

# FIRE SEASON PREPARATION

## City of Hobart



The City of Hobart spends nearly \$2 million a year on activities to reduce the potential impact of bushfire on the city and its community. These include:

### Controlled burns

- Since 2014, the City of Hobart has conducted 45 fuel reduction burns across more than 600 hectares of bushland.
- In 2019, the City carried out burns across 82.5ha at Knocklofty Reserve, Ridgeway Park, Bicentennial Park, Wellington Park and Queens Domain.
- Burns are only conducted when wind, temperature and ground conditions are suitable.
- These burns are undertaken by the City's 35 fully trained firefighters, operating 8 City-owned fire fighting vehicles

### Fuel breaks

- The City of Hobart maintains a network of more than 100 green fuel breaks between its bushland reserves and people's homes to help protect life and property from destructive bushfire.
- Every green fuel break has been upgraded to ensure they meet revised Tasmania Fire Service guidelines.
- New fuel breaks in wet forests were established at Fern Tree in 2019 to provide further protection.

### Fire trails

- The City of Hobart maintains more than 112kms of fire trails to provide safe firefighting access.
- An ongoing program of upgrades to these trails is further enhancing their effectiveness.
- The City has invested almost \$1 million a year to establish proper standards for fire trails over the past four years.

### Hazard abatement program

- City of Hobart officers regularly inspect private properties in bushfire-prone areas to ensure owners are meeting their responsibilities to bushfire management.
- The number of hazard abatement notices issued to property owners has drastically reduced in recent years, due to a proactive approach to engage landowners in bushfire management.

### Community engagement and education

- A major bushfire awareness campaign is helping residents and property owners to recognise risk factors and to prepare accordingly.
- Resources are available on the City of Hobart's website to assist with bushfire preparation.