

# Greater Melbourne

## 2019/20—2021/22 Joint Fuel Management Program FFMVic - Port Phillip & CFA - South East, North East & North West



### Cultural burning

**3** burns with traditional owners

FFMVic partner with the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Corporation, Narrap Ranger Group and Local councils to bring fire back on Country by reintroducing traditional burning practices to the landscape.



### Community Based Bushfire Management

**3** active CBBM communities

Healesville, Menzies Creek, Clematis

Community Based Bushfire Management (CBBM) is an initiative under Safer Together. It provides a space for local residents and agencies to collaboratively identify bushfire risk and work towards ways to reduce it.



### Engaging the community

CFA will work with local communities such as Menzies Creek, Healesville and others in the form of Bushfire Planning Workshop Sessions. A Bushfire Education Session will be delivered to Menzies Creek Primary School to increase the awareness of primary-aged students living in bushfire prone areas.

FFMVic will partner with the Yarra Valley Wine Association and smaller boutique wineries across the Yarra Valley to share details of scheduled burns and to make considerations during harvesting seasons.

### Monitoring conditions

New Automated Fuel Moisture Meters at Powelltown, Olinda and French Island will allow monitoring of fuel moisture content (FMC) at a landscape level. The vegetation's moisture content is an important factor in deciding when conditions are suitable for planned burning. The network will improve our ability to take burning opportunities.

### Cross-tenure burns

**18** FFMVic in partnership with the CFA

To reduce risk across public and private land.

### Planned burns

**95** covering 4,787 ha

Mechanical fuel reduction methods – mainly slashing and mulching will be used to treat 1,275 ha.

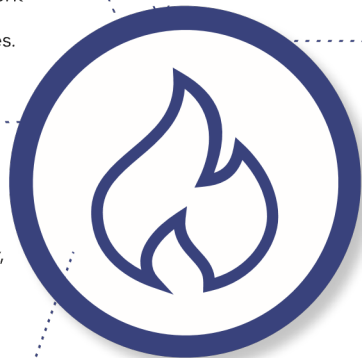
### Biodiversity Monitoring Program

FFMVic is working towards identifying areas that would be suitable for burning to reduce the bushfire risk to Leadbeater's possum habitat and known populations. This is part of a Leadbeater's Possum Fuel Management Strategy.

FFMVic will continue to monitor the effects of fire on species such as Greater Glider and Hairpin Banksia. The Hairpin Banksia monitoring is focused on recruitment and fire severity.

### Areas identified for bushfire protection

Cockatoo, Mt Dandenong, McMahon's Creek, Silvan, Gilderoy, Ferny Creek, Reefton



### Ecological burning

FFMVic has a large ecological burning program to promote ecosystem resilience. A large part of this ecological burning occurs in the Western Grasslands, to the west of Melbourne.

A cross-tenure burn will be completed within the forested grounds of Healesville Sanctuary to promote the growth of Foothills Forest.



### Bushfire risk

**82%** by June 2020

Current residual risk is 80%. Bushfire risk will be reduced to below the Port Phillip Region target of 85% through implementation of the JFMP. Without the joint fuel management program, it is estimated that the bushfire risk could increase to 85% by 2022.

### Menzies Creek & Clematis CBBM

CFA and FFMVic work in partnership with the communities of Menzies Creek and Clematis in Melbourne's south-east, to identify current community knowledge to build an understanding of and preparing for the threat of bushfire and emergencies. This is aimed at enhancing community resilience through participation and leadership development.

