

Hume - Year 1

2020/21—2022/23 Joint Fuel Management Program

FFMVic - Hume & CFA - North East



Cultural burning

2 burns with Traditional Owners

FFMVic and CFA will support burn with Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation at Mooroopna and Taungurung Land and Water Council at Kirwans Bridge.



Engaging the community

Due to COVID 19 restrictions online engagement sessions are being scheduled with local communities to discuss and review community bushfire plans across the Hume Region.



Areas identified for bushfire protection

Granya, Dartmouth, Bucheen Creek/ Cravensville, Bright, My Beauty, Yackandandah, Jamieson North, Sawmill Settlement, Kevington, Marysville, Narbethong, Kinglake, Kinglake West and Narbethong.

Planned burns

196 covering 71,498 ha

Non-burning fuel treatment

Mechanical fuel reduction methods – mainly slashing and mulching will be used to treat 5,758 ha.

Research

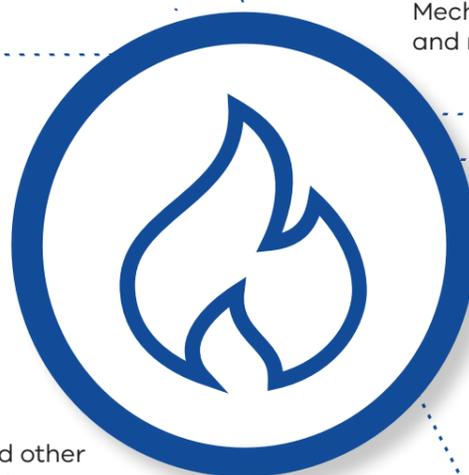
Our research focus this year will continue to improve our understanding of the distribution of Greater Gliders in our burn units, initiate the development of habitat condition measures that will improve our understanding of fuels and their hazard, as well as developing measures and thresholds to support the introduction of planned fire into recent large scale bushfire scars.



Ecological burning

Planned burning at the Bonegilla Grassland Reserve, near Wodonga, has taken place each year for over 25 years. Burning aims to modify the vegetation composition across the planned area to assist with the promotion of native flora and weed management.

Fire helps orchids, lilies and other rare plants in the reserve to flower and reproduce.



Cross-tenure burns

3 FFMVic in partnership with the CFA

To reduce risk across public and private land.



Bushfire risk

65% by June 2021

Currently residual risk is 67%. Bushfire risk will remain below the Hume Region target of 69% through implementation of the JFMP. Without the JFMP, it is estimated that the bushfire risk could increase to 73% by 2023.

Monitoring conditions

Throughout 2020-21, Hume's Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting (MER) program will deliver 15 projects under a contemporary outcomes-oriented framework.

The program will retain established monitoring principals and activities, whilst broadening its monitoring scope to include cultural heritage and bushfire response, as well as strengthening our monitoring of fuel management activities and adaptive management. The increased scope sees the number of parameters monitored increase from 6 to 29 to support a holistic narrative about how we are tracking toward the Victorian Bushfire Monitoring Program vision of safer and more resilient communities and ecosystems. They'll also help identify where we can improve.

The Burning Well project is a new focus area this year and will look closely at the delivery of our burns to ensure we are meeting our burn coverage targets, protecting ecosystems, managing heritage and protecting areas post burning.

