



Newsletter

for Fire Management Area Committees

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Hello FMAC members

Hopefully you have all received an invitation for the upcoming Regional FMAC Forums. We apologise for having to reschedule the forums, and we do understand that they may start to clash with planned burning operations. The reason for the change was to ensure that the new Fire Protection Plan (FPP) Project Officer would be able to attend the Regional Forums and meet FMAC members.

The forum dates are:

- **North West FMAC Forum**
11 September, Burnie Arts Centre, 10 am – 3pm
- **North FMAC Forum**
12 September, The Tram Sheds, Invermay, 10 am – 3pm
- **South FMAC Forum**
13 September, Lindisfarne Rowing Club, 10 am – 3pm

The forums will be an opportunity to provide you with information on a number of topics including:

- FPP Project
- Process for developing interim FPPs for 2019
- New SFMC Strategic Directions
- FMAC Updates from Chairs
- Project Update from Fuel Reduction Program
- FMAC Support

If you did not receive an invitation or would like further information please contact Deb Pope on 6225 8533.

Latest News from SFMC

The SFMC last met in July for a regular meeting as well as a business planning workshop.

As part of the business planning workshop the SFMC Strategic Direction Framework was reviewed. This framework identifies focus areas that guide Council, along with business priorities for the next three years. We will give you an update on this at the upcoming Regional FMAC Forums.

A number of other actions came out of the last meeting including:

- **New Research Committee**

A sub-committee of SFMC is being established to promote a coordinated approach to bushfire research in Tasmania. The committee will involve a broad range of stakeholders, including the private sector. A SFMC working group will establish Terms of Reference.

- **Red Hot Tips**

A Red Hot Tips consultation workshop with farmers and other key stakeholders was held in April. The report was tabled at the last meeting and Council is now investigating sustainable options to continue the program.

Project Updates

Fire Protection Plan Project

The aim of this project is to provide a consistent framework, tools, education and support for FMACs to undertake risk assessments and develop fire protection plans.

Interviews have now been held for the Project Officer position and recruitment is now being finalised.

FMAC Terms of Reference

Thanks to all members who provided feedback on the FMAC Terms of Reference.

The feedback is now being considered and the Terms of Reference will be sent to SFMC for approval.

Useful Stuff

Bureau of Meteorology

Climate Outlooks (BOM)

The latest climate outlook, issued 16 August 2018 is available on the [BOM website](#).

Webinar - (BOM)

In this [webinar](#) BOM discuss ways to obtain data and information for climatological, agricultural and flood modelling, water resources assessment, bushfire risk management and education.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spFqI-kF7A8&feature=youtu.be>

You can also register for upcoming BOM Webinars [here](#).

Information Sheets for Threatened Native Non-Forest Vegetation Communities

Information sheets for the 16 native non-forest vegetation communities listed in Schedule 3A of the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* are now available from the DPIPWE web site - [Threatened Native Vegetation Communities](#) page. These are in addition to existing information sheets for the 23 native forest communities listed.

Fire Behaviour and Fuels Conference 2019

This conference will be held in Sydney from 29 April to 3 May 2019. The theme of the conference is Fuels of today – fire behaviour of tomorrow: understanding fire behaviour and fuels for sound decision making and effective management.

Further details will be released later in the year, to keep up to date go to:

www.firebehaviorandfuelsconference.com.

Upcoming Events

30 August 2018

1.00 pm

**Centre of Excellence for Prescribed Burning webinar series:
Window for prescribed burning under climate change scenarios**

One doesn't generally think of Antarctica in the context of prescribed burning, or wildfires in general. However, researchers from the Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems Cooperative Research Centre (ACE CRC), engaged by Tasmania Fire Service, have used climate modelling to investigate the effect of a changing climate on windows for prescribed burning.

This [webinar](#) will be presented by Dr Tom Remenyi from the ACE CRC's Climate Futures Team, who will explore insights from the research.

11 September 2018

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

North West FMAC Forum

Burnie Arts Centre, Burnie

12 September 2018

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

North FMAC Forum

The Tram Sheds, Invermay

13 September 2018

10.00 am – 3.00 pm

South FMAC Forum

Lindisfarne Rowing Club, Lindisfarne

19 September 2018

SFMC Meeting

If you have any correspondence or agenda items you would like tabled at the next SFMC meeting please email them to sfmc@fire.tas.gov.au by 7 September 2018.

19 September 2018

1.30 pm – 4.00 pm

SFMC Network Event

*Centre of Excellence for Prescribed Burning with Greg Esnouf
The Tram Sheds, Invermay. For further information or to register contact sfmc@fire.tas.gov.au.*

20 September 2018

Pre-Bushfire Season Briefing

FMAC Chairs and key stakeholders are invited to attend the Pre-Bushfire Season Briefing in Launceston at The Tram Sheds, if you did not receive an invitation please contact southern.region@fire.tas.gov.au.

Things to do.....

- Submit an article for the next Newsletter to sfmc@fire.tas.gov.au
- Provide comment on the [Fire Service Act Review](#) Issues Paper by 7 September
- Email agenda items for the SFMC meeting by 7 September 2018
- Attend your regional FMAC Forum, 11- 13 September
- Register for the next SFMC Network Event in Launceston on 19 September

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