

Council Policy Manual WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL POLICY					
TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURES			Policy No:		
	P	POLICY	Adopted by Council:	19 Sep 1995	
			Next review date:		
Senior M	anager:	Directors – Corporate & Community Services, Infrastructure Development & Works			
Respons	ible Officer:	Events Officer/ Works Mana	iger		
Function	al Area:	Corporate and Works			
Introduction & Background		The following is Council's policy for the temporary closure of roads and streets in the municipality for the purpose of holding a procession, public ceremony or function, the power for which is provided under Clause 10(1)(b) of Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1989.			
Purpose & Objectives		 The purpose is to: Support community activities in accordance with the Council Plan and various community strategies, and Ensure timely responsiveness to Utility Infrastructure provider notification for requirement for access. 			
Policy De	etails	,			
1.	This policy o	covers applications for temporary street closures of Council controlled			
	This policy of controlled ro	does not consider applications pads.	s for temporary road clo	sures of VicRoads	
2.	Applications	and notifications			
Applications for Event and Community to writing with the Director Corporate and the proposed closure. Notifications of requirement for access lodged with Director Infrastructure Develo		Community Services at to Local Roads and R	least 28 days prior to		
3.	lodged with Director Infrastructure Development and Works. Approval subject to conditions				
	Approval for the closure shall only be give procedure for Temporary Street Closure		en subject to conditions	as set out in the	
A standard condition is the provis			ion and implementation	of a Traffic	



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	Management Plan				
4.	Public Liability Insurance				
	The Applicant shall be required to provide evidence of Public Liability Insurance coverage				

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3.6 Neighbourhood Safer Places (Robyn Evans, GMIDW; Adrian Schmidt, Municipal Fire Prevention Officer)

- Nominate NSP before the next fire plan
- Discussion around Dergholm, Apsley and Lake Charlegrark
- · Lake Charlegrark is removed from the list of NSP
- · Dergholm requires consultation
- Harrow Recreation Reserve is discarded as a NSP given failure to meet required criteria
- · Report will be presented to Council.

Action: Consensus that the NSP criteria / standards must be maintained by Council as part of any consideration around NSP declarations. Consensus that Lake Charlegrark and Harrow did not meet the required criteria to support NSP declaration consideration. Recognised further consultation required with Dergholm community around NSP process / criteria. Detailed report and officer recommendation for possible late item of business consideration 21/11/2013. GMIDW

15.1 NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACE - PLACE OF LAST RESORT UPDATE

FILE NUMBER: PS0308

REPORT AUTHOR: ADRIAN SCHMIDT, MUNICIPAL FIRE PREVENTION

OFFICER

FOR INFORMATION

Introduction

In conjunction with the Country Fire Authority, (CFA) West Wimmera Shire Council (Council) is responsible for designating and maintaining the formal Neighbourhood Safer Places-Places of Last Resort, (NSP-PLR).

NSP-PLRs evoke the idea that a place can be safe from fire however this is not possible to guarantee. NSP-PLRs are solely for when individual fire plans fail and a place of absolute last resort may be where an individual may choose to go.

Discussions about NSP-PLRs are conducted through Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Committee (MFPC) and endorsed by Council's Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) of which the MFPC is a subcommittee. Recommendations from the MEMPC go to Council for endorsement.

Background

2010

June 2010 Council adopted the Neighbourhood Safer Places –Place of Last Resort (NSP-PLR) Plan. This plan documents the agreed process for the nomination and adoption of any site as a NSP-PLR.



Colin Mibus as the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer undertook assessment of Lake Wallace Reserve, Edenhope and Harrow Hall, Harrow in conjunction with CFA. Report was tabled with WWSC in August 2010 that Lake Wallace Reserve, Edenhope was deemed compliant by CFA and meet the Councils NSP-PLR Criteria. Harrow Hall, Harrow was deemed to meet CFA criteria but did not meet Councils NSP-PLR Criteria, in particular relating to safe access and egress to the site.

2011

At the July 2011 MFPC meeting it was noted that Dergholm Hall had been assessed by CFA and meet criteria and now required assessment by Council to ascertain if it meet Councils NSP-PLR Criteria.

In October 2011 WWSC requested that a report be prepared regarding the possible declaration of Lake Charlegrark as a NSP-PLR. This action was noted at the November 2011 meeting of the MFPC with the action for Lake Wallace Reserve, Edenhope to be approved and a reviewed to be undertaken of the Apsley and Dergholm sites and Lake Charlegrark to be investigated.

2012

July 2012 MFPC a report was given that Vic Police, CFA and WWSC had completed inspections of sites at Apsley and Lake Charlegrark. The Apsley football oval was deemed to meet the CFA requirements with conditions and also meet Councils NSP-PLS Criteria. Lake Charlegrark was found to be unsuitable as a NSP-PLR. The rationale for this assessment is that as a caravan/recreational park, that people there in the case of a fire would already be there and it is not a 'Place of Last Resort' as such and as defined by the State guidelines.

On August the 16th 2012 Apsley Football Oval was endorsed by WWSC as a NSP-PLR.

2013

Lake Wallace Reserve, Edenhope and Apsley Football Oval, Apsley have been reassessed by CFA and Council as continuing to meet criteria for Neighbourhood Safer Places- Places of Last Resort and the MFPC October 2013 endorsed these sites to retain designation as NSP-PLRs.

At the October 2013 MFPC the committee requested the local group officer to speak with the Dergholm community regarding their need for a NSP-PLR. If the community wishes to proceed with this sites designation council will undertake the Councils NSP-PLR criteria process.

The suitability of Harrow Hall was also discussed and the committee unanimously agreed that the hall was not suitable as a NSP-PLR and would have further discussions with the community as to other potential sites and to confirm relocation routes to safer places such as Balmoral, Edenhope or Casterton, in the case of individual fire plans to leave early and depending on the direction and location of the threat.

11 November 2013 the MEMPC considered the above and endorsed all of the MFPC recommendations.

Risk Management Implications

There is significant risk in Council endorsement of a NSP-PLR that does not meet the criteria of a NSP-PLR. This will be mitigated by the assessment process closely adhering to the 2010 Council assessment process.

The other risk for Council, CFA and VicPolice is the community making their own decisions about utilising spaces undesignated as NSP-PLRs, but being referred to or used effectively as such. This will be mitigated by community consultation and education.

As identified above, members of the MFPC will also discuss with the community at Harrow, alternative sites other than the Harrow hall for possible NSP-PLR assessment.

Legislative Implications

Emergency Services Legislation Amendment Act 2009 made changes to the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 and the Emergency Management Act 1986 requiring the CFA to certify NSP-PLR against CFA Fire Rating Criteria and Victorian Councils to identify, designate, and maintain suitable places as NSP-PLR in their municipal district.

In regards to a NSP-PLR it is a Local Government decision whether to adopt such nominated sites as places of last resort, but it should consider every application on its merits in accordance with its adopted Plan. There is no requirement to have NSP-PLR as such.

Environmental Implications

Nil

Financial and Budgetary Implications

Annual maintenance of Lake Wallace Reserve by council staff maintains this location. Committee of Management at Apsley Recreation Reserve maintain this location.

Policy and Council Plan Implications

Council Plan Outcome

6.6 Council will incorporate relevant emergency management and recovery initiatives and actively work with regional agencies. Initiatives will acknowledge the capacity of Council, the resilience of the community and the expertise of regional agencies.



Appropriately assessing, designating and maintaining NSP-PLRs in the Shire will address the above and these actions are also compliant with the Council Plans below:

- West Wimmera Shire Council Emergency Management Plan 2013
- West Wimmera Shire Council Municipal Fire Management Plan
- West Wimmera Shire Council Neighbourhood Safer Places Plan 2010.

Communication Implications

Ongoing community education about fire risk, fire plans and Neighbourhood Safer Places-Places of Last Resort is necessary. The CFA are the primary conduit for such information. Council has an updated website to ensure referral to the CFA for this critical communication.

Council will support CFA messaging in all its communications regarding fire and emergency management.

Conclusion

Edenhope and Apsley Neighbourhood Safer Places-Places of Last Resort will continue to be monitored and maintained on an annual basis. Any amendments to these locations as NSP-PLRs would be discussed at both Municipal Fire and Emergency committees prior to recommendations coming to Council.

Dergholm as a NSP-PLR has merit and will be a likely recommendation to Council soon.

Lake Charlegrark will have investigations under the State Caravan Park Emergency Management guidelines and the current Municipal Fire Prevention Committee's recommendation to the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee will be not to pursue its assessment as NSP-PLR.

The MFPC's recommendation to the MEMPC is that the Harrow Hall meets neither Council nor State requirements as NSP-PLR and should therefore not be designated. The MEMPC endorsed the recommendation not to nominate the Harrow Hall as a NSP-PLR.

Further consultation with the CFA and the community at Harrow should occur to investigate alternative sites as potential NSP-PLRs.



OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

- That Council continue to monitor and maintain Apsley and Edenhope Neighbourhood Safer Place – Places of Last Resort sites and registered NSP-PLRs.
- That Council ceases investigation of Lake Charlegrark as a Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort.
- That Council ceases investigation of Harrow Hall as a Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort.
- That Council engages with the community at Harrow to discuss possible alternative sites for a Harrow Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort.

Moved: Councillor Meyer

Seconded: Councillor Jones

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Carried Unanimously

Attachments:

No.	Name	RecFind Ref
1.	Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee Minutes of 11 November 2013	13/004681
2.	CFA Revised Audit requirements	10/001397
3.	2010 NSP-PLR Plan	13/004546



Rae Stone

From: Adrian Schmidt

Sent: Friday, 30 June 2017 11:34 AM

To:j.hunt@cfa.vic.gov.auCc:Records; Michelle EllisSubject:Harrow NSP Edgars Rd

Hi Janelle

Thanks for the chat.

As discussed please remove the Council request to have Edgars rd assessed as a NSP site in Harrow. I have discussed this with the CFA and we currently are assessing other alternative sites.

Please accept this email as an official request.

• To remove the Council request to have Edgars Road assessed as a posable NSP site.

Thanks

Adrian Schmidt | Ranger/Local Laws Officer, MFPO

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02 AUG 2017

West Wimmera Shire 49 Elizabeth Street Edenhope 3318

Dear Adrian

Neighbourhood Safer Places - Places of Last Resort Assessment for 1000095443 Blair street , Johnny Mullagh Recreation Reserve Blair Harrow 3317

The CFA ACT 1958, Sect 50G (5 a and b), sets out obligations for CFA as follows; (5) On receiving a request (for assessment from Municipal Council), the Authority must-

- (a) assess the place; and
- (b) if the place meets the criteria set out in the CFA Assessment Guidelines, certify in writing that the place meets those criteria.

This letter and the attached report are designed to meet these obligations and provide assistance to Council in its further decision-making for potential Neighbourhood Safer Places - Places of Last Resort.

CFA developed criteria to assist Council in determining the suitability of potential sites for Neighbourhood Safer Places - Places of Last Resort. These criteria have been developed as part of a consultative process, involving other fire agencies, emergency services and stakeholders.

This site assessment has been based on the quantity of vegetation determined at the time of this inspection and under section 50I of the CFA ACT 1958, it is council responsibility to maintain all Neighbourhood Safer Places.

The 1000095443 Blair street, Johnny Mullagh Recreation Reserve Blair Harrow 3317 has been determined as Compliant with the CFA Guidelines, provided that prescriptions of management of grassland over the fire danger period are secured by agreed terms entered into by the landholder. This written agreement must refer to the specific treatments and prescriptions as stated in attached CFA Assessment Criteria Report, be signed by the landowner and attached to the NSP Online Business System on designation of this potential NSP site or confirming designation as part of Review.

CFA understands that it is Council's responsibility to designate this site as a Neighbourhood Safer Place - Place of Last Resort and that Council may wish to engage with other Agencies and stakeholders, including CFA as part of any final approval process before a final decision is made.

CFA hopes you find this information of benefit in the final designation process. If you require further assistance on this matter, please contact Tony Brady at 0400 573 943.

Yours faithfully

(Refer to attached file for authorisation signature)

Operations Manager West



NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES - Places of Last Resort

CFA ASSESSMENT CRITERIA REPORT

Neighbourhood Safer Place Site Name and Address:

1000095443 Blair street, Johnny Mullagh Recreation Reserve

Blair Harrow 3317

The	site	is	assessed as:
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a)		Meeting the CFA assessment criteria on the day of assessment; or
b)		Not meeting the CFA assessment criteria on the day of assessment; or
c)	\boxtimes	Meeting the assessment criteria provided that prescriptions of management of the grassland over the fire danger period are secured by agreed terms entered into by the landholder (see below)

Criteria

1) Setback Distances and Radiant Heat Measures

Neighbourhood Safer Places should provide protection to people from lethal levels of radiant heat by providing an appropriate separation distance between fire hazards, particularly vegetation and the site of the Neighbourhood Safer Place.

If a Neighbourhood Safer Place is an open space, the appropriate separation distance should be greater than 310 metres from the outer edge of the NSP to the fire hazard, or should be prescribed to ensure a maximum potential heat impacting on the site of no more than 2kw/m².

If a Neighbourhood Safer Place is a building, the appropriate separation distance greater than 140 metres from the outer edge of the building to the fire hazard or should be prescribed to ensure that the maximum potential heat impacting on the building is no more than 10kw/m².

		North Aspect	East Aspect	South Aspect	West Aspect
Setback distance (m)	Actual	44	79	90	63
	Prescribed (Grassland Only)	80	n/a	n/a	n/a
Radiant Heat (Kw/ m²)	Actual	3.33	1.59	1.27	1.94
	Prescribed (Grassland Only)	1.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

2) The following is only to be completed if grassland areas require further and specified management over the fire danger period

Recommendation	Y/N
There must be prescriptions for management of the grassland over the fire danger period, secured by agreed terms entered into by the landholder. This written agreement must refer to the specific treatments and prescriptions as stated below, be signed by the landowner and attached to the NSP Online Business System on designation of this potential NSP site or confirming designation as part of Review.	Y
The identified treatment of the grassland be included within the MFPP or MFMP (whichever is relevant) and is the responsibility of Council to facilitate and if required enforce the treatment during the fire danger period.	Y

Treatments and Prescriptions:

All grassed areas within the reserve to a distance of 80m from the NSP boundaries on the north, south and east sides are to be maintained to less than 100mm throughout the Fire Danger Period

PRINT CFA OFFICER NAME: Tony Brady DATE: 06.06.2017

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Quick References

- Municipal Fire Profile p16
- Risk Management Strategies p20
 - Community Information Guides p23
 - Bushfire Places of Last Resort p23
 - Cross
 Boundary
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Document Information

Amendment Register

Criteria			Details
Document Title			West Wimmera Municipal Fire Management Plan
Documer	nt Custodia	n	West Wimmera Shire Council
Version Number	Date of Issue	Author(s)	Brief Description of Change
1.0	Jul 2012	West Wimmera Shire MFMPC	Adoption of Version 1.0
1.1	Oct 2014	Wimmera Emergency Management Cluster	Updated Section 3.7, Chapter 5, Section 6.5, Appendix A, B, C.2, C.3 and H. Changed Township Protection Plan (TPP) to Community Information Guide (CIG). Inclusion of Disclaimer, new Section 6.3 – Plan Reporting and change existing Section 6.3, 6.4 to the next sequence.
1.2	Oct 2015	Wimmera Emergency Management Resource Sharing Program	Department names, legislation references, authorisation and plan duration updated. Updated references in environmental scan. Updated data from VFRR for consistency with Statewide dataset.
2.0	Aug 2017	Wimmera EM Team & WWS Shire MFMPC	Review and rewrite

Table 1: Amendment Register

Public Access

- A Public Access version of the plan is placed on the <u>Council's website</u> under the Emergency Management tab.
- A Restricted full version of the plan is available by contacting the MERO on the contact details below.
- Please note the Public Version will have some detail removed to comply with confidentiality and privacy requirements. The Restricted version has full details included and is only made available to the appropriate agency and their representatives who have a role or responsibility detailed in this plan.
- The current version of this sub-plan is maintained by Council on the "Crisisworks" emergency management platform for Council and approved agency staff access.

Administrative Updates

Administrative updates will be made to this plan from time to time that will be noted in the <u>Amendment Register</u> section. These amendments are of an administrative nature and do not substantially change the content or intent of this plan. These amendments do not require the plan to be endorsed by the Committee or Council.

Where there is substantial change required to the content or intent of the plan the plan will need to go through the endorsement process.

Glossary and Acronyms

Definitions of words and phrases used in the MFMP have the same meaning as those prescribed in the relevant legislation and should be referred to, they include:

- Country Fire Act 1958
- Emergency Management Act 1986
- Emergency Management Act 2013
- Local Government Act 1958
- Risk Management Standard ISO: 31000 2009

The MFMP follows the practice of writing a name in full followed by the acronym in brackets after it and is used thereafter in the plan.

Distribution of the MFMP

The West Wimmera MFMP is intended for the use of the members of the West Wimmera MFMPC, MEMPC and the Grampians Regional Strategic Fire Management Planning Committee.

The West Wimmera MFMP will be distributed according to the committee membership of the MFMPC, MEMPC and Grampians RSFMPC electronically, as required.

A Public Copy is available from the:

• West Wimmera Shire Council website: www.westwimmera.vic.gov.au Access to the Restricted version of the plan may be considered upon application to the MERO via the MFMP Contact Details.

Please refer to the <u>Disclaimer</u> of this plan for further details about the intended uses and appropriate distribution of this document.

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Authority and Endorsement

The West Wimmera Shire Council is the custodian of the Municipal Fire Management Plan (MFMP) pursuant to current legislative arrangements. This MFMP was endorsed by the West Wimmera Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (hereafter referred to as "the MFMPC or "the Committee") on 30 October 2017.

The MFMP was then endorsed as a sub plan to the West Wimmera Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) by the West Wimmera Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (hereafter referred to as "the MEMPC") on 13 November 2017.

The MFMP was adopted by the West Wimmera Shire Council as the West Wimmera Municipal Fire Management Plan on 20 December 2017.

Chairperson of the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee	Councillor Tom Houlihan	30/10/2017
Chairperson of the Municipal Emergency management Planning Committee	Councillor Tom Houlihan	13/11/2017
Chief Executive Officer West Wimmera Shire Council	David Leahy	20/12/2017

Introduction

Bushfires are a natural part of the landscape of Victoria. Learning from the experiences of recent fires will improve the way we prevent, respond and recover from fires.

The West Wimmera Shire Municipal Fire Management Plan (WWMFMP) is risk based, prepared and maintained as a sub-plan to the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP) to ensure that the linkages across fire prevention, response and recovery (PRR) programs are consistent and holistic. The plan also contains appropriate reference to other uses of fire, including agricultural, ecological and cultural applications.

The second iteration of the WWMFMP seeks to achieve consistent and effective fire management planning across the Municipality through commitment to cooperation, including sharing and building of collective knowledge and experience at municipal and regional levels.

Critical to the success of integrated fire management planning is the ongoing building and maintaining of relationships across government, the private sector and the broader community.

The West Wimmera MFMP is an integrated cross-agency fire management plan that may link to other agency plans listed in Appendix H: Documents and Links

Purpose

The purpose of the West Wimmera Municipal Fire Management Plan is to document the planned and coordinated implementation of measures designed to minimise the occurrence of and mitigate the effect of bushfire.

Context of the Plan

State and Regional Planning

The plan is based on the Integrated Fire Management Planning (IFMP) framework.

The Victorian Government developed the Integrated Fire Management Planning (IFMP) Framework for Victoria in response to recommendations made in the Victorian Bushfire Inquiry 2009. The aim of IFMP is to achieve a consistent and effective means for fire management planning within Victoria through a commitment to cooperation, including information sharing and the building of collective knowledge.

The planning framework operates under existing fire and emergency management legislation which is currently evolving. This approach does not replace the existing statutory roles and responsibilities of agencies; it supports and enhances them through government and agencies working together.

The State Fire Management Planning Committee has been created to establish, enable and monitor the implementation of the IFMP Framework, ensuring its consistency and sustainability. The committee provides policies and direction to facilitate an integrated approach to fire management planning across Victoria.

Regional Strategic Fire Management Planning Committees have been established across eight regions throughout Victoria and work collaboratively to produce a Regional Strategic Fire Management Plan. WWS is one of eleven municipalities in the Grampians Region. The Regional Strategic Fire Management Plan is risk-based and considers the needs of the region as a whole. This plan guides the development of each municipal level plan within the region and includes advice on various treatment options, which may be considered in municipal level planning. The Grampians Regional Strategic Fire Management Planning Committee provides a critical link between municipal and state fire management planning.

Many other organisational plans and strategies have strong links to the development of this plan. The strategic intent of these plans is captured within this plan but the detail remains within those organisations documents.



Figure 1: Hierarchy of Plans

For these and any other relevant strategies and/or documents which have and will influence this plan refer to <u>Appendix H: Documents and Links</u>

West Wimmera Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee

The Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee (MFMPC) is a subcommittee of the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee (MEMPC) and determines its procedures subject to the guidelines provided in the Emergency Management Manual Victoria. For information regarding the purpose and role of the MFMPC refer to <u>Appendix A: West Wimmera MFMPC Terms of Reference</u>.

Municipal Fire Management Objectives

The West Wimmera MFMP is a strategic and operational document that identifies communities and assets at risk through an Environmental Risk Scan. This incorporates Council's existing Municipal Fire Prevention Plan and Municipal Emergency Management Plan. It also uses the Victorian Fire Risk Register (VFRR) tool to identify assets at risk from bushfire and treatments currently applied to mitigate risk.

The primary objective of the WWMFMP is to ensure the community shares responsibility for implementing the strategies contained within the plan to create a safer municipality in partnership with the Hindmarsh MFMPC by:

- Effectively managing and reducing the risk of fire, with a view to protecting life and property with due regard to our natural environment.
- Aligning and integrating existing fire management planning and practices across agencies and the community.

The WWMFMP objectives are also guided by the five key objectives of the Grampians Regional Strategic Fire Management Plan which include:

- Planning together State, regional, municipal and local fire management plans will be linked with a common purpose and a consistent assessment of risk. The plans will be prepared in consultation with those most-affected and available to all interested parties.
- Implementing collaboratively the activities agreed to in the plans by preparing programs designed to include the common needs of those most vulnerable and affected by the adverse impacts of fires
- Building knowledge by sharing information and interacting with academic and professional institutions, other jurisdictions and communities
- Building capability by applying knowledge and continuous improvement principles in an environment that allows for innovation and change
- Using fire to support the health of our natural, economic, social and cultural environments

The WWMFMP aims to create greater community awareness and communicate fire management information more effectively through undertaking the following tasks:

- Ensure that plans and actions are in place (that responsible authorities are advised of actions which the committee deem necessary) for minimising the risk of an outbreak of fire or for suppressing any fire that may occur within the area (Section 55 of the CFA Act).
- Develop programs that are relevant to the community.
- Measure fire safety outputs to assess the reduction in community vulnerability to fire.
- Engage community groups and businesses in ongoing dialogue about fire mitigation solutions including fire prevention activities.
- Liaise with other agencies and committees to ensure integration and consistency of purpose.

Plan Reporting, Review and Improvement

Legislative Responsibilities

West Wimmera Shire Council has a legislative responsibility under the <u>Emergency Management Act 1986</u>, the Emergency Management Manual of Victoria (EMMV) and under Section 55A (1) of the CFA Act to develop and implement a Municipal Fire Management Plan.

The MFMP is a sub plan of the MEMP and is prepared by the MFMPC.

Plan Reporting

The MFMPC reports after each meeting to the MEMPC on the progress of the committee and associated works.

Agencies assigned actions within the MFMP report on their progress using the reporting register listed at Appendix C: West Wimmera Bushfire Asset Risk Management & Reporting Register. Reporting on actions is required at each MFMPC meeting.

Any issues requiring advocacy or elevation to Regional or State level are reported through to the Grampians RSFMPC for further action.

Plan Audit

The MFMP will be audited under Section 55B of the CFA Act. This audit will be undertaken on a 3 yearly cycle from adoption of the plan.

Plan Amendment and Review

This plan expires in October 2020 and has a lifespan based around current audit requirements contained within Section 55B of the CFA Act. It is acknowledged that audit process and planning cycles may change as planning processes evolve in the future.

Other elements requiring annual update include the provision of Neighbourhood Safer Places-Places of Last Resort as they are established and Community Information Guides as they are developed.

The West Wimmera MFMP will be reviewed and amended as follows:

- As required by legislation
- Following significant incidents
- As directed by the State or Regional Fire Management Planning Committees

Engagement and Communications

The West Wimmera MFMPC undertakes communication and community engagement activities to support the development, review and implementation of the Municipal Fire Management Plan (MFMP). The Committee is guided by Council's communication and community engagement strategies and may develop specific plans to support communication and engagement with fire stakeholders and the community.

The Committee recognises the value of local knowledge and the unique contribution the community can make to the municipal fire management planning process.

Community engagement is driven by a schedule of fire management activities as identified in the MFMP. It will engage the support of organisations who are generally members of the Committee, promoting an integrated approach to fire management within the community and providing support to communities as required.

These fire management engagement activities may include the distribution of information to the community, visitors to the municipality and the formation of appropriate fire groups as required.

The Committee utilises the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Spectrum to guide engagement activities. Further information about the Spectrum can be viewed at www.iap2.org.au/Home. The Committee will use the Spectrum to determine the level of engagement with key stakeholders and the community.

During an Emergency event

Community members are advised to access more than one source for emergency information and warnings:

- tune in to local radio or other emergency broadcasters
- SKY News
- download the VicEmergency app
- phone the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226
- follow VicEmergency on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>Twitter</u>
- Facebook or Twitter accounts for other agencies e.g. CFA or VICSES
- West Wimmera Shire Council on Facebook

VicEmergency is a centralised website for Victorians to find emergency information and warnings. Preparedness and recovery information related to emergencies is also available.

The website has a real-time Google Map display with incidents across the state including floods, storms, fires, earthquakes, tsunami, beach closures, shark sightings and more.

Municipal Fire Profile

For detailed information regarding the municipal profile of the West Wimmera municipality refer to the Municipal Emergency Management Plan. The following information relates to the municipal fire profile.

Natural Environment

West Wimmera Shire includes sections of the Big Desert Wilderness Park in the north, a section of the Little Desert National Park in the central area and Glenelg River along part of the southern boundary. The great 4WD Border Track runs along the western border adjoining South Australia. The south east of the Shire is dotted with stately red gums and about 3,000 wetlands. Numerous nature conservation reserves and state forest blocks are scattered throughout the Shire in all vegetation types.

West Wimmera Shire is home to the largest concentration of red-tailed black cockatoos in Victoria. It is estimated that the population of this endangered species is only 700 to 1,000 birds.

The following table depicts the major public land holdings in the West Wimmera Municipality:

Name	Manager	Size [ha]
Big Desert National Park	Parks Victoria	
Little Desert National Park	Parks Victoria	
Dergholm State Forest	Parks Victoria	10,400 Ha
Tooan State Forest	Parks Victoria	

Table 2: West Wimmera municipality major public land holdings

Land Use

Rural land use comprises over 80% of the total land in the area with less than 3% (Department of Health, Modelling, 2013) being used for business, industrial or residential purposes. The major waterway is the Glenelg River and is located in the south of the Shire. There are a number of lakes within the area with the major lakes being Lake Wallace, Lake Charlegrark, Lake Bringalbert, Lake Ratzcastle and Lake Booroopki.

The major land use across the Shire is agriculture, but this varies greatly from the broad acre cereal crops of the northern area around Kaniva district, to the bore irrigated intensive agriculture around the Edenhope area, to

sheep grazing around Harrow and pine and blue gum plantations around the Dergholm district.

The Shire is completely divided into two by the Little Desert National Park which separates the red gum grazing plains from the sandy Mallee vegetation. There are a number of other public land forests and reserves scattered throughout the Shire, mainly consisting of brown stringybark vegetation associated with the poorer soils. A large number of naturally filled wetlands are scattered across the southern section of the Shire providing a range of recreational opportunities and significant environmental assets.

Climate and Bushfire Season

The climate in the West Wimmera Shire area is dominated by warm dry summers and cool wet winters. In recent years there has been a significant decrease in average spring and autumn rainfalls. The bushfire season generally runs from November to April.

Prevailing weather conditions associated with the bushfire season in the West Wimmera Shire area are warm to hot north westerly winds accompanied by high temperatures and low relative humidity followed by a cool south westerly change.

Under the State Government climate change projections, West Wimmera Shire can expect:

- To be hotter with the greatest increases in temperature expected in summer
- To be drier with greatest decreases in rainfall expected in spring
- To have fewer rainy days but increasing rainfall intensity

History of Fire and Ignition Causes

The municipality has a history of lightning strikes in particular within the Little Desert National Park, Big Desert Wilderness Park and the scattered remnants of vegetation. The addition of agricultural machinery and stubble burning are also factors that increase the likelihood of ignition in the broad acre cropping area in the north.

A summary of major fires is depicted in the table below:

Year	Location	Ignition Source	Size
2013	Edenhope – Yallakar Br	Lightning	342 ha
2013	Little Desert – Salt Lake Track	Lightning	803 ha
2013	Kadnook-Bogaroo Track	Lightning	548 ha
2013	Little Desert – East West Track 2	Lightning	408 ha
2013	Little Desert – McDonalds Highway	Lightning	848 ha
2013	Goroke - R Mitchell Road	Burning vehicle	882 ha
2012	Meereek State Forest	Chainsaw	472 ha
2012	Edenhope – Wimmera Highway	Mechanical fault	100 ha
2009	Jacobs Track – Little Desert National Park	Lightning	1,066 ha
2006	Western Block – Little Desert National Park	Lightning	7,974 ha
2006	Yallakar State Forest	Lightning	3,555 ha
2002	Big Desert	Lightning	4,512 ha
2001	Ozenkadnook	Lightning	1,360 ha
1999	Western Block – Little Desert National Park	Lightning	6,287 ha
1996	Yallakar State Forest	Lightning	1,564 ha
1990	Brimboal Bush between Chetwynd & Dergholm	Lightning	2,400 ha

Table 3: West Wimmera Municipality Major Bushfire History

Future Fire Management Implications

Future vulnerabilities will include larger landholdings managed by consortiums and serviced by contractors will lead to declining populations across the Shire. This demographic combined with an ageing population has seen previously robust rural communities be replaced by smaller, older more vulnerable communities isolated from services. The shift in population could potentially lead to delayed suppression activities in rural areas.

An increase in private ownership of forested land, being mostly absentee land owners, may have implications for fire management as the owners may not have the capacity to undertake appropriate fuel management works for a variety of reasons.

Enforcement of compliance also presents complexities in terms of cost recovery and allocation of resources for management agencies.

Fire Risk Management Strategies

Risk Assessment Methodologies

The Committee has considered the State Emergency Management Priorities, they are:

- Protection and preservation of life is paramount. This includes:
 - o Safety of emergency services personnel; and
 - Safety of community members including vulnerable community members and visitors/tourists located within the incident area
- Issuing of community information and community warnings detailing incident information that is timely, relevant and tailored to assist community members make informed decisions about their safety
- Protection of critical infrastructure and community assets that supports community resilience
- Protection of residential property as a place of primary residence
- Protection of assets supporting individual livelihoods and economic production that supports individual and community financial sustainability
- Protection of environmental and conservation assets that considers the cultural, biodiversity and social values of the environment.

Following the State priorities, the MFMP aims to reduce the number and severity of fires within the municipality with the intent of creating a more fire resilient community.

Analysis and Prioritisation of Municipal Fire Risk

To determine the bushfire risk within the West Wimmera municipality, assessment was undertaken using the environments contained within the Victorian Fire Risk Register (VFRR) process. The VFRR application is a systematic process that identifies assets at risk from fire and assesses their level of risk on a consistent state wide basis using ISO: 31000 2009 Risk Management model (refer www.vfrr.vic.gov.au).

Alignment to Regional Bushfire Risks

The plan also references treatments for the six priority risks in relation to bushfire as determined by the Grampians RSFMPC using the VFRR risk assessment process. The table below identifies the priority risks as articulated in the Grampians Regional Strategic Fire Management Plan (RSFMP).

Bushfire			
Grampians RSFMPC Priority	VFRR Asset Class	VFRR Asset Sub Class	
Urban Interface	Human Settlement	 Residential (dense and highly populated areas Other (less dense areas with a lower population) Special Fire Protection (a vulnerable congregation of people in a particular location at one time) 	
Power Supply Communications Water Supplies and Catchments Transport	Economic	 Agriculture Commercial Infrastructure Tourist and Recreational Mines Commercial Forests Water Catchments 	
Natural Environment	Environmental	Locally importantEndangeredVulnerable	
	Cultural Heritage	Aboriginal SignificanceNon IndigenousOther	

Table 4 Bushfire Priority with VFRR Asset Classes and Sub-Classes

Treatment of Municipal Bushfire Risk

State emergency management priorities are underpinned by the primacy of life, as well as the protection of property, economy and the environment. These priorities inform and are integrated into the primary fire risk management strategies used in this plan, which are:

- Community education and engagement
- Hazard reduction
- Preparedness
- Regulatory controls

There are a number of State wide and municipal treatments that have been identified for each fire risk management strategy. Agencies have used these treatments within the West Wimmera municipality where appropriate. These treatments include:

- Building Code of Australia
- Bushfire Management Overlays
- Community education and engagement activities
- Community education programs
- Compliance and enforcement of legislation
- Daily Readiness
- Fire hazard inspection program and issue of notice
- Local laws
- Permits to Burn
- Power line hazard tree identification, management and reporting
- Public awareness multimedia communications

The key objectives and outcomes sought through the implementation of the primary fire risk management strategies for bushfire are set out in <u>Appendix</u> C: West Wimmera Bushfire Asset Risk Management & Reporting Register.

In addition, there are a range of site-specific plans to reduce specific risks within the municipality that are required by other legislation. Details of these site specific plans are listed in Appendix H: Documents and Links.

Community Information Guides

Currently there are three (3) Community Information Guides in the West Wimmera Shire.

West Wimmera Shire Community Information Guides			
Township/Suburb	Responsible Agencies		
Apsley	CFA		
Edenhope	CFA		
Harrow	CFA		

Table 5 West Wimmera Municipality Community Information Guides For specific details on Community Information Guides, please refer to the CFA website.

Bushfire Places of Last Resort

Neighbourhood Safer Places – Bushfire Places of Last Resort (NSPs – BPLR) are an area or premises that may, as a last resort, provide some sanctuary from the life threatening effects of a bushfire.

Details of the specific locations of NSPs – PLR within West Wimmera Shire can be found in <u>Appendix E: Neighbourhood Safer Places – Places of Last Resort.</u>

Strategic Fire Breaks

The Strategic Break Classification system is used by all municipalities across the Grampians Region. The new classification system will determine minimum treatments and is outlined below.

Strategic Fire Suppression Lines – will have the vegetation managed from fence line to fence line where practicable. Grass will be slashed to a height of 100mm or less and elevated fine fuels will not surpass a 'high' fuel hazard rating as assessed in the Overall Fuel Hazard Assessment Guide –DELWP.

Fire Control Lines – will have the vegetation managed 3 metres behind the guideposts where practicable. Vegetation will be slashed to a height of 100 mm or less.

Strategic Fire Suppression Lines and Fire Control Lines are document in Appendix G: Strategic Fire Breaks

Priority Egress/Access Roads (PEAR) – The primary function of PEAR will be to determine what treatments are required along the nominated road to maintain access and egress to an isolated community prior to or after a bushfire event.

All priority roads in the municipality will be assessed and treated in accordance with the Bushfire Risk Assessment Guidelines August 2011.

CFA Brigade Fire Prevention Works Fire CFA Brigade fire prevention works may enhance Strategic Fire Suppression Lines and Fire Control Lines; however the implementation is not compulsory and will be subject to seasonal conditions and Brigade resource availability.

Community Fire Refuges

A Community Fire Refuge is defined in the CFA Act 1958 as a place prescribed by the regulations to be a place that is available for use by the public for short-term shelter from a fire front during a bushfire.

Emergency Management Victoria implemented a Community Fire Refuges Policy June 2015 that provides the framework for identifying, establishing, managing and monitoring Community Fire Refuges in areas of extreme risk where other bushfire survival options are limited or not available.

Victoria currently only has five dedicated Community Fire Refuges (listed on the CFA website). There are no designated Community Fire Refuges within the West Wimmera municipality. No location within the municipality has been identified that meet the policy for the establishment of a Community Fire Refuge at this point in time.

Bushfire Risk Treatments for Property Owners

The following is a list of bushfire risk treatment options applicable to property owners:

Vegetation Management Rights

Native vegetation is important to many Victorians and its removal is carefully regulated by the planning system. A vegetation management right called the '10/30 rule' is part of a suite of measures to help Victorians in areas at risk from bushfire prepare their properties.

The 10/30 rule simplifies the right to clear native vegetation around a home for bushfire protection without obtaining a planning permit.

The right allows landowners to clear without a planning permit:

- any vegetation, including trees, within 10 metres of their home on their property
- any vegetation (except for trees) within 30 metres of their house on their property
- any vegetation either side of their property boundary fence to a combined maximum width of 4 metres (with the consent from the neighbouring landowner)

The 10/50 rule enables all landowners in areas within the Bushfire Management Overlay to undertake the following measures for bushfire protection on their property:

- removal, destruction or lopping of any vegetation within 10 metres of an existing building used for accommodation
- removal, destruction or lopping of any vegetation, except trees within 50 metres of an existing building used for accommodation

www.cfa.vic.gov.au

www.planning.vic.gov.au/bushfire-protection/bushfire-planning-provisions

Hazard Trees

For detailed information on how to manage 'Hazard Trees' on or near your property please refer to <u>Appendix D: Hazard Trees Identification and Notification Procedures</u>

Permit to Burn

During the declared Fire Danger Period, limited permits may be obtained by individuals to conduct a fuel reduction or stubble burn within the municipality. These permits are issued by Council under authority of the CFA Act. These permits contain stringent conditions that must be complied with.

Further information may be obtained from the <u>West Wimmera Shire's</u> website.

Inspection of Private Properties and Issue of Notices

West Wimmera Shire conducts fire hazard inspections within the municipality, concentrating on high risk areas. Fire prevention notices are issued on land considered to be a fire risk.

Planning Permits

When applications are lodged with West Wimmera Shire for permits under the Planning and Environment Act for the subdivision of land or the construction of buildings in areas of high fire risk, West Wimmera Shire may give consideration to the following documents in determining any such application and also refer the application to the relevant fire agencies for comment:

- Planning Guidelines for Subdivisions in bushfire-prone areas
- Building in a Bushfire Management Overlay Guidance Notes CFA and Department of Planning & Community Development
- Australian Standard 3959, 2009 Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas
- Bushfire Management Overlay West Wimmera Shire Planning Scheme
- Other relevant documentation

Cross Boundary Arrangements

West Wimmera Shire shares borders with Horsham, Hindmarsh, Glenelg, Mildura and Southern Grampians municipalities, as well as a number of municipalities in South Australia. It is the shared responsibility of the Victorian MFMPC's to ensure that risks contiguous across these borders are planned for in a consistent and seamless manner. CFA Brigades currently share cross State border firefighting arrangements with the South Australian Country Fire Service. At this stage there are no formal cross State border arrangements in place for fire management planning.

MFMPs will be considered by the RSFMPC to ensure that shared risks across municipal and agency boundaries are appropriately addressed. Current identified cross boundary and contiguous risk from bushfire for the West Wimmera municipality includes:

Risk	Adjacent Municipality	Strategy
Little Desert National Park	Hindmarsh Shire	Ensure alignment of planning and
Big Desert	Mildura Rural City Council and Hindmarsh Shire	prevention activities in relation to these risks are discussed and coordinated with
Glenelg River	Southern Grampians Shire and Glenelg Shire	relevant municipalities. Ensure that these arrangements and plans are included in relevant MFMP's.

Table 6 West Wimmera Municipality Cross Boundary Risks

Appendices

Appendix A: West Wimmera Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee Terms of Reference

Authority

The West Wimmera Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee is formed under:

- 1. Section 21(3) of the Emergency Management Act 1986
- 2. Section 54 & 55A Country Fire Authority Act 1958

Responsible Officer

Municipal Emergency Resource Officer (MERO)

Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO)

Wimmera Emergency Management Team

Purpose

The Committee's purpose is to provide a municipal level forum on fire management.

Role of the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee

The role of the Committee is prescribed in Part 6A of the Emergency Management Manual Victoria:

- plan for fire management in a manner that coordinates fire management activities across agencies
- provide information to and engage with the community on matters related to fire management planning
- using the planning guide issued by the State Fire Management Planning Committee, draft a Municipal Fire Management Plan for recommendation to the MEMPC and comment by the Regional Strategic Fire Management Planning Committee, prior to consideration by the Council
- monitor, review and report on the delivery of the Municipal Fire Management Plan
- advocate to the Regional Strategic Fire Management Planning Committee for municipal fire management needs
- work with the Municipal Emergency Management Planning Committee to align planning activities
- share knowledge and create an environment of continuous improvement.

Membership

The Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee has representation from the following organisations that form the quorum of the committee. The Committee will be chaired by a person nominated and confirmed from within its membership.

- West Wimmera Shire Council Municipal Fire Prevention Officer and Council representatives
- CFA District 17 Operations Officer
- CFA Group Officers Edenhope, Apsley, Jilpanger, Casterton, Goroke and Kaniva
- Victoria Police
- DELWP Forest Fire Management Victoria
- Parks Victoria Wimmera

The following organisations are invited to attend all meetings and will receive all correspondence and meeting invitations

- Vic Roads
- GWMWater
- CFA Vegetation Management Officer
- CFA Communication Safety Representative
- VicTrack
- Wimmera Catchment Management Authority

The membership of the Committee will be reviewed annually and confirmed at the mid-year meeting.

Meeting Schedule

The committee will meet three times a year unless otherwise required.

Quorum

Quorum for meetings requires the attendance of at least 50% of members.

Reporting

The MFMPC will report after each meeting to the MEMPC and RSFMPC

Sub-committee

The MFMPC may form sub-committees or working groups as required to work on fire related specific issues

Administration

Administrative support requirements will be determined by the committee and resourced through committee members.

Review of Terms of Reference
The Terms of Reference are reviewed annually.

Appendix B: Fire Risk Management Strategies

Community Education and Engagement							
Objectives	Timeframe	Agency Treatments	Community / Individual Treatments	Outcome			
 To build capacity and knowledge, resilience and understanding of the dangers of bushfire. To provide the tools and education opportunities for community and individuals to better prepare and understand the risks of bushfire. To build awareness and understanding of the role of fire in the environment. 	For the Plan duration – July 2017 to June 2020	 Community education programs Agency Integrated Community engagement activities Bushfire awareness training Multimedia communications Victoria Bushfire Information Line Increase legislative and regulatory awareness Increased awareness of planning controls Targeted education campaign regarding the use and role of fire in the environment 	 To be proactive and seek information To be involved in community education and engagement programs 	All agencies will review and evaluate programs and participation of community as part of the review process of the MFMP			

Hazard Reduction					
Objectives	Timeframe	Agency Treatments	Community / Individual Treatments	Outcome	
 To strategically reduce fuel to minimise impact, intensity and spread of bushfire. To pre-plan and establish strategic points to effectively combat and manage structure fire activity. 	For the Plan duration – July 2017 to June 2020	 Slashing program Burn program Spraying program Pruning program 	Private property hazard reduction: Cleaning gutters, Slashing, Mowing, Ploughing Grazing, Fuel reduction burns	Shared responsibility between agencies and individuals to minimise fire hazards.	

Objectives	Timeframe	Agency Treatments	Community / Individual Treatments	Outcome
To understand appropriate actions to reduce risk and impact of bushfire, initiatives include: ignition prevention, risk identification and treatment, resource preparation, response planning operational restrictions, system testing, security of water supply	For the Plan duration – July 2017 –June 2020	 VFRR process Establishment of Incident Control Centres Code red days Power line inspections Community Information Guides Neighbourhoo d Safer Places – Places of Last Resort Fire breaks Emergency Management Plan Evacuation Plans Brigade Community Plans 	 Personal Bushfire Survival Plans Daily readiness Practice / rehearse plans 	 All agencies regularly evaluate preparation and readiness to respond to fire Strengthened capacity for agencies to provide an integrated response Measurable reduction of the impact of bushfire

Regulatory Controls							
Objectives	Timeframe	Agency Treatments	Community / Individual Treatments	Outcome			
 To implement regulation aimed to reducing risk and impact of bushfire. To create and maintain effective linkages between planning functions to better inform proposed residential developments. To implement regulation aimed to reducing risk and impact of bushfire. To create and maintain effective linkages between planning functions to better inform proposed residential developments. 	For the Plan duration – July 2017 to June 2020	 Fire hazard inspections Total fire bans Planning schemes Fire danger period Building codes Enforcement of fire hazard notices Response to planning applications 	Comply with regulations.	 Compliance with regulatory controls Appropriate residential development 			

Appendix C: West Wimmera Bushfire Asset Risk Management Register & Reporting Register

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset Class	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
VH	Apsley 79018	HS-R			
	Fire from the woodlands to the west and grassfire from north, east and south		Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212) Fire Plug and Hydrant Installation and Maintenance (404) Township Protection Plans (420) Bushfire and Emergency Self-Assessment (438) 443	CFA Other Council Other Council CFA DET	Elderly community
VH	Apsley PS 79014 Grassfire from any direction	HS-SFP	Emergency Management Plan (Site) (407) Bushfire and Emergency Self-Assessment (438)	DET DET	
M	Apsley Dirt Car Club and Rusty Rattlers Museum 79220 Grassfire from any direction	EC-TR	Community Education/Engagement (100) Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207)	Council Com. Of Mgt Council	
L	Apsley Water Bore 1 and 2 7951841	EC-I	-		
E	Baileys Rocks Camping Ground 79030 Dergholm State Park	HS- SFP			

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset Class	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
			307 Emergency Management Plan (Site) (410) Fire Access Tracks & Roads (415) Operations Restrictions - Code Red	Council DELWP;PV DELWP;PV	
Н	Broughtons Waterhole Camping Ground Little Desert National Park 79043	HS- SFP			
			Emergency Management Plan (Site) (410) Fire Operations Plan (423)	Council DELWP;PV	
VH	Chetwynd 79033 Grassfire from any direction	HS-O	Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Emergency Water Supply (412)	Other Council Council	
VH	Dergholm 79038 Grassy woodland on all sides	HS-O	Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207)	CFA Other Council	Tank water only
Н	Douglas 79034	HS-O			

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset Class	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
			Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (205)	CFA Other	
			Fuel Hazard Management (207) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212) Emergency Water Supply (412)	Council Other Council	
VH	Edenhope 79017	HS-R			
	Woodland fires from the west, grassfire from the south and east; includes Lakeside Tourist Park		Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (205) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (216) Fire Plug and Hydrant Installation and Maintenance (404) Fire Access Roads and Tracks (413) Township Protection Plans (420) Emergency Water Supply (430) Fire Refuge (436)	CFA Other Council Council Council CFA Utility Council	
Н	Figure 1.2 79009 Grassfire from north	HS-SFP	Emergency Management Plan (Site) (407) Emergency Management Plan (Site) (410) Bushfire and Emergency Self-Assessment (438)	DET Council DET	
Н	Edenhope Kindergarten 79011	HS-SFP	Fire Plug and Hydrant Installation and Maintenance (404) Site Emergency Management Plan (407) Emergency Management Plan (Site) (410) Bushfire and Emergency Self-Assessment (438)	Council DET Council DET	
Н	St Malachy's PS 79008 Fire unlikely to reach	HS-SFP	Emergency Management Plan (Site) (407) Emergency Management Plan (Site) (410) Bushfire and Emergency Self-Assessment (438)	DET Council DET	

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset Class	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
н	Edenhope Airport incl. DELWP Aerial Bombing Base 79204 Grassfire from any direction	EC-I	Fuel Hazard Management	Council	Aerial bombing asset site
Н	Edenhope Bore Supply 79211	EC-I	Fuel Hazard Management (207) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (214) Site Emergency Management Plan (406)	Council GWMWater GWMWater	Lightning strikes in area
Н	Edenhope Water Treatment & Sewerage Treatment Plant 79210	EC-I	Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (214) Site Emergency Management Plan (406)	Other GWMWater GWMWater	
VH	Goroke 79031	HS-R			
	Grassfire from any direction		Burn Program (201) Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Fire Plug and Hydrant Installation and Maintenance (404) Emergency Water Supply (412) Fire Access Roads and Tracks (413)	Council Other Council Council Council	Elderly community
VH	Goroke Caravan Park 79027	HS-SFP	Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Emergency Management Plan (Site) (410)	Lions Club Council Council	
Н	Goroke College P12 79006 grassfire from any direction	HS-SFP	Site Emergency Management Plan (407) Emergency Management Plan (Site) (410) Bushfire and Emergency Self-Assessment (438)	DET Council DET	

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset Class	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
VH	Goroke Community Health Centre 79013 Grassfire from the north	HS-SFP	To be identified (800) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212) Site Emergency Management Plan (409)	WWHS WWHS	
Н	Goroke Preschool 79007	HS-SFP	Site Emergency Management Plan (407) Bushfire and Emergency Self-Assessment (438)	DET DET	
L	Goroke Water Bore 1 and 2 7951843	EC-I	- Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212) Site Emergency Management Plan (406)	GWMWater GWMWater	
VH	Gymbowen 79035	HS-O			
	grassfire from any direction		Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Roadside Vegetation Management (222) Emergency Water Supply (412)	CFA Council Council Council	
E	Harrow 79019	HS-R			
	woodland fire form north and west and valley riverine area		Burn Program (201) Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (213) Fire Plug and Hydrant Installation and Maintenance (404) Township Protection Plans (420) Emergency Water Supply (430)	Council CFA Other Council DET Council CFA GWMWater	

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset Class	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
Н	Harrow Bush Nursing Centre 79012	HS-SFP	To be identified (800) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	Harrow Bush Nursing	
			Site Emergency Management Plan (409)	Harrow Bush Nursing	
VH	Johnny Mullagh Reserve Caravan Park 79029 fire in river vegetation from the south and east	HS-SFP	Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	Other Council Com. of Mgt	
VH	Harrow Hall 7952411	HS-SFP	-		Community gathering point
L	Harrow Log Lockup 79601	CH-NI	Fuel Hazard Management (207) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	Council Other	Victorian Heritage Register
Н	Kout Narien Estate 79606	CH-NI	To be identified (800)	Private	Victorian Heritage Register
Н	Kout Narien Station 79607	CH-O	To be identified (800) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	Private	
L	Kowree Shire Office 79608	CH-O	To be identified (800) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (216)	Council	
Н	Harrow Water Bore 1 7951840	EC-I	- Routine Asset Site Maintenance (214) Site Emergency Management Plan (406)	GWMWater GWMWater	
M	Kaniva 79021	HS-R			

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
	grassfire from any direction		Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (205)	CFA Other	
			Fuel Hazard Management (207)	Council	
			Fire Plug and Hydrant Installation and Maintenance (404)	Council	
L	Archie Gray Nursing	HS-SFP	To be identified (800)		
	Home Unit 79005		Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	WWHS	
			Site Emergency Management Plan (407)	WWHS	
VH	Kaniva Caravan Park	HS-SFP	Fuel Hazard Management (207)	Council	
	79024		Emergency Management Plan (Site) (410)	Council	
Н	Kaniva College P12	HS-SFP	Site Emergency Management Plan (407)	DET	
	79001		Emergency Management Plan (Site) (410)	Council	
	grassfire from the south		Bushfire and Emergency Self-Assessment (438)	DET	
L	Kaniva Hospital 79002	HS-SFP	To be identified (800)		
	unlikely for fire to		Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	WWHS	
	reach		Site Emergency Management Plan (409)	WWHS	
L	Kaniva Hostel 79004	HS-SFP	To be identified (800)		
	unlikely for fire to		Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	WWHS	
	reach		Site Emergency Management Plan (409)	WWHS	
?	Lake Bringalbert	HS-			
	Camping Ground	SFP			
	woodland fire from				
	any direction				

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset Class	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
E	Lake Ratzcastle Camping Ground 79041	HS- SFP			
	woodland fire from any direction		Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Fire Operations Plan (423) Bushfire and Emergency Self-Assessment (438) 443 Operations Restrictions - Code Red	Other Council DELWP;PV DET DELWP;PV	Parks Vic will close on Code Red day
Н	Lillimur 79040	HS-O			
	grassfire from any direction		Burn Program (201) Burn Program (202) Emergency Water Supply (412)	Council CFA Council	
M	Lillmur Water Bore 1 7951845	EC-I	Routine Asset Site Maintenance (214) Site Emergency Management Plan (406)	GWMWater GWMWater	
Н	Minimay 79036	HS-O			
	grassfire from any direction		Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Roadside Vegetation Management (222) Emergency Water Supply (412)	Other Council Council Council	
VH	Lake Charlegrark Caravan Park 79025 grassfire from north, west or south	HS-SFP	Crown and Freehold Land Fuel Reduction (203) Roadside Vegetation Management (222)	DELWP;PV Council	
VH	Langley Lodge 79026	HS-SFP	Fuel Hazard Management (207) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	Council private	

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
VH	Miram 79037	HS-O			
	grassfire from any direction		Burn Program (201) Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (205) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Emergency Water Supply (412)	Council CFA Other Council Council	
M	Miram Water Bore 1 7951846	EC-I	Routine Asset Site Maintenance (214) Site Emergency Management Plan (406)	GWMWater GWMWater	
VH	Serviceton 79039	HS-O			
	grassfire from any direction		Burn Program (202) Emergency Water Supply (412)	CFA Council	
L	Serviceton Rail Station 79602	CH-NI	Routine Maintenance of Rail Line (209) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	ARTC ARTC	Victorian Heritage Register
M	Serviceton Water Bore 7951915		-		
?	Serviceton Caravan Park	HS-SFP			
	MUNICIPAL WII	DE ASS	ETS		
	Industry				
E	Softwood Plantations 79222	EC-CF	Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Roadside Vegetation Management (222)	CFA Council Council	
VH	Luv a Duck 79224	EC-C	Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212)	Private	

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset Class	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
E	Hardwood Plantations 79223	EC-C	Burn Program (202) Fuel Hazard Management (207) Roadside Vegetation Management (222)	CFA Council Council	
Н	Olivaylle 79225	EC-C	Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212) Emergency Management Plan (Site) (409)	Private Other	
M	Mooree Quarry 79221	EC-M	Routine Asset Site Maintenance (212) Emergency Management Plan (Site) (409)	Private Other	
L	Grain Corp Receival Site 7952412	EC-I	-		
L	Carpolac Grain Corp Receival Site 7952413	EC-I	-		
L	Emerald Receival Site 7952414	EC-I	-		
L	Vickery Bros Grain @ Neuarpurr	EC-I			
L	Miles Grain @ North Serviceton	EC-I			
	Highways				
Н	Western Highway 79209	EC-I	Roadside Vegetation Management (222) Roadside Vegetation Management (223)	Council Vic Roads	
Н	Wimmera Highway	EC-I			
	Railways				
VH	ARTC Western SG Rail Line 79201	EC-I	Routine Maintenance of Rail Line (209)	ARTC	
	Power and Gas Infr	astructu	ire		

Risk Rating before	Asset Description & ID Number	VFRR Asset Class	Existing treatments	Responsible Agency	Agency Report / Other Comments
M	Charam Zone Substation 79205	EC-I	Hazard Identification (401)	Utility	Regional data
Н	Horsham - Charam 66kV sub transmission line 79202	EC-I	Public Awareness (108) Powerline Clearance (219) Hazard Identification (401)	Powercor Powercor Powercor	
VH	Kanawinka Gas substation 79206	EC-I	To be identified (800) Routine Asset Site Maintenance (214)		SEA Gas and to South Australia
	Communications In	frastruc	ture		
L	Edenhope Telstra Exchange Tower 79212	EC-I	Powerline Clearance (221)	Telstra	
Н	Lawloit Telstra Exchange Tower 79218	EC-I	Powerline Clearance (221)	Telstra	
Н	Lillimur Telstra Exchange Tower 79217	EC-I	Powerline Clearance (221)	Telstra	

Appendix D: Hazard Trees Identification and Notification Procedures

Statutory Audit Obligations

Procedures for Identification and Notification of Hazard Trees

Section 86 B of the Electricity Safety Act 1998 (Victoria) (ES Act) provides that a council must identify within its Municipal Fire Prevention Plan: procedures for the identification of trees that are hazardous to electric lines, specifying:

- procedures and criteria for the identification of trees that are likely to fall onto, or come into contact with, an electric line (hazard trees)
- procedures for the notification of responsible persons of trees that are hazard trees in relation to electric lines for which they are responsible

Under the ES Act, the person responsible for maintaining vegetation and clearance space around power lines is referred to as the "responsible person".

The procedures outlined in this section of the Municipal Fire Management Plan seek to address the requirement detailed above.

Each responsible person should have its own internal procedure regarding the steps that will be taken when it receives notification of a potentially hazardous tree.

What is a hazard tree?

According to the ES Act, a hazard tree is a tree which "is likely to fall onto, or come into contact with, an electric line".

The Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2010 further provide that a responsible person may cut or remove such a tree 'provided that the tree has been assessed by a suitably qualified arborist; and that assessment confirms the likelihood of contact with an electric line having regard to foreseeable local conditions.'

Due to legal requirements which require a clearance space be maintained around an electric line, hazard trees are usually located outside the regulated clearance space. Despite being outside the clearance space, the tree may still have the potential to contact the line due to its size or because of a structural fault or weakness which renders part, or all, of the tree likely to contact or fall onto the line.

Who is responsible for a hazard tree?

Under the ES Act, the person responsible for maintaining vegetation and clearance space around power lines, including keeping the whole or any part of a tree clear of the line, is the responsible person.

Responsibility is allocated between distribution businesses and other owners of electricity infrastructure, land owners and occupiers for clearance of private power lines, public land managers where they are identified as the responsible person such as municipal councils, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and VicRoads.

Municipal councils are responsible for trees on public land within their municipalities, for which they are the land manager, where these are also within a Declared Area for the purposes of the ES Act. Primary responsibility for vegetation clearance and management within the municipality, for areas which are not within a Declared Area, will usually fall to the relevant electricity distribution company.

Responsible Persons within the West Wimmera Shire

There are a number of organisations that have responsibility for line clearance in the West Wimmera Shire, including:

- Powercor
- VicRoads

There is only one electricity distribution business in West Wimmera Shire and there are no Declared Areas under Section 81 of the ES Act that are the responsibility of the Council.

Other relevant information

Responsible persons, other than private persons, must have an electric line clearance management plan in place for areas for which they have responsibility (refer Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2010).

Procedures and Criteria for Identification of Hazard Trees

In the course of everyday duties, potentially hazardous trees may come to the attention of staff or volunteer members of the entities with representation on the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee, (the Committee), staff of the distribution business or other persons, including members of the public.

There are a range of factors which may indicate that a tree is a hazard tree. That is, a tree which is likely to fall onto, or come into contact with, an electric line. Some of these factors will be obvious when looking at the tree but many may only be apparent when the tree is

assessed by a person with specific expertise and training, such as an arborist.

The following criteria may be used to assist in identifying a hazard tree:

- The size of the tree suggests that it is likely to come into contact with the electric line, for example because it appears to be encroaching or growing into the line clearance space
- There is an excessive lean on the tree, or branches hanging off the tree and the tree is in proximity to an electric (power) line
- The size or appearance of the tree suggests it could come into contact with the line including under foreseeable local conditions

If a potentially hazardous tree is identified, the notification procedure outlined below should be followed. Where a responsible person becomes aware of a potentially hazardous tree for which they have responsibility, they must follow their own applicable internal procedure and the notification procedure described below does not apply.

Procedures and Criteria for Notification of Hazard Trees

To ensure that information regarding potentially hazardous trees is captured in an efficient manner and, as appropriate, referred to the responsible person for action, the following procedure for the notification of hazardous trees should be followed:

- The person with responsibility for the highest percentage of lines within the municipality (the primary responsible person) is Powercor and therefore the person to whom potentially hazardous trees should be reported.
- Where any person becomes aware of, or receives a report of, a
 potentially hazardous tree within the municipality, this should be
 referred to Powercor. Where the Committee becomes aware of,
 or receives a report of, a potentially hazardous tree within the
 municipality, this must be referred to Powercor.
- Reports of potentially hazardous trees must be provided to Powercor for action as soon as practicable. Reports must include, as far as practicable:
 - The name and contact details and any relevant qualifications where known of the person making the report
 - As much detail as possible about the location of the tree (including, where known, GPS coordinates, details of numerical/name plate on nearest pole, name of nearest road or crossroads, closest landmark, whether tree is on private land or road reserve etc.)
 - A description of the tree (including, if known, the genus and species of tree);
 - The primary reasons given for the tree being identified as potentially hazardous (including, the tree is in proximity to an electric line and there is evidence of structural

weakness, excessive lean, appears to be encroaching into line clearance space etc.)

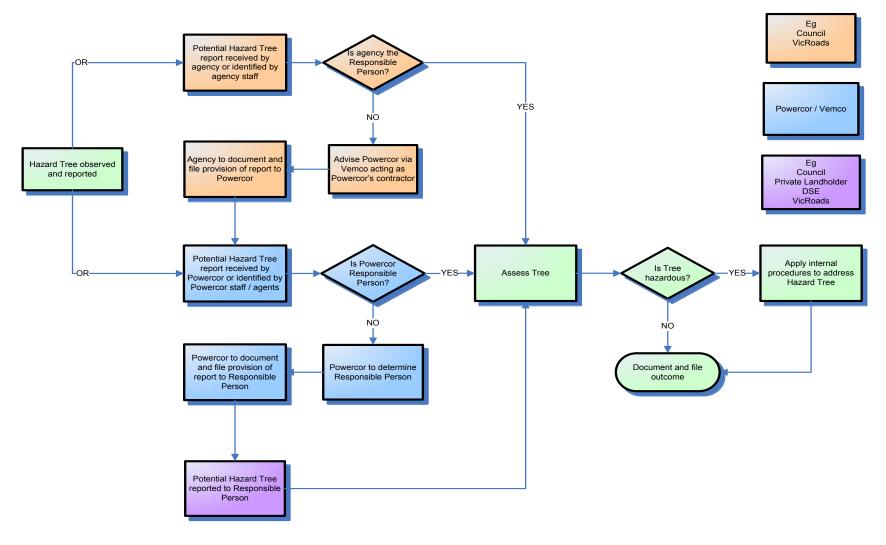
- o An indication of whether or not urgent action is required
- Powercor must take all necessary steps to advise the person responsible for the tree that it may be hazardous where they are not the responsible person.

Primary Responsible Person Representative

For the purposes of this part of the Plan, the primary responsible person is Powercor. Contact details for Powercor are listed below:

Agency Name:	Powercor
Position title of contact person:	Hazard Tree Coordinator
Municipal Hazard Tree Notification Form:	powercor.com.au
Telephone number:	5338 3300 (Powercor's Contractor VEMCO)
After hours number:	13 24 12

Procedures for Notification of Responsible Persons



Reporting

Powercor and all responsible persons should put in place mutually agreed arrangements for the manner in which reports of potentially hazardous trees are passed on to responsible persons.

Reporting Timelines

Powercor should provide reports to the relevant responsible person as soon as practicable.

In circumstances where:

- The potentially hazardous tree is located within a high bushfire risk area (as per Section 80 of the ES Act) and the potentially hazardous tree is reported during the fire danger period declared under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958
- The report indicates that there is an imminent danger that the tree will contact or fall onto lines as a result of minor environmental changes

The potentially hazardous tree must be referred to the relevant responsible person for action as soon as possible, and by close of the next business day.

Each responsible person (other than the primary responsible person) must provide Powercor with contact details of the person (position title) to whom reports should be provided. It is the responsibility of each responsible person to ensure that Powercor is provided with up-to-date contact details.

Register

It is recommended that Powercor maintain a register in which all notifications are recorded together with the date of receipt of the notification, and when applicable the date the notification was reported to the responsible person.

It is recommended that responsible persons also maintain a register of notifications received of hazardous trees for which they are the responsible person.

Primary Responsible Person Consultation

The Committee notes that Powercor as the Primary Responsible Person was consulted in relation to the development of these procedures.

Appendix E: Neighbourhood Safer Places - Places of Last Resort

There are two (2) Neighbourhood Safer Places – Places of last Resort in West Wimmera Shire.

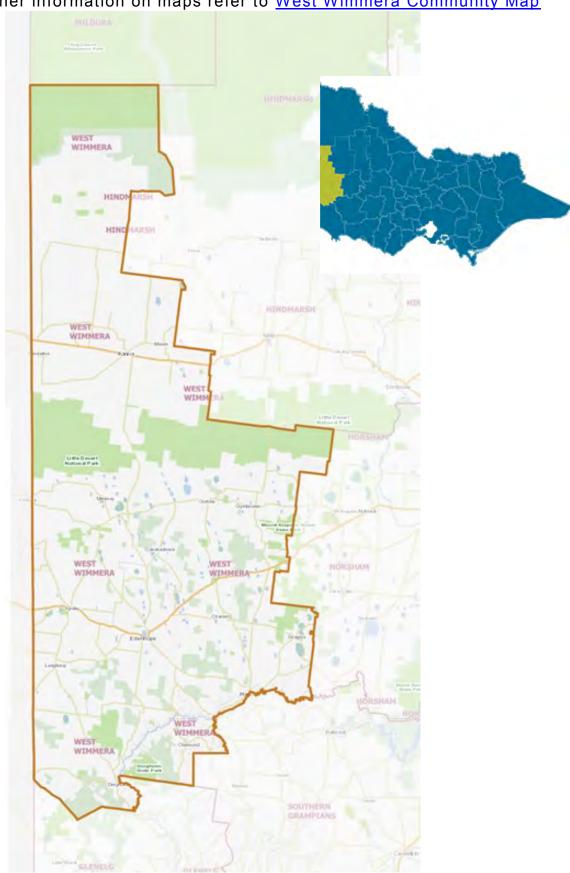
West Wimmera Shire Neighbourhood Safer Places – Places of Last Resort				
Township/Suburb	Street	Location		
Apsley	Splatt Street (opposite Johnston St)	Apsley Recreation Reserve (south-west quarter of oval only)		
Edenhope	Corner Lake St and Amos St	Lake Wallace Reserve		
Dergholm	Casterton-Apsley Road (Casterton-Naracoorte Road) near corner of Dergholm-Chetwynd Road	Dergholm Recreation Reserve South West corner of Oval		

For a locality reference of the NSP-PLR in the West Wimmera municipality, refer to the CFA website:

http://www.saferplaces.cfa.vic.gov.au/cfa/search/default.htm

Appendix F: West Wimmera Municipality Boundary Map

For further information on maps refer to West Wimmera Community Map



Appendix G: Strategic Fire Breaks

	Strategic Fire Breaks - West Wimmera Municipality						
Road Name	From	То	Land Manager	Treatment			
		rategic Fire Suppression					
Laidlaw St, Apsley	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	end of road	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Dergholm- Chetwynd Rd, Dergholm	Casterton-Apsley Rd (C211)	Dergholm Cemetery Rd	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Dorodong Rd, Dergholm	Casterton-Apsley Rd (C211)	250m west (town limit)	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Casterton-Apsley Rd (C211), Dergholm	100 km/h sign north	100 km/h sign south	VicRoads	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Kaniva-Edenhope Rd (C208), Edenhope	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Marrs Swamp	VicRoads	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Kadnook St, Edenhope	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Yallakar St	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Rifle Range Rd, Edenhope	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	800 m north	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Wimmera Hwy (C240), Edenhope	Kaniva-Edenhope Rd (C208)	Scrubby Lake Rd	VicRoads	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Edenhope Aerodrome, Edenhope	North-South and East-W	est runways	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Yallakar St, Edenhope	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Lake St	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Batsons Rd, Goroke	Horsham-Carpolac Railway line (disused)	Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*			
Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213), Goroke	Batsons Rd	Walkers Rd	VicRoads	Slash, Fence to Fence*			

	Strategic Fire Breaks - West Wimmera Municipality					
Road Name	From	То	Land Manager	Treatment		
	S	trategic Fire Suppression		<u>'</u>		
Kiely St, Goroke	Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	400 m north (end of bitumen)	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Walkers Rd, Goroke	Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	end of road	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Western Hwy (A8), Kaniva	Williams Jewells Rd	Eastwoods Rd	VicRoads	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Rowers Rd, Kaniva	Kaniva-Edenhope Rd (C208)	South Lillimur Rd	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
High St extension, Kaniva	Kelly St	end of road	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Williams Jewells Rd, Kaniva	South Lillimur Rd	Western Hwy (A8)	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Eastwoods Rd, Kaniva	Western Hwy (A8)	Carters Reserve Rd	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Carters Reserve Rd, Kaniva	Eastwoods Rd	Yearinga Rd	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Yearinga Rd, Kaniva	Carters Reserve Rd	100 km/h sign, Kaniva	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Broughton Rd, Kaniva	Moore St	Feder La	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Station St, Lillimur	Western Hwy (A8)	K Clarks Rd	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Affleck St, Lillimur	Colley St	Station Rd	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
K Clarks Rd, Lillimur	Station Rd	S Hawkers Rd	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
Western St, Serviceton	South Tce	Elizabeth St	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		
South Tce, Serviceton	Western St	Boundary Rd	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*		

Strategic Fire Breaks - West Wimmera Municipality							
Road Name	From	То	Land	Treatment			
			Manager				
	Str	ategic Fire Suppression	Lines				
Boundary Rd, Serviceton	South Tce	Parsons Ave	WWSC	Slash, Fence to Fence*			

Strategic Fire Breaks - West Wimmera Municipality						
Road Name	From	То	Land Manager	Treatment		
		Fire Control Lines				
Ethel Dilges Rd, Apsley	Apsley-Natimuk Rd	Benayeo Rd	WWSC	Grade as required		
Newlands Lake Rd, Apsley	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Apsley Bushland Reserve	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Scrubby Lake Rd, Edenhope	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Hurley's Bank Swamp	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Rifle Range Rd, Edenhope	400m north of Wimmera Hwy (C240)	end of road	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
George St, Edenhope	Scrubby Lake Rd	Langford St East	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Charles St, Edenhope	Langford St East	Abikair St	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Lake St, Edenhope	Yallakar St	End of bitumen	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Edgars Rd, Harrow	Coleraine-Edenhope Rd (C208)	Harrow-Casterton Rd	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Harrow-Casterton Rd, Harrow	Edgars Rd	Harrow Camping Ground	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
South Lillimur Rd, Kaniva	SA Border	Budjik St	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Racecourse western boundary, Kaniva	South Lillimur Rd	Western Hwy (A8)	WWSC	3m slash		
Yearinga Rd, Kaniva	Carters Reserve Rd	Murrawong Rd	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
East boundary of industrial estate, Kaniva	Broughton Rd	to end	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		

Strategic Fire Breaks - West Wimmera Municipality						
Road Name	From	То	Land Manager	Treatment		
		Fire Control Lines				
Kaniva-Edenhope Rd (C208), Kaniva	Western Hwy (A8)	Rowers Rd	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts but fence to fence if conditions and machinery allow*		
Serviceton South Rd, Serviceton	I Merretts Rd	South Tce	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Baldock Rd, Serviceton	Serviceton South Rd	Serviceton Rec Reserve	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Wolseley - Serviceton Rd	Elizabeth St	State Border, Serviceton	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Serviceton North Rd, Serviceton	Western Hwy (A8)	Wolseley - Serviceton Rd	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Copeman St, Serviceton	Serviceton North Rd	Serviceton Tip Rd	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Western Hwy (A8), Serviceton	State Border, Serviceton	G Champness Rd, Kaniva	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Western Hwy (A8, Serviceton	Webb St, Kaniva	Shire Boundary, Lawloit	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Serviceton North- Telopea Downs Rd, Serviceton (C226)	Western Hwy (A8), Serviceton	Edgerly Rd, Telopea Downs	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Cove Estate Rd, Serviceton	Western Hwy (A8)	Alexanders Rd	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Alexanders Rd, Serviceton	Cove Estate Rd	Murrawong Rd	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
N Hawkers Rd, Serviceton	Cove Estate Rd	Smiths Rd	WWSC	Grade as required		
Smiths Rd, Serviceton	N Hawkers Rd	Nortons Rd	WWSC	Grade as required		

Strategic Fire Breaks - West Wimmera Municipality						
Road Name	From	То	Land Manager	Treatment		
		Fire Control Lines				
Nortons Rd, Serviceton	Smiths Rd	Serviceton North- Telopea Downs Rd (C226)	WWSC	Grade as required		
Coads Rd, Serviceton	Serviceton North- Telopea Downs Rd (C226)	SA Border	WWSC	Grade as required		
Edgerly Rd, Serviceton	Boundary Rd, Telopea Downs (Shire Boundary)	Taylors Rd, Telopea Downs	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Blue Hills Rd, Serviceton	Taylors Rd, Telopea Downs	State Border, Telopea Downs	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Murrawong North Rd	Arthurs Rd, Telopea Downs	Edgerly Rd, Telopea Downs	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Murrawong Rd	Edgerly Rd, Telopea Downs	Powers & Alexanders Rd, Lillimur	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Lillimur-Yearinga Rd	Powers & Alexanders Rd, Lillimur	Western Hwy (A8), Lillimur	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Leeor Rd	Western Hwy (A8), Lillimur	South Lillimur Rd	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
SJ Hawkers Rd	South Lillimur Rd	Western Hwy (A8)	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Three Chain Rd	South Lillimur Rd	Miram South Rd	WWSC	Grade as required		
Leeor Rd	South Lillimur Rd	Northern Break Trk, Little Desert NP	WWSC	Grade as required		
Miram North Rd	Sandsmere Hall Rd	Miram East Rd, Miram	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Miram East Rd	Miram North Rd, Miram	Miram South Rd, Miram	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Miram South Rd	Miram East Rd, Miram	Northern Break Trk, Little Desert NP	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		

Strategic Fire Breaks - West Wimmera Municipality						
Road Name	From	То	Land Manager	Treatment		
		Fire Control Lines				
Moars Rd	Western Hwy (A8)	The Avenue Rd	WWSC	Grade as required		
Yanipy Rd Extension	Western Hwy (A8)	Miram South Rd	WWSC	Grade as required		
Sandsmere Hall Rd	Miram North Rd	Broughton Rd	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Witmitz Rd	Broughton Rd	end of road	WWSC	Grade as required		
Sandsmere Bleakhouse Rd	Miram North Rd	Lowan Border Rd	WWSC	Grade as required		
Kaniva-Edenhope Rd (C208)	Rowers Rd, Kaniva	Marrs Swamp, Edenhope	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	High St, Frances (State Border)	Batsons Rd, Goroke	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	Compston St, Goroke	McClure Bush Reserve, Mitre (Shire Boundary)	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Sambells Rd	Southern Break Trk, Little Desert NP	Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213), Goroke	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Edenhope-Goroke Rd	Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213), Goroke	Wimmera Hwy (C240), Karnak	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206)	Southern Break Trk, Little Desert NP	Coleraine-Edenhope Rd (C208), Harrow	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Wimmera Hwy (C240)	State Border, Hynam	200m east of George St, Apsley	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Wimmera Hwy (C240)	100 km/h sign east, Apsley	Yallakar St, Edenhope	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Kaniva-Edenhope Rd (C208), Edenhope	Shire Boundary, Miga Lake	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		
Powers Creek Rd	Charles St, Edenhope	Bogalara Short Cut Trk, Edenhope	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*		

Strategic Fire Breaks - West Wimmera Municipality					
Road Name	From	То	Land Manager	Treatment	
		Fire Control Lines			
Powers Creek- Edenhope Rd	Bogalara Short Cut Trk, Edenhope	Dergholm-Edenhope Rd, Powers Creek	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*	
Powers Creek- Burkes Bridge Rd	Dergholm-Edenhope Rd, Powers Creek	Casterton-Edenhope Rd (C207), Chetwynd	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*	
Casterton- Edenhope Rd (C207)	Coleraine-Edenhope Rd (C208), Kadnook	Shire Boundary, Dergholm-Chetwynd Rd, Brimboal	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*	
Apsley-Natimuk Rd	Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213), Minimay	Racecourse Rd, Apsley	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*	
Casterton-Apsley Rd (C211)	School Rd, Apsley	Shire Boundary, Tylers Rd, Warrock	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*	
Casterton- Naracoorte Rd	State Border, Langkoop	Casterton-Apsley Rd (C211)	WWSC	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*	
Edenhope-Penola Rd (C212)	State Border, Wrattonbully	Wimmera Hwy (C240), Edenhope	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*	
Coleraine- Edenhope Rd (C208)	George St, Edenhope	Harrow-Clear Lake Rd, Harrow	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*	
Wombelano Rd (C205)	Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206), Wombelano	Shire Boundary, Harrow-Kanagulk Rd, Kanagulk	VicRoads	Slash, 3m cut behind guide posts*	

	Strategic Fire Breaks – West Wimmera Municipality						
Road Name	From	То	Brigade	Treatment	Road Authority		
CFA Brigade Works							
Unnamed Rd	Benayeo Rd	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Apsley	Plough			
Reserve (east of							
racecourse)							
Private Property,	Laidlaw St	Chris Simpson Rd	Apsley	Plough/Slash/Burn			
Apsley							
Benayeo Rd	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Racecourse Rd	Apsley	Burn			
Apsley BR 1	Benayeo Rd	Dixon St	Apsley	Burn			
Apsley BR 2	Wimmera Hwy (C240), George St	Langkoop Rd	Apsley	Burn			
Apsley-Natimuk Rd	Ballantyne St	Racecourse Rd	Apsley	Burn			
Ballantyne St Block	Ballantyne St	Apsley Football Oval	Apsley	Burn			
Apsley Hotel Block	Townsend St	Gibson St	Apsley	Burn			
Racecourse Rd	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Splatt St	Apsley	Burn			
Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Newlands Lake Rd	Dixon St	Apsley	Burn			
Benayeo Rd	Rowes Rd	S.A. Border	Benayeo	Spray			
Gerrickes Rd	Benayeo Rd	Brody's Rd	Benayeo	Spray			
Brodys Rd	Gerrickes Rd	Angus Stephens Rd	Benayeo	Spray			
Butterworths Rd	South Australian Border	Benayeo Rd	Benayeo	Spray			
Kilpatricks Rd	Benayeo Rd	Haebichs Rd	Benayeo	Spray			
Chastons Rd	Benayeo Rd	Airfield	Benayeo	Spray			
Keith Munns	Sprys & Davies Rd	Keith Munns Rd	Benayeo	Spray			
Extension Rd							
Keith Munns Rd	Keith Munns Extension Rd	Apsley-Natimuk Rd	Benayeo	Spray			
Sprys & Davies Rd	Benayeo Rd	Keith Munns Extension Rd	Benayeo	Spray			

	Strategic F	ire Breaks – West W	immera Munic	ipality				
Road Name	From	То	Brigade	Treatment	Road Authority			
	CFA Brigade Works							
Kybybolite Rd	South Australian Border	Benayeo Rd	Benayeo	Spray				
Mullinger Swamp Rd	Road encompassing Mullinger Swamp WR		Benayeo	Spray				
Road Reserve		Butterworth Rd (parallel to S.A. Border)	Benayeo	Spray				
Moree Rd	Casterton-Edenhope Rd (C207)	1km North of Community Centre	Chetwynd	Spray/Burn				
Casterton-Edenhope Rd (C207)	1km North West of Community Centre	1.4kms South of Community Centre	Chetwynd	Spray/Burn				
Chetwynd Cemetery Rd	Casterton-Edenhope Rd (C207)	1km West	Chetwynd	Spray/Burn				
School Rd	Casterton-Edenhope Rd (C207)	Sampeys Rd	Chetwynd	Spray/Burn				
Heenans Rd	School Rd	Church Rd	Chetwynd	Spray/Burn				
Church Rd	Casterton-Edenhope Rd (C207)	Sampeys Rd	Chetwynd	Spray/Burn				
Sampeys Rd	School Rd	End of road	Chetwynd	Spray/Burn				
Moree Quarries	Above dam and mine area close to crushing area		Connewirric oo	Burn				
Harrow-Casterton Rd & Coleraine-Nareen- Moo Rd			Connewirric oo					
Coleraine-Edenhope Rd & Teatree Creek Rd	Intersection Burn		Connewirric oo	Burn				

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Road Name	From	То	Brigade	Treatment	Road Authority		
CFA Brigade Works							
Teatree Creek Rd &	Intersection Burn		Connewirric	Burn			
McClures Rd			00				
Kadnook-	Intersection Burn		Connewirric	Burn			
Connewirricoo Rd &			00				
McClures Rd							
Casterton-Apsley Rd		100 km/h signs north	Dergholm	Burn			
(C211)		of township					
Quinn Rd, Dergholm	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		Dergholm	Burn			
		pub), Dergholm	5	-			
Unamed Rd (Tip Rd),		end of road	Dergholm	Burn			
Dergholm	Rd	Daniel Di	Danishala	D			
`	Casterton-Apsley Rd	Dorodong Ra	Dergholm	Burn			
west of pub),							
Dergholm Cemetery Rd,	Casterton-Apsley Rd	Unamed Pd (west of	Dergholm	Burn			
Dergholm	Casterton-Apsiey Ru	pub), Dergholm	Dergnonn	Duili			
Newmans Rd,	Dorodong Rd	100 m north of	Dergholm	Burn			
Dorodong		Dorodong Hall	Dergiloiiii	Duili			
Harrow-Clear Lake	Mullagh Kanagulk	Shire Boundary,	Douglas	Burn			
Rd		Brooksby	Douglas	Buili			
Hobbs Rd	Rex Hobbs Rd	Harrow-Clear Lake Rd	Douglas	Burn			
Wombelano Rd	Lake Swanee	Shire Boundary,	Douglas	Burn			
(C205)		McKechines Rd					
Rex Hobbs Rd	Wombelano Rd C205		Douglas	Burn			
Wimmera Hwy	Jennings Rd	Yallakar St	Edenhope	Burn			
(C240)							
Kanivá-Edenhope Rd	Wimmera Hwy	Sheep Wash Swamp	Edenhope	Burn			
(C208)	(C240)						
Coleraine-Edenhope	George St	7975 Coleraine-	Edenhope	Burn			
Rd (C208)		Edenhope Rd					

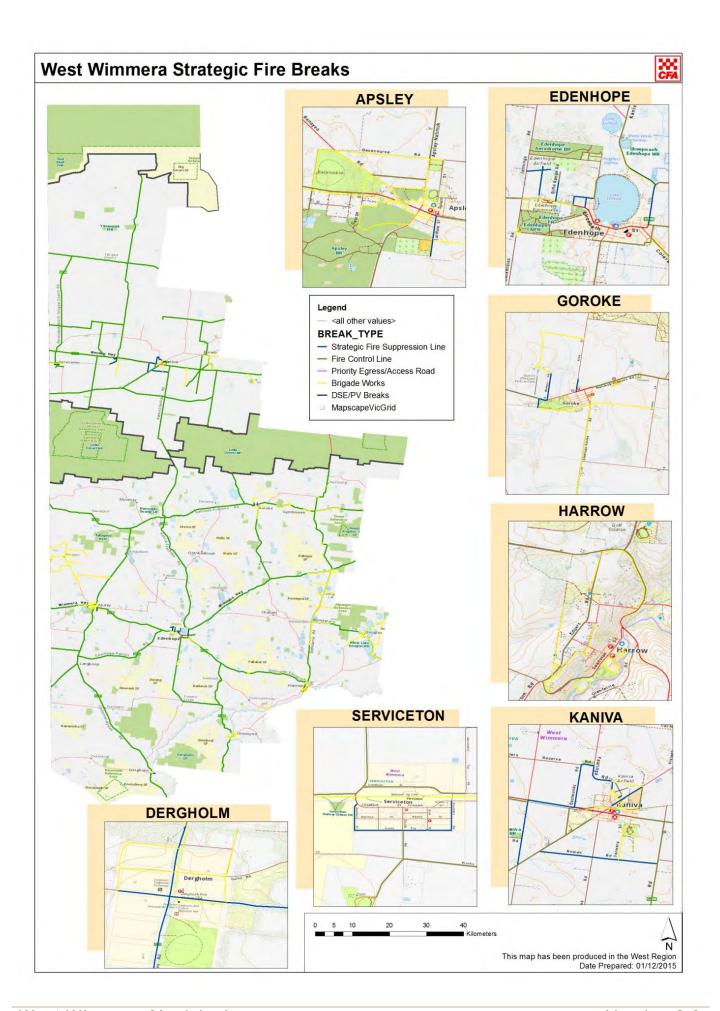
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Road Name	From	То	Brigade	Treatment	Road Authority		
CFA Brigade Works							
MacKenzies Rd & Charles St	Intersection Burn (100 m north, south & east)		Edenhope	Burn			
Powers Creek Rd	Hinkleys & Tanseys Rd	1 km south	Edenhope	Burn			
Hinkleys & Tanseys Rd	Powers Creek Rd	1 km east	Edenhope	Burn			
Horsham-Carpolac Railway line (disused)	Lovers La	Batsons Rd	Goroke	Burn/Plough			
Edenhope-Goroke Rd	Horsham-Carpolac Railway line (disused)	Wades & Hauslers Rd	Goroke	Burn/Plough			
Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	Gymbowen Township Area		Gymbowen	Burn			
Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	Nhill-Harrow Rd	Cricks Wildlife Reserve	Gymbowen	Burn			
Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213) Marsh & Lowes Rd	Intersection Burn		Gymbowen	Burn			
Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	Campstones Rd	Marsh & Lowes Rd	Gymbowen	Burn			
Bert Redfords Rd	Around Water Point (near Nhill-Harrow Rd)		Gymbowen	Burn			
Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206) Blackers Rd	Intersection Burn for water point protection		Gymbowen	Burn			
Millers Rd	Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	Sudholz Rd	Gymbowen	Plough			

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Road Name	From	То	Brigade	Treatment	Road Authority		
CFA Brigade Works							
Worthys Rd	Natimuk-Frances Rd (C213)	Mill Swamp La	Gymbowen	Plough			
Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206) & Goroke- Nurcoung Rd	Intersection Burn		Gymbowen	Burn			
Coleraine-Edenhope Rd (C208)	Edgars Rd	250 m south Campbells Hill Rd	Harrow	Burn			
Birmingham St	O'Reilly St	Hamilton St	Harrow	Burn			
Hill St	Hamilton St	Willis St	Harrow	Burn			
Unamed Road Reserve (west of Edgars Rd)	Edgars Rd	Harrow Common	Harrow	Burn			
Private Block, Harrow		north of Harrow-Clear Lake Rd	Harrow	Burn			
Edgars Rd	Coleraine-Edenhope Rd (C208)	Harrow Common	Harrow	Burn			
Hill Climb St Edgars Rd Harrow-Casterton Rd	Intersection Burn		Harrow	Burn			
Unamed Rd	Edgars Rd	Hill St	Harrow	Burn			
Unamed Rd Reserve & Private Block	South of Blair St		Harrow	Burn			
Donaldson PI & Private Block #1	Whittaker St	Hamilton St	Harrow	Burn			
Donaldson PI & Private Block #2	Hamilton St	NW of Rec Reserve	Harrow	Burn			
Kaniva Airfield northern boundary	Yearinga Rd	Broughton Rd	Kaniva	Burn			
Melbourne-Adelaide Railway Line	Western Hwy (A8)	Moore St (east end)	Kaniva	Burn			
Paterson St.	Kelly St (Block Burn)		Kaniva	Burn			

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Road Name	From	То	Brigade	Treatment	Road Authority		
CFA Brigade Works							
Victoria St	Champness St (Block Burn)		Kaniva	Burn			
Farmers St	Budjik St	Rowes Rd	Kaniva	Burn			
Edenhope-Penola Rd (C212)	Casterton-Apsley Rd (C211)	Mundarra Estate Rd	Langkoop	Burn			
Casterton-Apsley Rd (C211)	Mosquito Creek	north to Edenhope- Penola Rd (C212)	Langkoop	Burn/Slash			
Miram Railway Yards	Parallel to Clarence St		Lawloit	Burn			
Pine Hill Rd	Meaghers Rd	Lawloit Rd	Lawloit	Spray			
Lawloit Rd	Pine Hill Rd	Western Hwy (A8)	Lawloit	Spray			
Miram East Rd	Golf Course Rd	1.5km west (end of bitumen)	Lawloit	Spray			
Miram South Rd	Miram East Rd	Western Hwy (A8)	Lawloit	Spray			
Webbs Rd	Western Hwy (A8)	The Avenue Rd	Lawloit	Spray			
Melbourne-Adelaide Railway Line	VIC-SA Border	I Merrertt	Leeor	Burn			
Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206)	Mullagh Kanagulk Rd	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough			
Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Pine Hut Lake	500 meters east of the Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206)	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough			
Farnhams Rd	Wimmera Hwy (C240)	Adams Rd	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough			
Hauslers Dundon Rd	Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206)	west 3km	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough			
Miga Lake Access Rd		Miga Lake Foreshore Rd	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough			
Miga Lake Foreshore Rd	Miga Lake Access Rd	Miga Lake	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough			

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Road Name	From	То	Brigade	Treatment	Road Authority			
	CFA Brigade Works							
Schultzs Rd	Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206)	Adams Rd	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough				
Arnolds & Smiths Rd	Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206)	Adams Rd	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough				
R Ridlers Rd	Polpara Lake	Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206)	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough				
Wombelano Rd - C205	Nhill-Harrow Rd (C206)	Adams Rd	Miga Lake	Burn/Spray/Plough				
Casterton-Apsley Rd (C211)	Fullertons Rd	400 m north	Poolaijelo	Burn/Slash				
Station Rd	Station Rd Western Hwy (A8) K Clarks Rd South Lillimur Spray	Station Rd Western Hwy (A8) K Clarks Rd South Lillimur Spray	South Lillimur	Spray				
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K Clarks Rd	Station Rd	S Hawkers Rd	South Lillimur	Spray				

*where practical
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Appendix H: Documents and Links

Neighbouring Municipal Fire Management Plans

- Horsham Rural City Council
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Hindmarsh Municipality Council

Useful Municipal and Agency Links

West Wimmera Community Map shows fire water points and other information under the emergency services tab

West Wimmera Municipal Emergency Management Plan

Country Fire Authority

Dept of Justice and Regulation - Victoria

Emergency Management Victoria

Fire and Emergency Management Planning Portal (restricted access)

Dept of Environment, Land, Water and Planning - Victoria

Vic Emergency

Local Fire Management Plans & Arrangements

Note: These plans may not be publicly available and the agency responsible should be consulted about access

- Big Desert Emergency Management Plan, Parks Victoria
- Wyperfeld Parks Emergency Management Plan, Parks Victoria
- Western Goldfields Emergency Management Plan Parks Victoria
- CFA Districts 17 & 18, Groups and Local Brigade Plans

Regional Fire Management Plans & Arrangements

- Grampians Regional Strategic Fire Management Plan V2 (2011) (restricted access)
- Wimmera Catchment Management Authority Regional Strategy
- Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority Regional Strategy
- Mallee Catchment Management Authority Regional Strategy
- Forest Fire Management Victoria Wimmera and Mallee District Plans

State Fire Management Plans & Arrangements

State Bushfire Plan 2014

<u>Dept of Education – Victoria; School Emergency Management Planning</u>

<u>Emergency Management Victoria – Fire Management Planning</u>

Site Specific Fire Management Plans & Arrangements

Powercor Bushfire Mitigation Strategy

SP Ausnet Bushfire Mitigation Strategy

<u>VicRoads – Roadside Fire Management</u>

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