

SFMC Update

Chair of the State Fire Management Council

Applications to the Chair SFMC are with the Minister and the appointment process is progressing. Advice will be provided to applicants, SFMC and FMAC members once the appointment is known.

Amy Robertson

Local Government Association of Tasmania member

On 11 February 2025, Amy Robertson, was appointed by the Governor as the LGAT representative to the State Fire Management Council for a 3 year term. Welcome Amy!

SFMC Manager

Perpetua (Pep)Turner will be A/Assistant Director - Bushfire Risk Mitigation until 26 June 2025. Congratulations Pep! Michael Phillips, TFS BRU Mitigation Co-ordinator - South will be A/Manager SFMC during this time.

SFMC website

The State Fire Management Council website is currently being upgraded. If you go to sfmc.tas.gov.au you will see a 'landing page' and our contact details. Planning is underway to launch the reconstructed website at Agfest.

SFMC Smoke Position paper

A revision of the SFMC Smoke Position paper received responses from 7 subject matter experts. The State Fire Management Council on the 20 March 2025 resolved to review proposed amendments to the position paper with the final position paper to be considered out of session.

Tasmanian Vegetation Fire Management Policy (TVFMP)

Thank you for your feedback into the review of the TVFMP. A report proposed six recommendations. Four focused on edits including addition of an eighth Principle, 'Regular monitoring of principles will improve performance and bring about change', with associated Strategies and Actions. Two recommendations focused on communication about, and engagement with, the Policy. The State Fire Management Council resolved to endorse these recommendations on 20 March 2025.

People Movements

Bushfire Risk Unit

There are two Senior Bushfire Management Planning Officers responsible for coordinating the strategic planning within Fire Management Areas.

One is located in the South of the state and the other in the North.

SOUTH

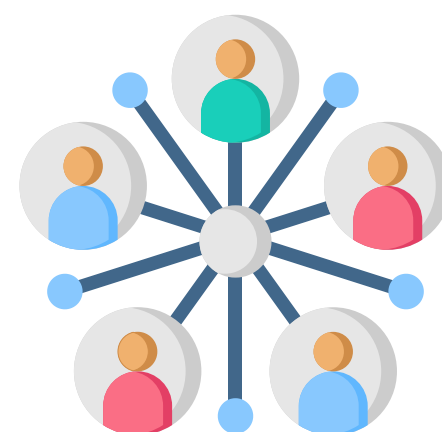
Denna Kingdom

Hobart
East Coast
Midlands
Southern

NORTH

Bernard Plumpton

Central North
Flinders
King Island
North East
Tamar
West Coast



FMAC Meetings - Round 1

All meetings are on a Tuesday

20 May - North East/Tamar
27 May - Central North/West Coast
3 June - King Island
10 June - East Coast/Midlands
17 June - Flinders
24 June - Hobart/Southern

UPCOMING Events

Fire Australia Conference 2025, Sydney

Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15 May 2025

<https://fireaustralia.com.au/>

NCC Bushfire Conference 2025, Sydney

Wednesday 21 - Friday 23 May 2025

https://www.nature.org.au/bushfire_conference_2025

AFAC25, Perth

Tuesday 26 - Thursday 29 August 2025

<https://www.afacconference.com.au/>

Australian Disaster Resilience Conference 2025

Wednesday 27 - Thursday 28 August 2025

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/events/>




RED HOT TIPS

Exciting Upcoming FREE events

The Red-Hot Tips team has 4 planned upcoming training burn sites around the State where participants will have the opportunity to actively undertake a planned fuel reduction burn with the support of the Red Hot Tips team and resources.

There will be two events in the South of the State and two events in the North.

Further details and locations available upon contacting:

Sam Tacey: sam.tacey@fire.tas.gov.au / 0417 153 620

or RedHotTips@fire.tas.gov.au



The Red-Hot Tips program continues to grow while providing expert FREE advice to landowners around Tasmania.

As summer ends it is the perfect time to prepare and plan for fuel reduction burning as Autumn is just around the corner and suitable burning windows may be small.

If you need any **FREE** assistance please reach out to the team:

Facilitator N/NW: 0408 995 156 - Andrew Crowden

Facilitator South: 0459 908 539 - Frank Bishop

Coordinator: 0417 153 620 - Sam Tacey

If you've been around the Huon Valley lately, you might have spotted Hannah settling into her role as Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator - a position she's tackled for the past 12 months after spending five years in Compliance doing dog management, planning compliance and fire hazard abatement.

Hannah is a member of the Southern and Hobart FMAC's and works closely with the other stakeholders in the region to support the development and implementation of bushfire risk management plans, fuel reduction programs, and improving community safety and preparedness.

FMAC Profile Hannah Bowling



**Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator
for Huon Valley Council**

*Local Council representative for
Southern and Hobart FMACs*

A true Tassie local, Hannah has worked all over the island, from Wynyard's windy northwest coastline right down to the southern pockets of the Huon. Four years ago, she built a little eco-friendly off-grid house in Nicholls Rivulet and has enjoyed landscaping, developing native gardens, and planting out fruit and veggie gardens.

When she's not busy with emergency planning or home projects, you'll find her bushwalking, skiing, or exploring the wonderful hidden corners of Tasmania. Hannah brings a practical, down-to-earth approach to the Council, shaped by her years of hands-on experience and her love for our unique Tasmanian environment.