

Reducing bushfire risk

Lysterfield Park

2022-2023 planned activities

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) works year-round to reduce the risk of bushfires in Lysterfield Park. 2022-2023 bushfire risk reduction activities include planned burning, hazardous tree removal, fuel break creation and maintenance, weed control, grass slashing and mulching.

Bushfires are a natural part of the Australian landscape and cannot be eliminated. However, effective planning and preparation can reduce their negative impacts.

One of the main ways to reduce bushfire risk is to reduce the amount of fuels – fuels are grass, leaf litter, twigs, bark and other vegetation that can burn during a bushfire. We also use fuel breaks to reduce bushfire risk.

Planned burning

Planned burning involves lighting controlled fires under mild weather conditions to reduce fuels. The frequency and intensity of these risk reduction activities is determined by Fire Management Zones – areas of public land that our modelling and experience tells us are the most effective for reducing risk.

The following planned burn will be carried out in autumn 2023 if conditions are suitable:

- 36 ha near **Wellington Road** to reduce the overall fuel and bushfire hazard in the landscape. This includes grass slashing and hazardous tree removal in preparation for the planned burn.

Sign up for notifications about planned burns about to happen near you at 'Planned Burns Victoria' www.vic.gov.au/plannedburns.

Or call the VicEmergency Hotline on freecall 1800 226 226 or download the Vic Emergency app to see the location of ignited burns.



Planned burn at Lysterfield Park

Fuel breaks and mechanical fuel reduction

Fuel breaks create a break in vegetation in the landscape. A fuel break alone won't stop a fire but can be very helpful to firefighters by providing access for vehicles and machinery to respond if a fire occurs. Controlled fires called backburns can also be lit between a fuel break and an approaching bushfire to remove fuel and stop the fire or reduce its intensity. Fuel breaks are usually between 6–20 m wide.

In 2022-2023 we will carry out the following activities to reduce bushfire risk in and around Lysterfield Park:

- **Mechanical fuel reduction:**
 - Maintenance and grass slashing of over 68 kms of fuel breaks and tracks to

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reduce fuel loads and allow fire and management vehicle access

- **Fuelbreak improvement** along **East Boundary Track** and **Granite Track**. This involves stump grinding, hazardous tree removal, track maintenance and resurfacing, mulching and the removal of a culvert.
- Additional **hazardous tree removal and stump grinding** across the park as required.
- **Weed control** for areas that have had planned burns in previous years.

A map of planned activities is included in this flyer. If you have any questions contact the VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226.

For information on the location of bushfire risk reduction activities, visit www.ffm.vic.gov.au/jfmp.



Stump grinding on Logan Break fuel break

Values management

Cultural and environmental assessments are carried out for all works to ensure any potential impacts from operations are mitigated or reduced.

For example, during previous planned burns in Lysterfield Park, habitat trees were identified and protected prior to and during the burn.

Databases such as the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas and the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Register and Information System (ACHRIS) are

used alongside knowledge from local staff and on-site observations.

What you can do to help

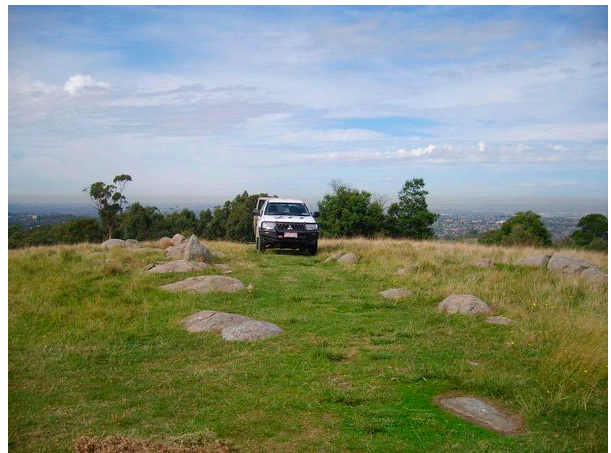
For your safety, you need to understand your risk and plan ahead. Know what to do on hot, dry, windy days and plan for all situations.

Anyone entering parks and forests during the bushfire season needs to stay aware of forecast weather conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating and for days of Total Fire Ban at www.emergency.vic.gov.au, on the VicEmergency smartphone app or call the VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226. No fires may be lit on Total Fire Ban days.

On Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating days Lysterfield Park will be closed for public safety. Warnings signs may be erected, but do not expect a personal warning.

Check the latest park conditions at www.parks.vic.gov.au or by calling 13 1963.

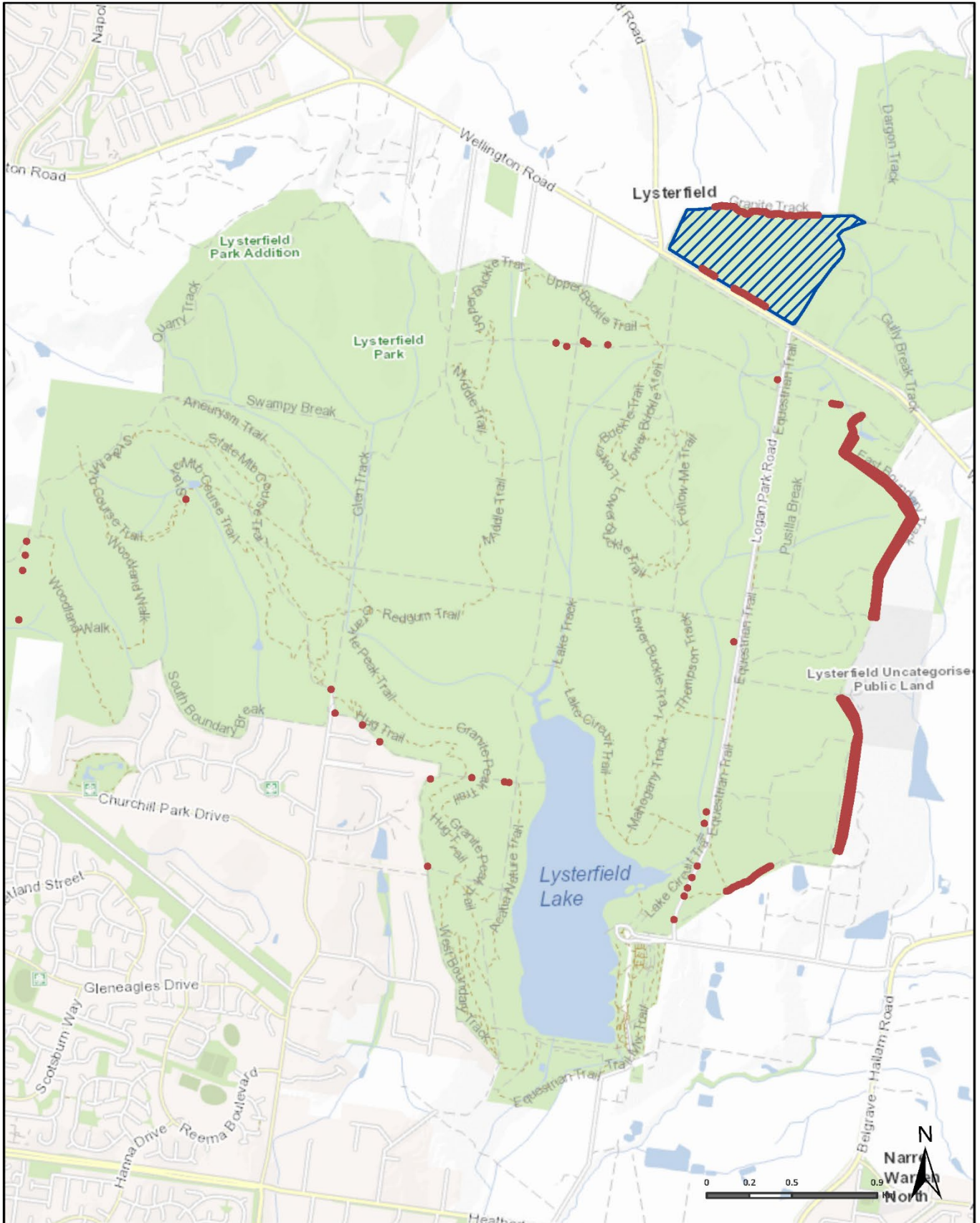
For more information about preparing your home and staying safe, please visit: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/planprepare.





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-  Planned Burn (FFMVic)
-  Fuel Break and Roading Improvements