

Community Information Newsletter

Terang – Camperdown Fires

Tuesday 20th March 2018

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING

Day: Wednesday 21st March 2018
Time: 1:00pm
Location: Cobden Civic Hall, 53-55 Victoria Street

INCIDENT INFORMATION

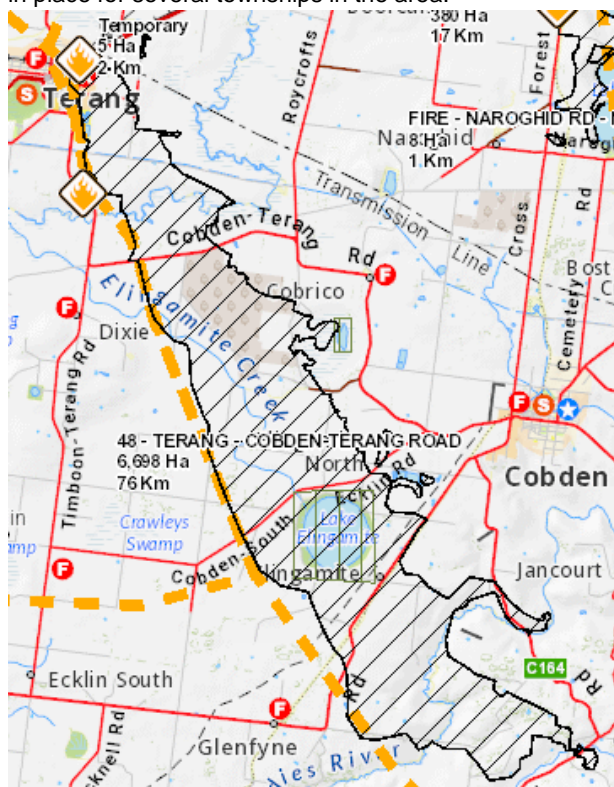
The Terang and Camperdown fires are not yet under control, but have been contained.

Estimated losses across both fires include 16 houses, 37 sheds, numerous livestock, pasture and silage as well as part of a blue gum plantation. Impact assessment teams will continue working in the area over coming days to assess property losses.

TERANG FIRE - Estimated at 6,771 hectares

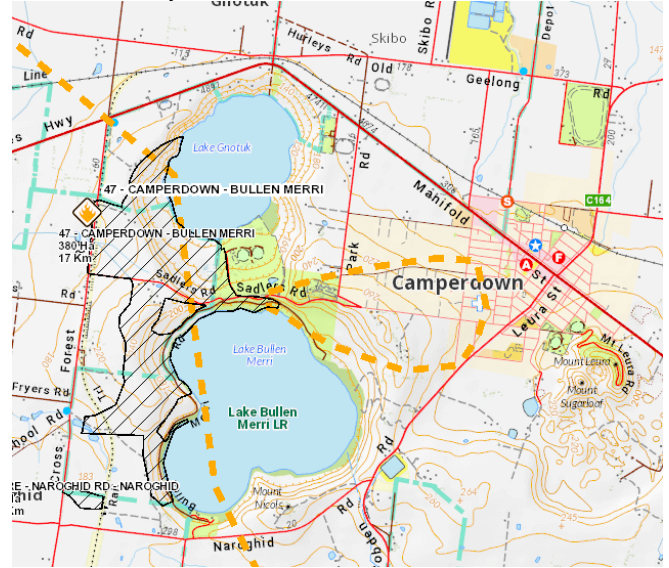
This grassfire is the largest of the south west fires. Overnight 100 firefighters, 6 tankers and 19 slip-on units continued to work on the fire. Today 150 personnel and 15 tankers and 20 slip-on units will be on site.

Only two properties now remain without power. The fire was declared contained overnight. There is an Advice message in place for several townships in the area.



GNOTUK -CAMPERDOWN FIRE - Estimated at 400 hectares

This fire is not yet under control, but is contained.



RELIEF & RECOVERY INFORMATION

Relief Centres are in place at:

- Terang Civic Hall, 129 Mary Bradshaw Avenue
- Cobden Civic Hall, 53-55 Victoria Street

Hardship payments are available to help community members meet immediate needs, including emergency food, shelter, clothing and personal items. A needs assessment is carried out at a relief centre or by contacting your council. More information at

www.emergency.vic.gov.au/relief

CORANGAMITE LANDFILL FOR FIRE AFFECTED AREAS

Corangamite Shire are accepting free landfill for fire affected residents in Corangamite Shire. Contact Council on 03 5593 7100 or

<https://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Property/Emergency/St-Patricks-Day-Fires>

INSURANCE

Fire affected residents with property or contents insurance you should contact their insurance company as soon as possible:

- Ask your insurer for advice on actions you should take
- Do not throw away damaged items without first consulting your insurance company
- Make a list of items that have been damaged and take photographs if possible
- Keep receipts for any emergency repair work.

LIVESTOCK

Agriculture Victoria livestock teams are in the field helping with damage and loss assessments, identifying urgent needs and connecting farmers with recovery programs. To contact one of the teams, call 5336 6721.

For help managing other fire recovery issues, such as erosion, weeds, re-establishing pasture, and securing water supplies, call Agriculture Victoria on 136 186.

If you need fodder for your livestock, contact Victorian Farmers Federation on 1300 882 833.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AUTHORITY

EPA are deployed within the fire affected area undertaking air monitoring for smoke. This a proactive measure to ensure the safety of the community.

ROADS AND RAIL

Check traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au for further information.

- The Princes Highway open.
- Train services on the Warrnambool line are currently suspended due to fire activity. Replacement buses are now able to travel through to Warrnambool.
- V/Line passengers are being advised that disruptions on the Warrnambool line will continue across the week. Visit ptv.vic.gov.au/

SCHOOL BUS ROUTES

School bus routes may be affected due to road closures. A full list of bus closures has been listed on Department of Educations website www.education.vic.gov.au

STAY INFORMED

For information on fires in Victoria and general fire safety advice, please contact the **VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226**.

Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment can VicEmergency Hotline through National Relay Service on **1800 555 677**.

If you **don't speak English**, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450.

Check for the latest warnings and advice messages at www.emergency.vic.gov.au

Facebook (facebook.com/vicemergency) or Twitter ([@vicemergency](https://twitter.com/vicemergency))

HEALTH INFORMATION

For information on how smoke from bushfires can affect your health, and emergency assistance availability visit The Department of Health and Human Services website www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/environmental-health/climate-weather-and-public-health/bushfires-and-public-health

Nurse-on-Call on 1300 60 60 24 (this is a phone service that allows you to discuss any health related issue with a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for the cost of a local call from anywhere in Victoria).

AFTER THE FIRES

The Department of Human Services offer a range of support services including personal, emotional, psychological and financial help. For information go to www2.health.vic.gov.au/

POWER SUPPLIES

Powercor have advised that power has been supplied to all but two customers. If you have issues with your power to your property there may be an issue between the power line and your property please contact Powercor 13 24 12.

SOLAR PANELS

During a fire, solar panels may have been damaged and solar panels may continue to generate power. When returning home after a fire, do not touch your solar panels or their wiring until they are assessed by an electrician.

DONATIONS

Agencies are planning to accept material donations. At this stage no formal process is in place. We ask that the community wait for official details of locations for material donations. Unannounced deliveries will put a strain on our limited relief agency resources.