2009/10 Fire Season
Community Information Maps
Important Information – Please Read First

The map provides important information for survival in your town during a bushfire. CFA advises that everyone should have a written Bushfire Survival Plan that includes the actions in the Understanding Fire Danger Ratings brochure.

Please visit the CFA web site regularly to ensure that you have the latest map.

Whittlesea Community Information Map

2010/2011 Fire Season

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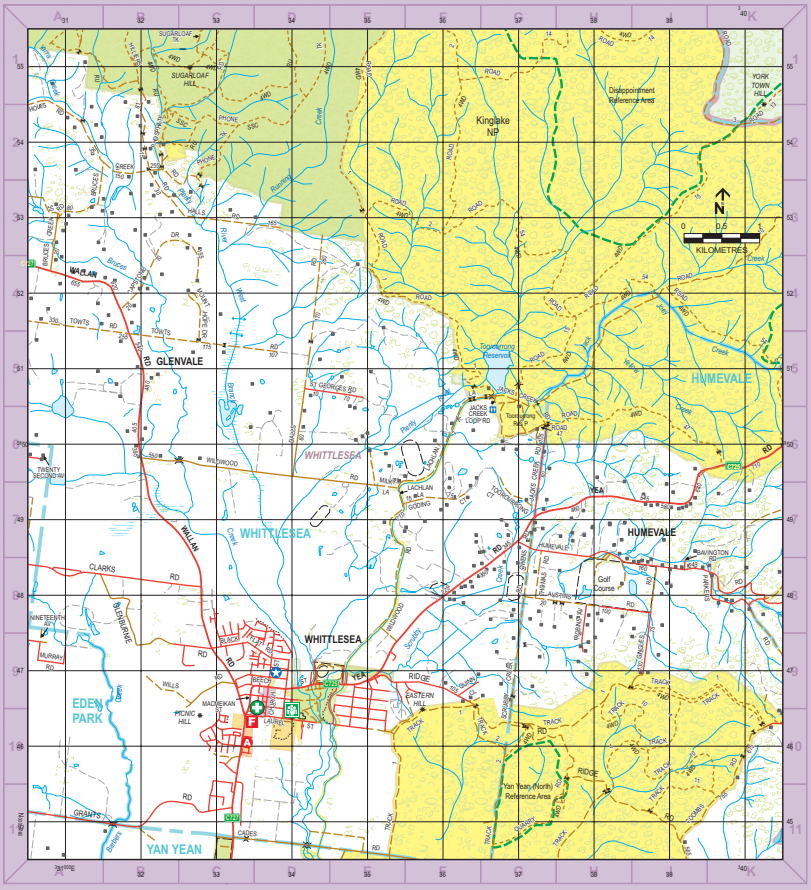

2010/11 Fire Season

Information Sources

For Emergency	000
ABC Radio	774AM; 91.1FM
Local Radio Stations	
CFA Website	www.cfa.vic.gov.au
DSE Website	www.dse.vic.gov.au
Victorian Bushfire Information Line	1800 240 667
Bureau of Meteorology	www.bom.gov.au

Key Township Information

General Layout	The Township of Whittlesea borders upon state forest that was significantly burnt during the fires of February 2009. The township is surrounded by grasslands and some remnant bushland, it is this area which has remained unburnt since 1982. During severe fire activity there is the risk of ember attack upon the Township and the resultant risk of spot fires.	
Neighbourhood Safer Places	A.F. Walker Reserve, Corner Laurel & Forest Streets, Whittlesea	D10
Principal Road Access / Egress	Plenty Road	
	Wallan Road	
	Yea Road	
Secondary Roads / Tracks	Grants Road	
	Clarks Road	
	Glenburnie Road	
Community Alerting System	Nil	

Health and Emergency Services

Hospitals	Northern Hospital, Cooper Street, Epping	*
Medical Centres	Whittlesea Medical Group, 4 MacMeikan Street, Whittlesea	D10
Ambulance Station	Whittlesea Ambulance Station, Millennium Park Drive, Whittlesea	C10
Fire Station	Whittlesea Fire Station, Laurel Street, Whittlesea	C10
Police Station	Whittlesea Police Station, Church Street, Whittlesea	D9

*** Denotes feature outside map extent**

Relief Centres - May be activated during an emergency. Activation of relief centres will be finalised and communicated to communities by Council once the location of an emergency is known.

Recovery Centres - May be activated after an emergency to provide for the needs of affected people. Recovery centre locations will be finalised and communicated to communities by Council.

Fire Refuges - No complying sites designated.

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Disclaimer: This map was created on 09/08/2010 and is valid for the 2010/11 fire season. Please visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au to ensure you have the most current version. Produced by Spatial Vision 2010.

Refer to **reverse side** for explanation of map symbology.

Using this map

This map provides important community information for survival in this township during a bushfire.

CFA advises that everyone should have a written bushfire survival plan that includes the actions in the Fire Danger Rating "What should I do" information.

Glossary

Neighbourhood Safer Place - Places of Last Resort: A place of last resort for a person to be at during the passage of the fire front. They are a persons' backup plan, a place of last resort, if their personal bushfire survival plans cannot be implemented or have failed. NSP's do not exist in all communities.

Fire Refuge: A place for public use where people may seek short term shelter from the fire front during a bushfire. Fire refuges are further described in the OESC Guideline (2005).

Relief Centre: A building or place established to provide life support and essential needs to persons affected by, or involved in the management of an emergency.

Recovery Centre: A location where people who have been affected by an emergency can obtain information concerning the recovery activities for the community and gain access to personal support and emergency recovery services. It is likely that this centre could operate for weeks or months following an emergency that has a significant effect on the community.

For more information please visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or phone the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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FIRE DANGER RATING

- CODE RED (CATASTROPHIC)
- EXTREME
- SEVERE
- VERY HIGH
- HIGH
- LOW – MODERATE

Understanding Fire Danger Ratings

Fire Behaviour	Impact Potential	What Should I Do?
Fires may be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving – flames will be higher than roof tops Thousands of embers will be blown around Spot fires will start, move quickly and come from many directions, 20km or more ahead of the fire.	People may die or be injured. Thousands of homes and businesses may be destroyed Well prepared, well constructed and well defended homes may not be safe during the fire. DO NOT EXPECT A FIRE TRUCK.	**If you live in a bushfire prone area the safest option is to leave the night before, or early in the morning.** Leaving is the safest option for your survival if you live in a bushfire prone area – finalise your options for relocation Activate your Bushfire Survival Plan – Now Prepare to leave – check your Fire Ready Kit Monitor the weather and fire situation in any way you can: through CFA website, ABC or local radio, TV and newspapers.
Fires may be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving – flames will be higher than roof tops Thousands of embers will be blown around Spot fires will start, will move quickly and come from many directions, up to 6km ahead of the fire.	People may die and be injured. Hundreds of homes and businesses may be destroyed Only well prepared, well constructed and actively defended houses are likely to offer safety during a fire DO NOT EXPECT A FIRE TRUCK.	**The safest option is to leave early in the day if you live in a bushfire prone area and your Bushfire Survival Plan is to leave. Only stay if your home is well prepared, well constructed and you can actively defend it.** Activate your Bushfire Survival Plan – Now Prepare for the emotional, mental and physical impact of defending your property – if in doubt, leave Monitor the weather and fire situation in any way you can: through CFA website, ABC or local radio, TV and newspapers.
Fires may be uncontrollable and move quickly – flames may be higher than roof tops Expect embers to be blown around Spot fires may occur up to 4km ahead of the fire.	There is a chance people may die and be injured. Some homes and businesses may be destroyed Well prepared and actively defended houses can offer safety during a fire DO NOT EXPECT A FIRE TRUCK.	**The safest option is to leave early in the day if you live in a bushfire prone area and your Bushfire Survival Plan is to leave. Only stay if your home is well prepared and you can actively defend it.** Prepare for the emotional, mental and physical impact of defending your property – if in doubt, leave Only stay if your home is well prepared and you can actively defend it Check your Bushfire Survival Plan – Now Monitor the weather and fire situation in any way you can: through CFA website, ABC or local radio, TV and newspapers.
Fires can be difficult to control – flames may burn into the tree tops. Embers may be blown ahead of the fire Spot fires may occur up to 2km ahead of the fire.	There is a low chance people may die or be injured. Some homes and businesses may be damaged or destroyed Well prepared and actively defended houses can offer safety during a fire.	**If you live in a bushfire prone area and your Bushfire Survival Plan is to leave, the safest option is to leave at the beginning of the day.** If you live in a bushfire prone area and you plan to leave; finalise your options and leave early on the day Only stay if your home is well prepared and you can actively defend it Check your Bushfire Survival Plan – Now Monitor the weather and fire situation in any way you can: through CFA website, ABC or local radio, TV and newspapers.
Fires can be controlled Embers may be blown ahead of the fire Spot fires can occur close to the main fire.	Loss of life is highly unlikely and damage to property will be limited Well prepared and actively defended houses can offer safety during a fire.	**Check your Bushfire Survival Plan.** Make sure your family and property are well prepared for the risk of bushfire Review and practise your bushfire plan for different scenarios (e.g. kids at school/home, visitors) Know where to get more information – CFA website.
Fires can be easily controlled.	There is little to no risk to life and property.	**Check your Bushfire Survival Plan.** Make sure your family and property are well prepared for the risk of bushfire Review and practise your bushfire plan for different scenarios (e.g. kids at school/home, visitors) Know where to get more information – CFA website.

Explanation of Map Symbols

TRANSPORT

- Freeway
- Highway
- Arterial Road Sealed
- Arterial Road Unsealed
- Sealed Road (Sub-Arterial, Collector and Local Roads)
- Unsealed Road (Sub-Arterial, Collector and Local Roads)
- Private Access Road
- 2WD Road (passable by 2WD vehicles in Dry Weather only)
- 4WD Road
- Bicycle/Walking Track/Rail Trail
- Proposed Road
- Road Restrictions: Management Vehicles Only, Subject to Seasonal Closure, Road Unmaintained, Subject to Height and Weight Limit, Dry Weather Only.
- Railway / Dismantled or Disused Railway
- Airfield / Landing Ground, Helipad
- Route Number, Emergency Phone

TOPOGRAPHY

- Embankment

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Fire Tower, Water Intake Tower, Water Tower, Tower
- Building , Shed, Silo
- Landmark Boundary
- Pipeline (other than water)
- Transmission Line
- Water Pipeline

CFA WATER POINTS

- Hydrant / Water Point
- Water Tank
- Drafting Location
- Vertical Stand Pipe
- Proposed Hydrant

VEGETATION

- Forest, Bush, Scrub
- Pine Plantation
- Hardwood Plantation

COMMUNITY

- Aged Care Facility, Hospital
- Church, Community, Council Facilities
- DSE/DPI/PV Office/Depot
- DSE/DPI Customer Service Centre
- Hall / Public Hall, Library, Post Office
- Life Saving Club, '000' Emergency Marker
- School / Education Facility
  - C College
  - G Grammar
  - HS High School
  - PS Primary School
  - S School
  - SC Secondary College
  - Sp S Specialist School

RECREATION

- Camping, Picnic Area, Hut
- Caravan Park, Public Toilets, Swimming Pool

ADMINISTRATION

- Locality Boundary
- Local Government Boundary
- Park and Reserve
- Public Land \ State Forest \ Commonwealth Land

LAND USE (TOWN MAPS ONLY)

- Commercial and Business
- Industrial
- Public Parks, Cemeteries and Recreation
- Utilities and Local Government Facilities
- Education