

KATAMATITE - WATER TOWER - PLANNED BURN

Information



What is happening?

A planned burn is being undertaken to reduce fuel loads and bushfire risk to the township of Katamatite.

When will the burn take place?

CFA plans to conduct the burn in autumn or when weather conditions permit. The planned burn will only proceed if it is safe to do so.

Why are we doing this planned burn?

Planned burning reduces the amount of vegetation available to burn in the event of a bushfire within the area.

Vegetation will be reduced to protect assets and homes from heat, embers, and flames in the case of a bushfire.

Planned Burning also increases the likelihood of firefighters containing a bushfire, where one to occur within the area.

How will we ensure the fire doesn't escape?

CFA will have firefighters and firefighting vehicles on site during the burn to keep the fire under control; and for 3-4 days after to prevent the burn from reigniting.

The burn will be undertaken when temperature and wind conditions are mild. Specific weather conditions are chosen and adhered too so that the planned burn is safe and can be easily controlled.

What about Cultural Heritage?

Assessments have been done to determine if any sites are of cultural significance such as; if scar or birthing trees are present. Any identified cultural sites will not be impacted upon during the planned burn.

What about plants and animals?

Biodiversity checks have been completed to determine what species may be found within the planned burn area. Habitat trees, threatened plant species and wildlife will be protected during the burn.

Some species may benefit from the burn, as fire can create a suitable habitat and promote germination and flowering.

How can I stay up to date with the latest information?

Scan here to subscribe to the planned burn notification system (PBNS) and receive notifications when burns in your area are scheduled, ignited, patrolled and safe.

plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au



A notification will also occur on the VicEmergency website and app.

Create a watch zone for your area and check to make sure notifications for Fire/ Planned Burns are turned on.

emergency.vic.gov.au/respond/



What can I expect?

You will see and hear firefighters and firefighting vehicles in the area on the day of the planned burn and for 3-4 days after. You may see flames and there may be smoke in the area.

What should I do?

Only call Triple Zero (000) if you can see flames threatening or impacting upon houses and other structures.

There may be smoke in the area.

You should:

- Keep doors & windows closed
- Switch air conditioning to recycle or recirculate
- Bring washing inside
- Keep pets indoors
- Avoid physical activity
- If you have asthma, carry your medication and inhaler with you

For information on smoke and what to do during a planned burn, scan here or visit ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management



For information on live burn status updates, refer to the District 22 Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/cfadistrict22communitysafety>



For Further Information call or email CFA District 22 Community Safety on: 03 5833 2400

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Map of the planned burn area



For more information on Forest Fire Management Victoria and CFA burns more broadly, please scan the QR code to read the regional Joint Fuel Management Programs or contact your local CFA District Office

ffm.vic.gov.au/bushfire-fuel-and-risk-management/joint-fuel-management-program



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