

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN & MAP



**Warburton
Emergency Planning
Group**



COMMUNITY FIRE REFUGES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES - BUSHFIRE PLACES OF LAST RESORT

COMMUNITY FIRE REFUGES

- Millwarra Primary School – East Warburton Campus, 397 Woods Point Rd, East Warburton
- Millgrove Fire Station,
- 3060 Warburton Hwy, Millgrove
- NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACE – BUSHFIRE PLACE OF LAST RESORT:
- Warburton Recreation Reserve (Footy Oval)
- 3455-3457 Warburton Hwy, Warburton

These locations may provide some protection from direct flame and heat from a fire, but do not guarantee safety. The refuges and Neighbourhood Safer Place are not alternatives to planning to leave early or to stay and defend your property; they are a place of last resort if all other fire plans have failed. They are not an appropriate destination when leaving the area early nor are they a place of shelter from other types of emergencies (e.g. to escape rising floodwaters or severe weather events).

It may be treacherous reaching these “places of last resort” due to smoke, fire and traffic. There is little cover or protection at the Warburton Recreation Reserve (Footy Oval). It is advised to wear long sleeved cotton or wool clothes and use a dry woollen blanket to protect from radiant heat.

Emergency services are unlikely to be present at these locations during an emergency and your survival during a bushfire is not guaranteed.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

- In an emergency call 000
- Vic Emergency Hotline 1800 226 226
- SES Flood/Storm Emergency 132 500
- VicRoads 131 170

(For Information on updated road closures)

- Electricity fault line - AusNet Services 131 799
- Yarra Ranges Council 1300 368 333
- Red Cross emergency services 1 800 232 969



COMMUNITY ALERT SIREN (WARBURTON)

Community alert sirens are used as part of Victoria’s warning system for emergencies – including flood, fire and storm. Community alert sirens are only used when there is imminent threat to the community.

- Extended Siren (5 minutes) – indicates that a current emergency has been identified in the local area and people should seek further information immediately. The emergency incident will impact people in this area.
- The siren in Warburton is tested for 20 seconds the first Sunday of every month at 9.30AM. It may not be heard by everyone in the area.

WHY IS WARBURTON AT RISK FROM BUSHFIRES?



- Climate Change is making our summers hotter, last longer and our forests drier.
- Thick, fire prone vegetation throughout our valley.
- One road (Warburton Hwy) in and out of town that can be easily blocked by fallen trees.
- Frequent power outages.
- Unreliable phone coverage especially during times of high demand.
- In a fire, the chances of the town being cut off with limited external support and disruption to services is high.
- Mains water pressure may fail in an emergency.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION, ADVICE AND WARNINGS



As the need arises information such as community meetings, advice and warnings will be broadcast on the VicEmergency App

EMERGENCY RADIO BROADCASTS



ABC Radio Melbourne (774AM) continuously available on 96.1 FM
A battery operated radio will be useful in a power outage

PERSONAL BUSHFIRE SURVIVAL PLAN



- Have a plan! Check out the CFA website for ideas and information.
- Review your plan annually and share with neighbours, friends and family.
- Your safest option is to always leave early on days of elevated fire danger or if there is
- a possibility of pending danger.
- In an emergency, if you have time, check on neighbours particularly those less mobile.

FIRE DANGER RATING

Fire Danger Rating tells you how dangerous a fire would be if one started. It helps you to know when conditions are dangerous enough to put your bushfire survival plan in to action. Fire Danger Ratings are based on predicted conditions such as temperature, humidity, wind and the dryness of the landscape. The higher the fire danger rating, the more dangerous the conditions.



OTHER NUMBERS

MENTAL HEALTH
It is normal to have strong emotional or physical reactions following a distressing event. There is always help available through;

- Your doctor
- Local mental health professionals
- Lifeline 131 114
- Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
- Mens line 1300 789 978
- Kid’s help line 1800 55 1800
- Parent line 13 22 89

FAMILY VIOLENCE

There is increased risk of family violence after an emergency. Help is available Visit www.vic.gov.au/familyviolence/where-to-get-help or call 1800 737 732 (1800RESPECT)

In an emergency call 000

WEB PAGES

Emergency Management Victoria
<http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au>

Yarra Ranges Council
www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Forest Fire Management Victoria
www.ffmpeg.vic.gov.au

Country Fire Authority (CFA)
www.cfa.vic.gov.au

State Emergency Service (SES)
www.ses.vic.gov.au

Smoke and Air Quality - EPA AirWatch
www.epa.vic.gov.au

VicTraffic website
www.traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Victoria Police
www.police.vic.gov.au



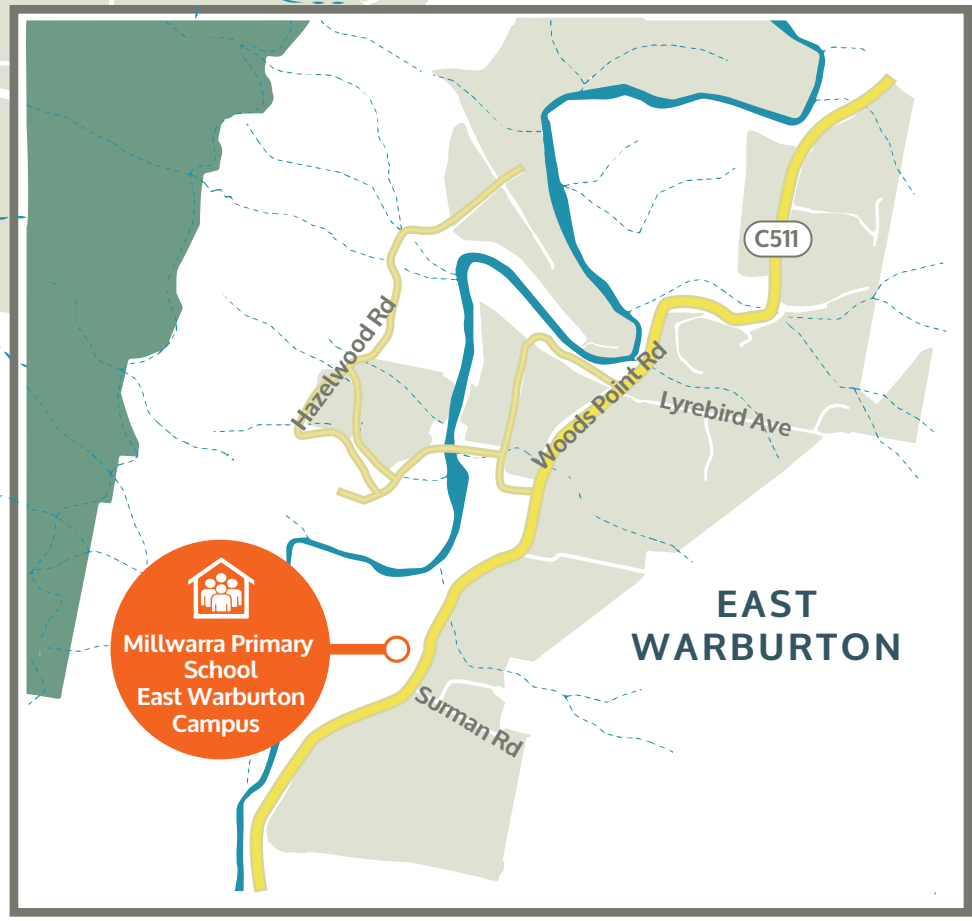
Warburton Emergency Planning Group
- WEPG CFA District 13
Warburton Fire Brigade CFA
Warburton Emergency Discussion Group
Yarra Ranges Council
Upper Yarra SES Unit

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MAP OF WARBURTON



- 200m
- The Yarra River
- Warburton Rail Trail
- Creeks
- Community Fire Refuges and Neighbourhood Safer Places
- Fire Danger Rating Sign
- Visitors Information Centre (Waterwheel)