

Community Information

Ravine Fire, Kangaroo Island

Update # 7

11am Wednesday 8th January 2020

Bushfire situation

The Ravine fire continues to burn on the western end of KI, with a fire edge running between the south coast (west of Vivonne Bay) and the north coast (around Stokes Bay). The fire has now burnt 165, 765 hectares with a perimeter of over 335 km. Due to the size and complexity of the fires and the terrain they are burning in, it is expected that the Ravine fire will continue to burn for a number of weeks.

As the weather warms up, during the afternoons and also as the week continues, we are expecting the fire to flare up along the eastern edge and in unburnt patches. Particular areas of concern include:

- Snug Cove
- Between Middle River and Cape Dutton
- Stokes Bay and Latham Conservation Park
- Bark Hut, northwest of Parndana
- Andamel and Mt Taylor Conservation Park northwest of Vivonne Bay

What we are doing?

The Country Fire Service (CFS), SA National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and local landholders have been working hard to stop this fire spreading. Firefighting efforts continue to focus on securing the eastern edge of the fire, putting out hotspots and mopping up, as well as suppressing new fires.

Crews are planning to do some controlled burning in the Bark Hut area today to help protect communities.

CFS will continue to monitor fire activity in remote and inaccessible areas in Flinders Chase National Park and Ravine des Casoars Wilderness Area.

What conditions are expected?

Stronger winds and warmer conditions are forecast for Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th January resulting in higher fire danger. This will significantly increase fire activity and the risk of outbreaks.

Park closure

For community safety, NPWS have closed Flinders Chase National Park and Kelly Hill Caves until further notice. See <https://www.parks.sa.gov.au/know-before-you-go/closures-and-alerts>



What roads are open?

Road closures are in place on the western end of Kangaroo Island. For updates on road closures visit www.traffic.sa.gov.au

What you can do

It is important for the community to stay alert, monitor conditions and be ready to put your Bushfire Survival Plan into action.

This fire continues to be very active and the community needs to stay alert and watch out for new fires in their area. For emergencies and to report new or unattended fires call Triple Zero (000).

Residents need be aware of potential new hazards on their properties and across the fire ground. Watch out for falling trees, burning trees and underground roots, damaged or blocked roads, fallen power lines, smoke, ash and possible asbestos contamination.

There are large patches of unburnt ground in the area and people need to monitor their surrounds for flare ups. Take action to stay safe.

Support agencies

There are many different agencies and organisations supporting the CFS. Lots of activities are happening across the fire ground and around Kangaroo Island. Many community groups are working hard to support fire affected people, including those community groups at Parndana.

Defence and SES have moved the large Base camp to an area near the Kingscote airport to support effective and timely transport of fire fighters. Defence are also helping landowners safely dispose of animal carcasses. Services are currently assessing damage to telecommunications, water and power utilities and it may be some time before these are returned to full capacity.

The **Relief Centre is open from 7am to 7pm** at the Kingscote Football Club, Centenary Avenue Kingscote. People directly affected by the fire are encouraged to visit the Relief Centre to apply for emergency grants and assistance.

For further information about a variety of Relief and Recovery services, ring the

Disaster Recovery Hotline 1800 302 787.

For emergency assistance for livestock and animals ring the

PIRSA Hotline on 1800 255 556.

www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 362 361.

