peak of the Gil Groggin hill has protected the fire from the wind. Not anticipating the large run into Buchan that was predicted earlier. It may move under the south westerly winds.
- Evacuation Warnings for Buchan are being maintained as a precaution.

Orbost ICC

- The Fire Behaviour Predictive Map that was circulated earlier today showed that Mallacoota could have been impacted, but this has been scaled back because the fire did not commence running as early as expected.

Orbost - Wombat Creek

- This fire is running towards the Highway.
- Evacuation plans are in place for Waygara, east of Nowa Nowa.
- This fire is spotting 7km ahead of the fire.
- Spotting 1km north of Orbost. Crew have been tasked to these fires.

Club Terrace Complex

- This fire has left containment lines at Purple Patch.
- Club Terrace has been evacuated – all except 3 households have evacuated.
- Messaging is encouraging residents to leave now while it is safe to do so.

	<p><u>Goongerah – Deddick Trail (formerly Snowy Complex)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This fire has produced a huge column of smoke and is producing 7km spotting ahead of the fire.
3	<p>Emerging Risks and Consequences</p> <p><u>Bass Coast</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns around Power outages – no impact reported at this stage.
4	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Sunday 9 February 2014, at 1800hrs. Monday 10 February 2014, at 1030hrs.</p>